

Installation and Operating Instructions

For ANCHOR WINCH Models: T10108 Fisherman 25 T10109 Pontoon 35

If you have any questions or difficulty installing this product, TRAC is here to help!

First **READ THIS MANUAL**.

If you still need help, call us from 8 am to 4 pm (central time) Monday – Friday.

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Anchor Winch



T10108 (Fisherman 25) and T10109 (Pontoon 35)

Installation and Operating Instructions

Please read and save these instructions. Read carefully before attempting to assemble, install, operate or maintain this anchor winch. Protect yourself and others by observing all safety information. Failure to comply with instructions could result in personal injury and/or property damage! Retain instructions for future reference.

Unpacking - When unpacking, inspect carefully for any damage that may have occurred during transit. Make sure the winch is correctly installed before putting unit into service.

General Safety Issues - Used throughout this manual are four signal words to define safety issues. We use these words in this manual to help you avoid dangerous situations. These words are

DANGER - Danger means a hazard that will cause death or serious injury if the warning is ignored.

WARNING - Warning means a hazard that <u>could</u> cause death or serious injury if the warning is ignored.

CAUTION - Caution means a hazard that <u>may</u> cause minor or moderate injury if the warning is ignored. It also may mean a hazard that will only cause damage to property.

NOTE: Note means any additional information pertaining to the product or its proper usage.

SAFETY ISSUES

Read this user manual carefully. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment. Only persons well acquainted with these rules of safe operation should be allowed to use the winch.

DANGER Rope breakage.

- 1. Never allow anyone to be positioned between the anchor and the winch. If the rope breaks it could snap back with enough force to cause injury.
- 2. The winch is shipped with a closed loop anchor roller. If the included anchor roller is ever replaced it must be replaced by a closed loop anchor roller. The closed loop anchor roller will prevent the anchor line from snapping onto the boat deck in the event the rope breaks.
- 3. Always use an anchor rope with a minimum of 500 pound tensile strength for this product. Never substitute cable for rope. Cable is not an acceptable anchor line as it does not stretch and is easily frayed. If cable breaks it can snap back with more force than a rope.
- 4. This product is intended to lift river & mushroom anchors. Do not attempt to lift or move people or other objects.
- 5. Inspect entire rope for weak or worn condition or kinking (short tight twist or curl) before each use. Replace worn rope with anchor rope with a minimum 500 lb break strength.

DANGER Electrical shock and fire hazards.

- 1. Do not use electrical wire sizes smaller than 14 AWG (gauge) with a 105-C temperature rating. Using wire that is too small could result in overloading and a fire. Large gauge wire is permitted.
- 2. Use the supplied circuit breaker or a 20 amp in-line fuse when installing this winch.
- 3. Use only suitable wire for electrical connections between the winch and battery.
- 4. Make sure any crimped electrical connectors meet industry strength requirements.
- 5. Always disconnect the battery lead wires from the battery before attempting to install, relocate, or service the winch.

DANGER Cruising and boat trailering hazards - When the boat is cruising the anchor must be secured with the safety cable provided. When the boat is being trailered, the anchor must be placed inside the boat or tow vehicle. If the anchor breaks free during cruising or trailering, it could cause serious damage and/or injury.

WARNING Anchoring hazards.

- It is a best practice to tie the anchor line off to a cleat (or other secure point) when the boat is anchored. The winch life may be reduced if it is used to hold the load of the boat while anchored. Damage to the winch motor WILL occur if you motor your boat while the anchor is down (dragging the anchor will damage the winch). Tying to a cleat will expend winch life and prevent ware and possible failure.
- 2. Do not pull a load greater than the rating for the winch. If the circuit breaker halts operation of the winch during retrieval or deployment; the winch may have been overloaded, the supplied circuit breaker will reset after a minute.

WARNING Entanglement hazards.

- 1. Never place any object or tool in the rope spool while retrieving or deploying the anchor. The tool or object could become tangled in the rope resulting in serious injury and/or damage to the winch.
- 2. Do not wear loose fitting clothing, scarves, or neck ties during the operation of the winch. Loose clothing may become caught in moving parts resulting in injury or death.
- 3. Do not operate the winch under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

WINCH DESCRIPTION

This anchor winch retrieves and deploys **river** and **mushroom** anchors using anchor rope. This anchor winch features power-up and power-down operation with a switch that is installed on the winch cover. A second switch (item T10115) can be installed at a remote location such as at the boat's helm.

INSTALLATION

TOOLS REQUIRED:

- 1. Electric Drill
- 2. 5/16" Drill Bit
- 3. Electrical Terminal Crimping Tool
- 4. Adjustable Wrench
- Phillips Screw Driver

MATERIALS REQUIRED

- 1. Winch and Anchor Roller (davit)
- 2. Seven 8mm bolts, washers and nuts (included). Longer bolts may be required if your deck is very thick.
- 2. Shackle for anchor attachment (included).
- 5. River or Mushroom anchor (not included 20 lbs for Fisherman 25 and up to 30 lbs for Pontoon 35).
- 6. Battery Wire and Circuit Breaker (included).

INSTALLING ANCHOR WINCH ON BOAT DECK

The anchor winch can be installed on the fore (front) or the aft (rear) of the boat. It is important that the anchor roller line up with the centerline of the rope spool for proper operation. To mount the anchor winch, follow these steps.

- 1. Locate anchor roller on deck in desired location. The anchor roller must be located at the edge of the deck and must extend over the edge to allow the anchor to clear the deck when it is docked in the anchor roller.
- 2. Look below the deck and check for any obstructions underneath the desired anchor roller location. Also make sure there is enough space for the winch to be placed in-line with rope spool centered on the anchor roller.
- 3. Using a marker or pencil, mark the anchor roller mounting holes on the deck.
- 4. Remove anchor roller. Drill the holes.
- 5. Secure the anchor roller to the deck using three 8mm bolts, nuts and washers.
- 6. Place winch on boat deck and align the center of the rope spool with the center of the anchor roller.
- 7. Look below the deck and check for any obstructions underneath the desired anchor winch mounting location.
- 8. Mark and drill the holes. There are four 8mm bolt mounting holes and a hole for the battery lead wires.
- 9. Place the anchor winch in position and bolt to the deck. *Use fender washers and/or marine plywood under the deck to ensure the greatest strength and to spread the load*.

WIRING SELECTION & SPECIFICATION



DANGER Do not use wire sizes smaller than 14 AWG with 105 degree C rated

insulation. Using wire that is insufficient could result in overloading and a fire. The use of larger diameter wire (small gauge number) is permitted and can improve the flow of electrical current. If the length of wire that was included with the winch was not long enough, consider acquiring the next larger wire size (12 AWG) for your installation. Use the supplied circuit breaker or an in-line 20 amp fuse. Using incorrect circuit breakers may result in a fire.

PANEL SWITCH INSTALLATION & WIRING

DANGER Always disconnect battery wires from the battery before attempting to install, relocate, or service the winch.

DANGER Make sure all crimped electrical connectors meet industry standards.

CAUTION Follow order of wiring steps to ensure power is not applied to winch until wires and circuit breakers are installed.

CAUTION Keep wires away from intense sources of heat. Be sure newly installed wires are away from any bare wires.

CAUTION Never attach the circuit breaker to the negative terminal of the battery.

WIRING

The wires and switch are all properly connected. You will need to route the battery wires from the winch to battery and connect the RED positive (+) wire to the silver post on the circuit breaker. The small hole on the buss bar (flat stamped metal part with two holes) is attached to the colored post on the circuit breaker and the large hole on the buss bar is attached to the battery positive terminal. The BLACK negative (-) wire is attached to the battery negative terminal.

SECOND SWITCH

A second switch may be installed at another location such as the boat's helm. If this is desired, purchase TRAC item T10115 Second Switch Kit from the store where the winch was purchased, or buy it directly from TRAC by calling 615-309-8123 (\$29.99 at time of printing). The Second Switch Kit includes the membrane switch (same as on the winch housing), switch panel, mounting screws, and 24' wire harness with quick-connectors. The wire is routed from the new switch location to the winch and easily connects with quick-connectors.

WIRELESS REMOTE

As an option, TRAC offers a Wireless Remote for use with this anchor winch. It consists of a wireless remote control (similar to the key-fob remote for a car) and a control unit that is easily installed to the winch frame under the winch cover. Item T10116 Wireless Remote Kit can be purchased from the store where the winch was purchased or directly from TRAC by calling 615-309-8123 (\$39.99 at time of printing).

ROPE INSTALLATION

CAUTION Anchor rope comes pre-installed from the factory, but if you need to install new rope, insert the rope through the hole located on the inside of the drum (where the rope spools) and tie an overhand knot on the outside of the spool so the knot can be pulled into the countersunk hole on the outside end of the spool. Pull the rope so the knot is tight against the counter sunk hole. Make sure the rope is not tangled and not looped around anything and is free to wrap on the spool. Hold tension of the rope while wearing a glove. Press the "UP" direction on the switch and hold until the rope is neatly wrapped on the spool. Release the switch button at anytime during the wrapping of the rope on the spool if an unsatisfactory wrap is occurring.

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The spool will hold as much as 100' of 1/4'' anchor rope. Use anchor rope with a minimum of 500 pounds of tensile strength. The rope that is installed on the winch is suitable for this winch.

ANCHOR ATTACHMENT

Use a river or mushroom type anchor up to a maximum weight of 25 lb. for the model Fisherman-25 or 35 lb. for the Pontoon-35. Do not exceed this weight or anchor winch damage will occur. Use a lighter anchor when possible. Attach the anchor to a shackle to the anchor shank eye. Tie the rope to the anchor shackle.

CAUTION

The knot must be securely fastened and tested by the user before anchoring.

SAFETY CABLE ATTACHMENT

DANGERWhen the boat is being trailered, the anchor must be placed in the boat and secured. If the anchor breaks free during trailering, it will cause serious damage and/or injury. The safety cable is only designed to hold the anchor in place when the boat is underway in the water.



Follow the procedures outlined below to attach a safety cable.

- 1. After the winch is installed and the anchor attached to the rope and power the winch UP until the anchor is in the docked position (in the anchor roller/davit).
- 2. Attach the safety cable snap ring hook on the anchor shackle.
- 3. Loosen the safety cable clamp and adjust the cable so the slack is removed, but so the snap ring hook can still be removed from the shackle. The cable will need some slack to be able to unhook the snap ring hook. Tighten cable clamp.
- 4. The excess cable may be cut and removed. You may want to leave a few inches of extra cable for later adjustment.

ANCHOR WINCH OPERATION

The anchor winch is simple to operate. To lower the anchor press and hold the button with the arrow which points down. Release the button when you wish to stop letting rope out. To raise the anchor, press and hold the button with the arrow that points UP. Release the button when the anchor is docked or when you wish to stop the retrieval of the anchor.

Helpful hints:

- 1. When the anchor seems to reach the lake or river bottom, release the switch and allow the boat to take up the rope slack, then slowly release a small amount of rope at a time until the boat is holding its position. If too much rope is let out too quickly, the rope could tangle in the winch housing.
- 2. If you are in 20 feet of water, you may need 60 feet of rope to hold in wind or current. The ratio of rope length to depth is called scope and a scope of 5 to 1 in common in wind or current. The more scope, or anchor line out, the better the anchor will hold.
- 3. Using more scope (more line out) is better than using a heavier anchor.
- 4. Always raise the anchor before moving the boat. Do not try to drag the anchor with the boat's power. This will cause product damage or injury.

TRAC Anchor Winch Limited Warranty

This limited warranty is provided by TRAC Outdoor Products Co (TRAC) to the original consumer purchaser (purchaser) of the TRAC Anchor Winch. This limited warranty is not transferable to any other party. TRAC will at it option repair or replace any part(s) of the TRAC Anchor Winch which may be found by TRAC to be defective within two (2) years of purchase. TRAC will pay the shipping charge to the purchaser for any part(s) which may be shipped by TRAC. For warranty repair or replacement, the purchaser must provide dated proof of purchase and notify TRAC of the request for warranty service. The purchaser will notify TRAC by email at info@TRAC-Outdoor.com or by phone at 615-309-8123 for warranty service. TRAC will attempt to provide parts needed to repair the winch. If the winch is to be returned, purchasers will be provided a Return Goods Authorization (RGA) to include with any return for warranty service which will be shipped at the purchaser's expense to the address provided. The purchaser must use reasonable care in maintenance and operation of the product in accordance with this manual. Failure to follow the instructions in the manual will void the warranty. This warranty covers defects in material or workmanship of the TRAC Anchor Winch. This warranty does not cover failure that results from misuse, improper installation, accident, abuse, neglect, modification, or improper maintenance. There is no other express warranty. Implied warranties, including those of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are limited to one (2) years from the date of purchase. Any damage to watercraft resulting from proper or improper use of this TRAC Anchor Winch is not covered under this warranty. Costs of installation or repair by service centers or marine repair facilities are not covered by this warranty. This is the exclusive remedy and any liability for any and all incidental or consequential damages or expenses whatsoever is excluded. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, or do not allow exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, the above limitations may not apply to you. This limited warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.



PARTS LIST	DESCRIPTION	Fisherman 25 PART#	Pontoon 35 PART#	QTY
1	Frame	T10108-1	T10109-1	1
2, 11	Threaded Stud w/Nut	T10108-2	T10109-2	3
3	Gear Motor	T10108-3	T10109-3	1
4	Rope Spool w/Rope	T10108-4	T10109-4	1
5	Washer	T10108-5	T10109-5	5
6	Safety Cable Assembly	T10108-6	T10109-6	1
7	Bearing	T10108-7	T10109-7	1
8	Lock-Nut	T10108-8	T10109-8	1
9	Housing Screws	T10108-9	T10109-9	4
10	Housing	T10108-10	T10109-10	1
14	Switch with Switch Plate	T10108-14	T10109-14	1
15	Anchor Roller Assembly	T10108-15	T10109-15	1
16, 13, 12	Circuit Breaker Assembly	T10108-16	T10109-16	1
17	Installation Wire	T10108-17	T10109-17	2
18	Control Unit	T10108-18	T10109-18	1

