



# Rubber & Felt Fixed Soles Kit Instructions

Thank you for your purchase of Rock Treads- the ultimate in traction for wading!

Your Rubber Felt Fixed Soles Rock Treads kit includes everything (and then some) you will need to assure a lifelong hold of your Rock Treads, no matter the brand of boot! Read all these instructions first and you fly through install.

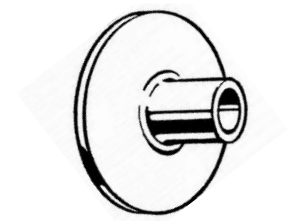
Installation will take some time, but it's quite simple really. Spend an hour on your boots now, and you will never mess with them again! Just drill the hole, and bolt in your Rock Treads.

You will need some patience and a cordless drill to do the install. If your boot does not have a removeable liner inside (like Simms™) you will need to put an insole liner over the top of the kit, or you will feel the Lock Down nuts through your waders. ANY liner will work, from the cheapest Dr. Scholl's™ to the most expensive orthotics all work. You just need a layer over the metal hardware for comfort.

## IN YOUR KIT:

8 - "Toe Area" Screws ( ¾ ")	6 - "Heel Area" Screws (1 ½")
8 - "Toe Area" Screws (1")	6 - "Heel Area" Screws (1 ¾")
8 - "Heel & Toe" Screws (1 ¼ ")	1 - Lock Down Install Drill Bit (1/4")
10- Jumbo Rock Tread Discs	1 - Setting Screws (2-1/2")
12 - Lock Down Nuts	1 - Tube of RED Thread Locker

## Lock Down Nut



## BASIC INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 – Plan a pattern (see patterns on [www.RockTreads.com](http://www.RockTreads.com)) on your DRY boot.
- 2 – Remove the insole liner. On Simms, you just gotta drill through the liner. Its barely glued in on top of their permanent insole, no harm done! You will need a liner back on top for Simms though...
- 3 – Drill a hole in your boot. Its ok, its just a boot, and its underwater already. Our Lock Down system won't harm the integrity of your boot, it actually holds it together! Make the hole very clean, you don't want debris to get inside the Lock Down Nut.
- 4 – Put the provided Red Thread Locker in the Lock Down Nut, just a drop on the end of the LD nut (NOT ON THE SCREW), insert on inside of boot. If you have trouble, use the Setting Screw (included) to poke through, lightly thread on and pull the screw out, setting the lock down nut. Remove Setting screw, then next step. For the tight space of the toe area, hold the Lock Down nut in between your middle and index fingers, like nippers. The setting screw is key in the toe area.
- 5- Match the right length of screw for your boot (you don't want it to stick out the top, but you want it to be tight on the sole. You can even compress the sole a little, it doesn't hurt anything).
- 6 – Bolt in your Rock Treads, nice and tight. Make sure the screw isn't too long and pokes out of the lock down nut.
- 7 – Let the thread locker dry (couple of hours) and gone are your days of slipping and sliding!

## Detailed – more in-depth installation instructions (OVER):

**Step 1:** Make sure your boot is CLEAN & DRY!! We recommend doing this in your garage or shop, there will be some debris after install.

**Step 2:** Insert your provided ¼” drill bit into a cordless drill.

**Step 3:** Plan your pattern on your boot, and then lay that pattern down on your work surface so you can reference back. Or you can take a picture of your pattern with your phone for reference. There are also pattern suggestions on RockTreads.com. You are adding another layer to your boot bottom so be sure to put the discs in a relatively even pattern, you want to step on an even surface while you RUN in the rivers with Rock Treads. Don't get too close to the edges of your boot bottom, as you may not be able to attach the lock down nut inside the boot if it is too close to the sidewall of the boot.

**Step 4:** Knowing where you want your first disc, drill a hole all the way through your boot. **GO NICE AND SLOW and set your drill power to 1/2!!** This isn't a race. If your boot has a liner in it, remove it. On Simms™ Boots, the liner is glued in. It works best to just drill through the liner. After a couple of holes, the fabric will come out. This does not hurt the structure or integrity of the boot. When making your hole, run the bit up and down several times in the boot, make a nice clean hole. You don't want debris to get inside of the Lock Down nut when you put the screw in.

**Step 5:** Take a Lock Down Nut, and place a drop of the provided RED Thread Locker **into the tip** of the lock down nut (DO NOT PUT ON THE SCREW) . Then push the lock down nut into the drilled hole on the inside of your boot. If you are having trouble getting it into the hole, take the Setting Screw in the kit (the longest screw in there, there are 2 of them) and poke it through the bottom of your boot. Then take the lock down nut and place on top of the screw, thread it on with 1 turn and then pull the setting screw out, seating the lock down nut nice and flat on the inside of your boot.

**Step 6:** Grab a Toe or Heel Screw, put on your RT disc and screw it back into your now **SET** Lock Down Nut. As soon as you feel the screw come all the way through into your boot, back the screw out a little bit, you don't want to feel the screw! On some boots, you might actually compress the layers and make your RT Disc one with the tread pattern, that's OK! If the screw is too long, use a shorter one provided. Once you know the right screw length for the Toe and heel, it will be uniform throughout the boot. Tighten it down so the disc is snug to the bottom of the boot, not loose. If you go through several sizes of screws before you determine the right length, add a little more RED Thread Locker to your screw as you screw it in, you want to make sure you have some on there or there is a chance your screw will back out and you lose your Rock Treads disk.

Repeat for every disc you want on your boots and you are done! Check out YouTube for videos on installation. Big tip: **TAKE YOUR TIME!!!** Again, this isn't a race!

**MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR IN SOLE LINER BACK IN** and you are done!

Go to [www.RockTreads.com](http://www.RockTreads.com) for suggested patterns and installation videos. Questions? Hit us up anytime through the website, we typically answer quickly and during the night.

