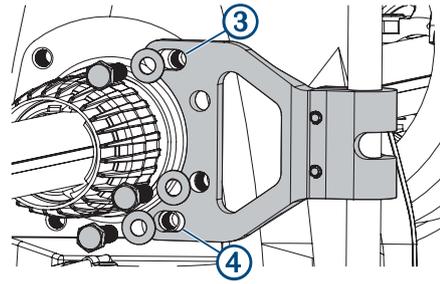


# GARMIN® FORCE® TROLLING MOTOR STABILIZER INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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## Getting Started

This is an optional accessory that can help stabilize and provide additional support for the trolling motor when it is in the stowed position.

### Tools Needed

- 9/16 in. (14 mm) wrench or socket
- 3/16 in. hex bit or wrench
- Torque wrench
- Hacksaw or similar cutting tool to trim the length of the stabilizer (optional)

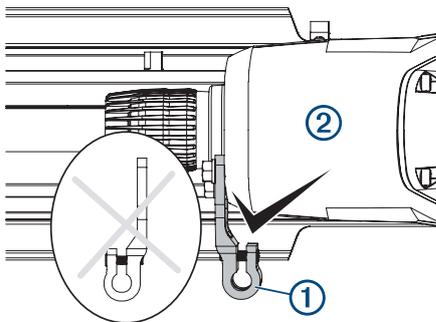
## Installation Procedures

### NOTICE

When assembling the motor, you must use hand tools to install all of the parts, observing the torque specifications when provided. Using power tools to assemble the motor may damage the components, and voids the warranty.

### Attaching the Bracket

- 1 Place the trolling motor into the stowed position.
- 2 With the folded portion of the bracket ① facing the steering system housing ②, place the bracket on either the port or the starboard side of the motor steering housing.

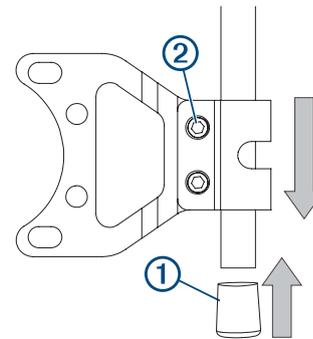


**NOTE:** If you place the bracket with the folded portion facing away from the steering system housing, the stabilizer will contact the base of the trolling motor and prevent it from being placed in the stowed position.

- 3 Loosely attach the bracket to the motor steering housing using the included bolts and washers.
- 4 Pull up on the bracket until the bolts contact the edges of the oval-shaped top ③ and bottom ④ mounting holes, and tighten the bolts to 20 lbf-ft. (27 N-m).

### Installing the Stabilizer Rod

- 1 Place the stabilizer rod into the bracket.
- 2 Place the bumper cap ① onto the lower end of the rod.



**NOTE:** Two caps are included with the stabilizer. The notched cap fits over the top of the rod and allows you to store the pull handle when it is not in use. You should install the notched cap on the top after you have trimmed the rod in a later step.

- 3 Apply light pressure to the top of the rod, and use a  $\frac{3}{16}$  in. hex bit or wrench to tighten the bolts ② and secure the rod in the bracket.
- NOTE:** Apply only light pressure, because setting the length of the rod too deep may apply pressure on the motor latch system and make it difficult to transition the trolling motor from the stowed to the deployed position.
- 4 Move the motor between the stowed and deployed position to test for stabilizer-rod clearance and proper support.
- 5 Repeat steps 3 and 4 until the motor transitions smoothly between the stowed and deployed positions, and the stabilizer provides proper support when in the stowed position.

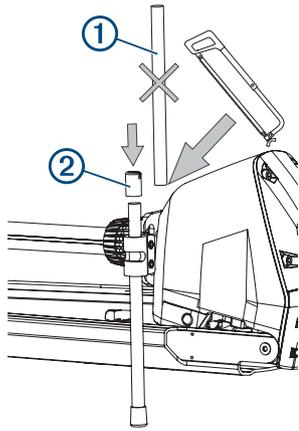
### Trimming the Stabilizer Rod

Before you trim the stabilizer rod, you must install the rod and test the installation for clearance and proper support.

Trimming the height of the stabilizer rod is optional. If you decide to use the rod at its full length, proceed to the final step to install the upper cap.

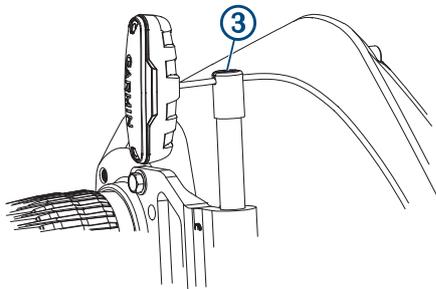
- 1 Using a hacksaw or similar cutting tool, remove the desired excess length from the top of the rod ①.





**2** Place the included upper cap **2** on top of the rod to complete the installation.

You can use the groove in the upper cap **3** on the stabilizer rod to hold the pull cable when it is not in use.



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