



Surfboard Traction Pad Replacement

Replace an old traction pad for your surfboard with this easy step by step guide.

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INTRODUCTION

In this guide I will be showing the process of replacing the traction pad of a surfboard for any make and model. With some simple tools you can have that old traction pad off and ready for a brand new one. This repair process can be necessary if the traction pad of your surfboard begins to fade, rip, lose its sticky adhesive, or simply is not comfortable for the user.

During this process sharp objects such as razor blades are used, so protective gloves that can prevent any major cuts are required as well as safe handling of these sharp objects. Adhesive remover is also used which can be flammable and toxic. Use caution when applying adhesive remover with a well ventilated work area and a mask to prevent inhalation of any toxic chemicals.

Having cleaning supplies near the work area is recommended throughout this process for any quick cleaning or spills that may occur.

TOOLS:

- [Razor Blade](#) (1)
- [Acetone](#) (1)
- [Protective glove](#) (1)

Step 1 — Traction Pad



- Apply protective gloves.

Step 2



- Pull up the traction pad from the surfboard.
- (i)* This allows for an easy start to cutting the adhesive.

Step 3



- Using a razor blade, cut away at the adhesive under the traction pad.

Step 4



- Completely remove each section of the traction pad leaving only excess adhesive.

Step 5



- Apply adhesive remover to the paper towels.
- Apply the paper towels to the section of the board with excess adhesive until it is covered.
- Let it stand for 5 minutes.

Step 6



- Remove the paper towels from the board.
- Cut away the rest of the excess adhesive.
- Dry the board with paper towels.

Now the tail of your board is clean and ready for a new traction pad.