

Registration marks if printing out on letter size paper.
Not needed if printing on legal size.

Cut out 2 sheets from the plastic that are identical on the outside line.
Cut one sheet along the dotted line to become the hatch cover and the lower layer of the hatch slide.
Cut out the second sheet on the solid lines to form the upper layer of the hatch slide.
Use 3M double-sided tape to secure two layers of the hatch slide together.
Be careful to match up the outside edges of each layer.
Test fit the hatch cover into the hatch slide on a table top before taping to deck.
Make sure the hatch is sanded smooth along its edge and round off the corners to help it slide easily.
Use masking tape on the upper layer of the slide to hold the hatch cover in place for installing on deck.
This helps maintain proper alignment.
Carefully run a strip of 3M tape around the bottom side of the lower layer but do not remove the backing paper yet.
Align hatch and slide to deck opening and tape down around outside with masking tape.
Carefully peel away backing paper starting at one corner of hatch slide and stick it to the deck just inches at a time while making sure not to shift the alignment.
The backing paper can be peeled back at a very sharp angle so that you do not have to lift the slide too high off the deck.
Once it is sealed down to the deck, remove the masking tape and check for fit.
I have had to pull the whole slide up and start over, but practice makes perfect. That is why I use the good plastic which can take the stress of being pulled off a few times.
When you are happy with alignment, press all around the slide to secure the tape.
Do this last as this tape is strong and if you are off, it is a real challenge to pull back up.

Dotted line is cut line for hatch cover
and lower layer of hatch slide.

Solid line is upper layer
of hatch slide.

Deck Hatch Opening

