

“Well how do I measure the steering cable??”

Steering cables

If possible when replacing an existing cable find any part number stamped on the plastic jacket of the old cable this may help identify the length or type, but we do understand due to age, wear and tear, miss treatment e.t.c this may not be possible.

If the cable has been removed or there is no discernible markings on it or it's a new install then measure for the replacement cable as follows:

Existing cable



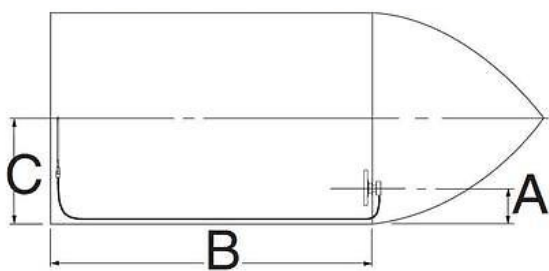
Measure plastic cable jacket (“Y” dimension, shown in the drawing) in inches, add 22”(559mm) & round up to the next foot. Order that length cable.

New install

Measure cable routing from the wheel centre line to engine connection as follows:

- A = Centre line of wheel to gunwale
- B = Dash to transom
- C = Gunwale to centreline of cable connection with outboard in a fwd position

For A typical cable install through the engine tilt tube: Add A, B & C + 6” (150mm), then round up to the next foot. Order that length cable.



For Cables Mounted to Transom, Splash well or Stringer: Add A, B & C, then subtract 6”(150mm) and round up to the next foot. Order that length cable.

Please note due to variances in measuring between different brands of cable it is always best to measure the installed length there is nothing worse than wrestling a new cable in to find it's 300mm short.

Typically steering cables are measured in Feet so if you have measured in MM divide your total by 304.8 then round to the nearest foot.

An easy tool for confirming cable run/length is a garden hose as it is a lot more flexible and lighter than a complete steering cable to run through the boat but stiffer and easier to handle than a string line or tape measure.