



FLEXIBLE FURLER INSTRUCTIONS

FF4/FF6



WARNING: READ BEFORE INSTALLING OR USING FURLER

Improper installation of your CDI Flexible Furler or reinstallation of your current headstay may result in the loss of your mast and may cause injury to those onboard.

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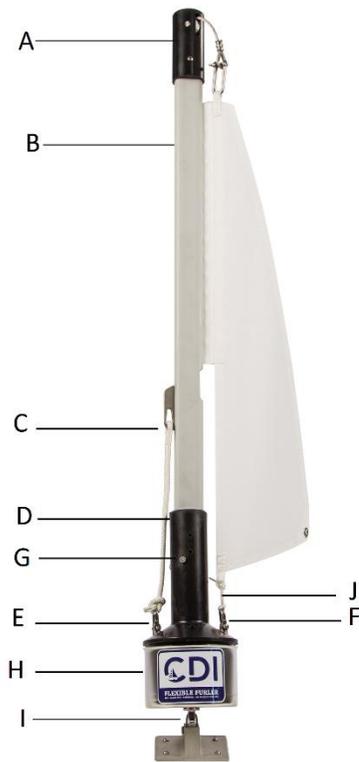
SPECIFICATIONS

- **Max Headstay Length:** FF4: 33' FF6: 39'
- **Max Wire Size:** 1/4"
- **Max Turnbuckle Pin Size:** 7/16"
- **Headstay:** Threaded swaged stud turnbuckle with toggle at the bottom, a toggle at the top is recommended but any secure fitting like a T-bolt at the top will work. Must be secured by cotter pins. Navtec turnbuckles are not compatible.
- **Furling line:** 1/4" double braided line or any low-stretch line, twice your boat length. *Not included.*
- **Mounting:** must not be mounted above the turnbuckle. Link plates can be used for clearance.

TOOLS

- Hacksaw
- Measuring tape
- Phillips head screwdriver
- Crimping tool (FF6 only)
- Wire cutters (FF6 only)

Diagram



*FF6 Halyard 1188 is pictured.

PARTS LIST

A	Halyard Top Fitting	1204
B	Luff Extrusion/Foil	LFF4/LFF6
C	Halyard Assembly	FF4: 1933/ FF6: 1188
D	Furling Drum/Spool	1810
E	Shackle (2)	1935
F	Anchor Pin (2)	1936
G	Luff Support Pin	1219
H	Cup	1806
I	Anti-Rotation Strap	1036
J	Tack Tension Line	7022-6
-	Main Bearing	1040
-	Ball Bearing Assembly	1250
-	Thrust Washer	1254

UNCOILING INSTRUCTIONS

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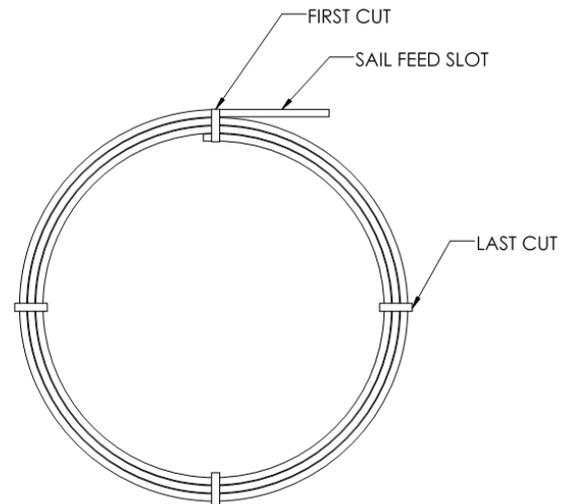
Coiled luffs have a lot of stored energy and can spring open with force when restraining tape is cut. It is recommended to wear face and eye protection. Please refer to instructions below.

The sooner you begin the uncoiling and straightening process, the faster and easier it will be to straighten the luff.

***The luff should remain coiled for no longer than 2 weeks**

Instructions for uncoiling the luff:

Note: it's best to have one person cutting the bands with at least one other person holding onto the luff firmly, ensuring it doesn't spring out



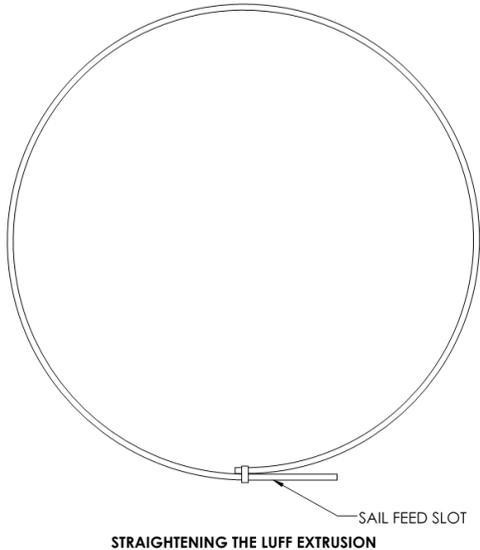
UNCOILING THE LUFF EXTRUSION

- 1) Stand the luff on its side with the tail at the top
- 2) Have one person stand with one foot on the inside of the luff while holding onto the tail firmly
- 3) The second person should then cut the band of tape near the tail, while the first person is firmly holding onto the tail and gently letting out the luff
- 4) Proceed to cut the next bands one at a time using the same process
- 5) Carefully cut the last band, ensuring everyone is clear

STRAIGHTENING INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions for straightening the luff:

Note: laying the luff on the ground with weights will not work but will form kinks instead and also void the warranty.



- 1) With approximately one person every 8 feet, recoil the luff in the opposite direction
- 2) Tape the end of the curved side to the straight side
- 3) Lay the luff on the ground for at least 3 hours
- 4) After that time, test to see if it has straightened out
- 5) If not, repeat the same process. Warmer temperatures will help to speed up the straightening
- 6) The luff can have a slight bend to it, the headstay tension will eventually straighten it out

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Assembly can be done with the mast up but is easiest to do with the mast down.

1. Measure the length of your headstay from pin-to-pin with your turnbuckle in its normal setting. If the mast is up, raise a measuring tape attached to the jib halyard to the top of the mast and add the length to the top pin on the headstay.
2. With this measurement, deduct 17" and cut the top of the luff using a saw. **Do not cut end with the sail-feed slot.**

The following is for FF4 systems, FF6 systems follow 3.B)

3. A) Take the halyard top fitting and push the cored end of the halyard (**without** the metal ferrule) up through the bottom of the off-center hole, not in the center. Push the halyard over the sheave and out the side of the top fitting.



4. A) Using the de-cored (hollow) end of the halyard with the metal ferrule, pass the ferrule down through the slot at the top of the luff extrusion on the opposite end of the sail feed slot. Trimming the halyard to the correct length will happen once the entire furler is setup.

The following is for FF6 systems, FF4 systems follow 3. A)

3. B) Take the halyard top fitting and push the exposed wire on the halyard up through the bottom of the off-center hole, not in the center. Push the halyard over the sheave and out the side of the top fitting.
4. B) Using metal traveler on the wire halyard, pass the traveler down through the slot at the top of the luff extrusion on the opposite end of the sail feed slot. Trimming the halyard and crimping the end will happen once the entire furler is setup.
5. Attach the halyard top fitting to the luff, ensuring that the side with the halyard coming through the fitting is on the same side as the sail feed slot on the bottom of the luff. Tighten the set screw so it firmly presses against the luff.

6. Using a spare line (not included), tie this messenger line to the de-cored end of the halyard external of the luff, this will be used to raise the sail.

7. Unscrew both ends of the turnbuckle completely.

8. Pass the swage-end of the headstay down through the halyard top fitting and the luff. Using locking pliers, hold the luff above the threaded pin and screw on the turnbuckle body.



9. Using your T-bolt, add additional washers to reduce the clearance between the T-bolt and the bottom of the cup.

Note: T-bolt fittings are preferred, "i-bolt" fittings may not fit

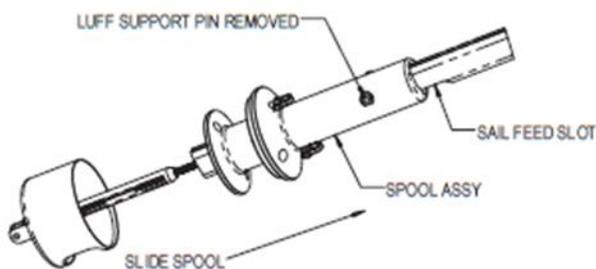
10. Add the anti-rotation strap to the T-bolt and washers.



11. Place the T-bolt and the anti-rotation strap through the bottom of the cup, then add the bearing (plastic or ball-bearing) to the T-bolt on the inside of the cup.

12. Align the holes of the cup with the anti-rotation strap depending on the set-up of your furling line and screw the assembly together.

13. Slide the furling drum/spool onto the luff, lining up the sail-feed slot with the tack anchor shackle. Ensure that the thrust washer stays inside the bottom opening of the spool.



14. If mast is up, take the T-bolt assembly and screw into the turnbuckle body, adjust to the correct length. Ensure that all cotter pins are replaced in the turnbuckle.

15. Lower the spool/drum over the bearing then raise the luff and insert the luff support pin with the cotter ring into the spool.

Note: DO NOT DRILL A HOLE THROUGH THE LUFF EXTRUSION
The luff rests on top of the luff support pin, not through it.

16. If mast is down, step the mast and attach headstay.

17. Adjust the backstay to normal tension. If headstay needs adjusting, remove the luff support pin and raise the spool to adjust, afterwards reinserting the luff support pin.



18. Use a furling line (not included) to go through the opening in the cup and up through the hole on the top flange of the spool, tie a knot to secure the line in place.

19. Manually rotate the spool/drum 20 times to wrap the furling line around the spool.

20. Position the first fairlead or block (not included) so the furling line exits the middle of the cup to avoid any friction. To adjust where the opening of the cup is pointing, repeat step 14 to get the correct alignment.

21. Place a cleat (not included) near the cockpit in an easily accessible spot to tie off the furling line.

22. To trim the halyard for sails that are full hoist, ensure the messenger line is attached then pull the halyard so the end with the ferrule (FF4) or traveler (FF6) reaches the top of the forestay at the halyard top fitting. Make your cut so the halyard line will be just below the sail feed slot.

23. For sails that are not full hoist, estimate the distance between the head of the sail and the top of the forestay when the sail is raised. (A in diagram)

24. Ensure the messenger line is attached then pull the halyard so the end with the ferrule (FF4) or traveler (FF6) reaches the top of the forestay at the halyard top fitting. Make your cut so the halyard line will be just below the sail feed slot, then add your estimated measurement to this length, now you can make your cut.



The following is for FF4 systems, FF6 systems follow 25.B)

25. A) For the FF4 line halyard, cut the end with scissors and melt the end to prevent fraying.

The following is for FF6 systems, FF4 systems follow 25. A)

25. B) For the FF6 wire halyard, apply the Nicopress double oval sleeve then form a loop and insert the thimble in the middle. Crimp down on the Nicopress using a crimping tool.

26. Attach the halyard to the head of the sail. The FF6 will be attached with the supplied halyard shackle, a shackle is optional for the FF4.

27. Feed the luff of the sail into the sail-feed slot while hoisting the sail by pulling on the messenger line which is attached to the de-cored end of the halyard (step 6).

28. Remove the messenger line once the sail is fully hoisted and tie off the halyard on the anchor shackle on the spool.

Note: Always remember to reattach the messenger line when lowering your sail.

29. Tension the sail by tightening the tack tension line to the second shackle on the spool and hoisting the sail tight by pulling on the halyard, using a winch shouldn't be required.

30. Furl in the sail by pulling on the furling line and keeping tension on the jib sheet.

SAILMAKER INSTRUCTIONS

Sails require #6 luff tape to be compatible with all CDI furlers

Webbing at the head and tack of the sail is recommended instead of metal grommets for smooth furling but is not required.

RIGGING INSTRUCTIONS

The CDI flexible furler system cannot be mounted above the turnbuckle as it can cause it to unscrew and dismast. If more clearance is required, it's recommended to add link plates.

The FF4 and FF6 systems are compatible with 1/4", 5/16", 3/8" and 7/16" turnbuckles with a threaded swage-end and a T-bolt toggle.

Note: Most Navtec turnbuckles do not work and are not recommended as they're often too large to fit inside the drum

T-bolt fittings are preferred, "i-bolt" fittings may not fit

Cotter pins should be used to lock the turnbuckle, not locknuts as these can unscrew and cause dismasting.

Toggles are required at the bottom of the headstay, any secure fitting at the top of the forestay will work but a toggle is also recommended.

NOTES ABOUT SAILING

The tension on the luff doesn't need to be high and should only be tight enough to remove any creases in the sail.

When sailing reefed, the jib leads should be moved forward to maintain proper sail shape and avoid the furler from rising off the bearing.

To furl your sail, always keep tension on your sail's jib sheet while reefing the furling line.

NOTES ABOUT TRAILERING

When trailering, strap the furler to the mast in a horizontal position and support the end with the hardware by using a support extension ie. 2x4 or PVC tube

Keep the extrusion as straight as possible, do not let either end sag or twist.

MAINTENANCE

The only maintenance required is to rinse the furler system including the ball-bearing assembly if applicable, with fresh water 1-2 times per year. Clear out any salt or dirt that may have accumulated.

Note: Lubricants are not required but Teflon sprays or dry lubricants are acceptable if needed.

STORING YOUR FURLER

Storage is best accomplished by strapping the furler to the mast in a horizontal position and supporting the end with the hardware by using a support ie. 2x4 or PVC tube

When storing, avoid making sharp bends in the extrusion. This can become permanent after a period of time and is not covered under warranty.

It is not necessary to remove or recoil your extrusion, doing this over long periods of time can become permanent and is not recommended as the furler ages.

Avoid exposing the furler in temperatures above 140F/60C

