Installation Overview

Following are instructions for the in-dash mount installation of the HELIX control head. We encourage you to read this guide before starting the installation, so you may understand the installation requirements.

Customer Service: If you find that any items are missing from your installation kit, visit our Web site at humminbird.com or call Humminbird® Customer Service at 1-800-633-1468.

Supplies: In addition to the hardware supplied with your accessory, you will need the gimbal knobs (2) included with your control head, a drill and various drill bits, a cutting tool for the dashboard material, a Phillips head screwdriver, a 3/8" crescent wrench, a 5/16" socket wrench, safety glasses and dust mask, and masking tape.

WARNING! Do NOT use power tools to secure the hardware. We encourage you to read the installation instructions so you may understand the installation requirements.

NOTE: Product supplies and features are subject to change without notice.

1. Plan the Mounting Location

Start by locating a suitable, flat area of the dashboard for mounting. Consider the following to find the best mounting location:

- **Interference:** The mounting location must provide adequate distance from electric motors or any equipment that may cause electronic interference.
- **Stability:** The mounting area should be protected from waves, shock, vibration, and water.
- **Depth:** The mounting area should have a depth of 4½" (114.3 mm) to allow space for the control head and cables.
- **Ventilation:** The area beneath the mounting surface should be well-ventilated.
- **Accessibility:** The location should be easily accessible for all cables to reach the ports on the back of the control head.

**Multiple Control Heads:** If you plan to install more than one control head side by side, leave a minimum space of 5/8" (15.9 mm) between control heads to allow space for the bracket under the dashboard. Take your measurement from the front, left or right side of the control head (from the widest edge of the unit outline). See the template for more information.

NOTE: If a cable is too short for your application, extension cables are available. For assistance, contact Humminbird Customer Service.

2. Cut the In-Dash Mounting Hole

To in-dash mount the HELIX control head, start by placing the components on the surfaces where you intend to install them.

1. Review the instructions, measurements, and cutting options indicated on the In-dash Mounting Template.
2. Tape the template to the chosen in-dash mounting location.
3. Using the template, select the cutting method that is best for your boat:
   - Drill one entry hole away from the main cut line that is large enough to insert the blade of your cutting tool.
   - OR
   - Using a 5/8" drill bit, drill the 4 corner holes (inside the main cut line) as shown on the template. Use one of the corner holes as an entry hole, or drill an additional entry hole away from the main cut line.
4. Carefully begin cutting toward the cut line, and continue cutting to the inside of the line around the template.
5. Test the Mounting Hole: Install the control head in the mounting hole to test the fit. Make adjustments to the mounting hole as needed. Remove the template when finished.

6. Thoroughly clean and deburr the mounting hole.

3. Install the Bracket

To install the in-dash mount bracket, you will need the gimbal knobs included with your control head.

1. Place the control head on a towel or cloth, with the screen facing down, on a stable and level surface.

2. Line up the bracket arms with the ratchets on the side of the control head. The opening in the bracket arms should face up (away from the control head ports).

   Fit the teeth of the ratchets together so they snap into place. Adjust the bracket so it is parallel with the control head screen.

3. Install the gimbal knobs into each side of the control head. **Hand-tighten only!**

4. Place the hardware onto each bolt (#10-24, 3½”) in the following order: hex nut (#10-24) and split-ring lock washer (#10). See the illustration *Installing the Bolts*.

5. Insert the bolts into the threaded bolt holes on the bracket. Hand-tighten the bolts until there is approximately 1” (25.4 mm) of the bolt exposed on the other side of the bracket. You will fully tighten the bolts in a later procedure.

6. Install one end cap on the end of each bolt.

4. Install the Cable Tray

The cable tray secures the cables and protects them from potential damage.

1. Route the cables to the control head, up through the dashboard mount hole.

   **CAUTION!** Do NOT mount the cables where the connectors could be submerged in water or flooded. If cables are installed in a splash-prone area, it may be helpful to apply dielectric grease to the inside of the connectors to prevent corrosion. Dielectric grease can be purchased separately from a general hardware or automotive store.

2. Use a Phillips head screwdriver to remove the screws from the bottom of the cable tray. See the illustration *Removing the Screws from the Cable Tray*.

3. Hold the cable tray together and turn it over, so the Humminbird logo is facing up. Lift the cover and set it aside.
4. See the illustration Locating the Cable Tray Slots. Insert each cable connector into the correct slots in the tray. Each slot is shaped specifically for each connector, and insertion should be easy. Route the cables using the grooves in the tray.

5. Place the cover onto the tray. Hold the tray together and turn it over.

   If the cable tray arms fall out, see the illustration Assembling the Cable Tray to put them back in place.

6. Install the screws in the holes on the bottom of the tray. Hand-tighten only! See the illustration Removing the Screws from the Cable Tray to replace the screws.

7. Turn over the cable tray so the Humminbird logo is facing up. Confirm the cables hang straight, and untwist them if necessary.

8. Line up the slots on the cable tray with the matching ports on the back of the control head. Line up the cable tray pins with the holes on the control head (see the illustration Locating the Cable Tray Slots).

   With the Humminbird logo facing up, plug the cable tray into the back of the control head. The cable tray clasps should click into place. See the illustration Connecting the Cable Tray to the Control Head.

   Connecting the Cable Tray to the Control Head

9. Pull carefully on the cable tray to confirm the installation is secure. Make sure both clasps clicked into place in step 8.

5. Install the Control Head

1. From the front of the dashboard, with the control head screen facing out, carefully lower the control head diagonally into the mounting hole. Insert one end of the bracket through the hole first.

2. Adjust the angle so the control head is centered in the mounting hole.

3. Press down lightly on the control head. Confirm the control head is seated flush against the dash. Make adjustments, as needed.

4. From under the dash, finger-tighten each bolt until the end cap is flush against the dash. Then, use a 5/16" socket wrench to hand-tighten the bolts no more than 2 additional turns. Hand-tighten only!

   Do NOT over-tighten the bolts. There should be no play or gaps between the unit and the dash. The bracket should remain straight without bending.
5. Hand-tighten each nut so the split-ring lock washer touches the bracket. Then, using a 3/8" crescent wrench, tighten the nut approximately 1/4 turn more until the split-ring lock washer flattens. Hand-tighten only!

**WARNING!** Do NOT use power tools to secure the hardware.

**WARNING!** Do NOT over-tighten the bolts. If the bracket is bending or bowing, it is too tight. Over-tightening the bolts may damage the control head.

6. Your control head is ready for operation. See the Operations Summary Guide to get started.

## Contact Humminbird

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**WARNING!** This device should not be used as a navigational aid to prevent collision, grounding, boat damage, or personal injury. When the boat is moving, water depth may change too quickly to allow time for you to react. Always operate the boat at very slow speeds if you suspect shallow water or submerged objects.

**WARNING!** Disassembly and repair of this electronic unit should only be performed by authorized service personnel. Any modification of the serial number or attempt to repair the original equipment or accessories by unauthorized individuals will void the warranty.

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**FCC NOTICE:** This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

**CAUTION!** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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