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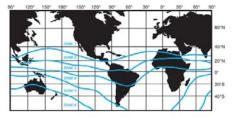
Danforth, with many models recognized as "classics" for prestigious yachts, Coast Guard, Navy and commercial vessels, is synonymous with "the finest that money can buy".

Danforth is pleased to announce the introduction of our new GLOBALBalance Card System, which guarantees a perfectly level card, anywhere in the world. Balancing of cards for specific geographic locations is now a thing of the past with this new patented technology.

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"Global Balance" models remain level in all six zones

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# DANFORTH Choosing The Right Compass

A magnetic compass is a relatively simple piece of navigational equipment. Its sole function is to point to Magnetic North. Properly installed and adjusted, it will reliably guide you home, even in the event that your electronic navigational equipment becomes disabled. It should be considered as a valuable piece of safety gear.

Selecting the right compass for your boat is an easy process. There are usually a few correct compass choices for any given boat, based upon the boat size, design, speed and of course. your personal preference.

Modern compasses are primarily defined by their size, card style, mounting style, color, and whether they are gimbaled. "Size" is defined by the "apparent" card diameter, that is, how big the card appears under the magnifying lens effect of the transparent plastic compass dome (See Fig. 1). Common sizes are 2", 3", 3-3/8", 3-3/4", 4-1/2", 5", 5-1/2". In general, the larger the compass, the larger the numbers will appear. Hence, the easier the headings will be to read. Another benefit of a larger compass is that it will be more stable in a heavy seaway.

There are three different card (or dial) styles, each with its advantages. The most common style historically is the "flat" card (See Fig. 2A). Modern flat cards are actually dished-shaped like a saucer. The purpose of the turned-up edge is to improve readability at low angles of viewing. Headings are read from the top, forward edge, farthest from the helmsman. Unlike the front-reading style compass card, a quick glance at a flat card provides instant directional orientation. "South is this way and East is that way." Flat card compasses are the correct choice when the helmsman's

Front-reading Card



advantage with the flat card style is that the numbers and graduation lines will appear much larger, compared to the other card styles. This is because the flat card is a greater distance from the transparent compass dome than with other card configurations. The magnification effect is therefore greater. As a result, a 3" compass with a flat card can be easier to read than

line of sight to the compass is from above, as with sailboat

By far, the most common card style currently is front-reading. See Fig. 2B. Front-reading cards are dome-shaped or conical-shaped with the headings read from the card skirt (vertical edge) closest to the helmsman. This style of card is recommended when the compass is mounted at. or just below, the helmsman's line of sight, when a flat card could not be easily read at such a low angle of viewing. Most compasses under 3" in size are front-reading and are most commonly found on powerboats up to about 25'.

There are two drawbacks to front-reading cards. The magnification of the card is only slight. Hence, compared to a flat card compass of the same size, the numbers will appear much smaller and will be more difficult to read. The other drawback is the confusion sometimes created when one attempts to orient oneself directionally by looking at a front-reading card. If, for example, the current heading is "S" (South), the "W" (West) card designation is to the left of the "S" on the card. By turning the boat left however, you would be heading East. With a flat card it is much simpler. If the heading is "S", the "W" card designation is to the right of the "S" on the card. By turning right toward the "W", you would be heading West.

The third and most recent card style to evolve is the dual-reading card. This card style combines the elements of both the flat-reading and front-reading card systems. See Fig. 2C. Depending upon the manufacturer, the "flat" graphics may be complete (graduations every 5°) or only partial, which is far less useful for steering. (All Danforth dual-reading cards have complete graphics). The "front-reading" graphics are always complete with this style of card. Compasses with dual-reading cards are the best choice when the helmsman's viewing angle may vary greatly (standing v.s. sitting). For example, when the helmsman may stand or sit while underway, changing the viewing angle from above to level with the line of sight. Dual-reading compasses are common found on mid to large size powerboats where the compass is mounted on top of the console at eye level for a seated helmsman.

#### Compass Size = Apparent Card Diameter

Apparent Size



4-1/2" Constellation" Compass Fig. 1

Flat Card





pedestal and center console powerboat installations. A major a 3-3/4" compass with a front-read or dual-read card.

Dual-readingCard



Compass mounting options are flush mount, bracket mount, binnacle mount and bulkhead mount. Flush mounting is the preferred method for Boat Builders (See Fig. 3A). Although a clearance hole needs to be cut in the mounting surface, which increases the time required to install the compass, the finished installation is "cleaner" in appearance and gives a more integrated look that is less like an add-on or afterthought. Drawbacks with a flush-mounted compass, in addition to the need to cut a hole in the console, include the requirement for a flat mounting surface that is level within a few degrees and has adequate clearance underneath to accommodate the bottom of the compass. Flush mounting also requires more console space than does a bracket mounting.

Bracket Mount



Bracket mounted compasses provide for the easiest and most versatile installation (See Fig. 3B). Requiring only two screws to affix the compass. the bracket's small "footprint" allows it to be easily mounted in confined areas, where console space is at a minimum. Another benefit is that the bracket can be rotated for mounting on surfaces canted fore and aft, from horizontal to vertical

Binnacle Mount

Flush Mount

Fig. 3A

Binnacle mounting is most common on sailboats, where the compass, mounted in a cylinder, is affixed to the top of the steering pedestal (See Fig. 3C). Binnacle mounting is sometimes referred to as "deck mounting" when the compass cylinder is mounted to a console or deck. Another variation to binnacle mounting is "surface mounting". Surface mounting usually refers to smaller compasses which are removable from their bases that have been affixed onto the surface of the console. The binnacle mounted compass and its variants are all held to the mounting surface with a number of screws, usually two to four. One drawback to this style of compass is that it occupies a lot of mounting real-estate, much more than with bracket mounting and sometimes more than flush mounting.







Bulkhead Mount

Bulkhead mounting is the same as flush mounting except that the compass is installed on a vertical surface (See Fig. 3D). A variation of bulkhead mounting is "panel mounting", where a small compass is mounted in the gauge panel. This style of compass can usually be adjusted to accommodate surfaces inclined up to 30°.

Gone are the days when the statement "You can have any color compass you want, as long as it is black" has relevent meaning. Modern compasses are now available in several color configurations. Although a black housing with a black card remains popular, white and gray housings are readily available, as are white, blue and red cards.

With respect to "gimbaling", it is better to have it than not. Gimbaled compasses are usually more expensive than non-gimbaled ones but have a couple of important advantages. They are more stable and more readable. Gimbaling allows the compass card to remain level over a very wide range of roll. pitch and yaw angles. Gimbaling also ensures that the lubberline (index pin) remains perpendicular to, and in proper alignment with, the card for accurate readings. Gimbaled compasses are essential for sailboat installations and recommended for powerboat installations as well. Generally, gimbaling is the "norm" in compasses over 3-3/4" in size.

Ready to make your compass choice? Go to the Compass Selection Guide on page 5. Simply find your boat style and size at the top of the chart, then follow that column down to find the compass model choices recommended for your boat. Each of these compasses can be found in the catalog on the page listed beside the compass model number.



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Whether your fun takes you on the water or off-road, the Danforth<sup>®</sup> Ouest<sup>™</sup> compass will point the way.

Our exclusive NO-SPIN card technology gives you guaranteed accuracy and rock-steady readings in a small, sporty size.

Hi-flux corrector magnets provide the added measure of adjustment often required for automobile, RV, ATV, snowmobile & certain marine installations. 12 VDC red night illumination is standard.

"Easy-Read" 2" (51mm) front-read card Virtually indestructible Lexan® dome High temperature, high impact black ABS or guaranteed non-yellowing white Luran® housings U.V. stabilized compass fluid to prevent yellowing ISO 613; ISO 14227 Certified

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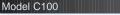
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The Quest<sup>™</sup> Compass' unique bracket design provides the versatility to mount your compass at any angle -on horizontal, vertical and even overhead surfaces. And with the adhesive mounting disk provided, use of screws is optional. (3 screws provided). Flush mounting models are available. A 3" (76 mm) B 2" (51 mm) C 2-1/2" (64 mm) D 1-3/4" (45mm



Apparent card size: 2" (51mm)

Card degrees: 5° Mounting Style: Bracket Finish: Black / Black Card

#### Model C101

Front Read Compass Apparent card size: 2" (51mm) Card degrees: 5° Mounting Style: Bracket

Finish: White / Blue Card

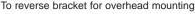
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## Model C102

Apparent card size: 2" (51mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing lines: 0° Finish: Grey / Blue Card

Model C103

Front Read Compass Apparent card size: 2" (51mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing lines: 0° Finish: Yellow / Black Card







A 2° (51mm) B 1.65° (42mm) C 2.17° (55mm) D 1.79° (45mm) E 3.19° (81mm)

150 | 120

Push bracket leg to remove from housina

Turn bracket





Replace bracket end caps



#### Overhead and **Bulkhead Mounting Options**

For overhead mounting, gently pry out the two bracket end caps, disengage the bracket from the compass body by pulling one leg of the bracket outward. Reverse the bracket and re-assemble. Models: C100, C101, C102, C103



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#### Front Read Compass

Apparent card size: 2" (51mm) Card degrees: 5° Mounting Style: Flush Finish: Black / Black Card

### Flush Mount

Compact in size and attractively styled, the flush mount Quest compass offers "Danforth" performance and quality, incorporating many value-added design features. The low profile housing and small footprint design allow installation in confined areas. With the unique adhesive foam sealing gasket, for water tight installations, the Quest flush mount models can be installed securely with or without the use of fastening screws (screws provided). The snap-on housing provides a neat, seamless visual contour, concealing the fastening screws and mounting gasket.

These attractive models are available in traditional black or white with your choice of card colors: black or blue. Designed for the most demanding powerboat applications, the Quest compass features our exclusive NO-SPIN card technology for rock-steady reading at any speed, in all sea conditions.

Model C105

Card degrees: 5° Mounting Style: Flush

Finish: White / Blue Card

Front Read Compass Apparent card size: 2" (51mm)











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#### Model A121

Front Read Compass Apparent card size: 2-5/8" (67mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0°

Finish: Black



## Model A80B

Front Read Compass Apparent card size: 2-5/8" (67mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0° Finish: Black / Black card



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The unique adjustable swivel base allows the compass to be mounted on level, canted, or vertical

Apparent card size: 2-5/8" (67mm)



















Corsair<sup>®</sup> IV compasses offer you a choice of traditional flat card or exclusive NO-SPIN GlobalBalance® front-read and dual-read card models.

Available in flush, binnacle or bracket mounting styles, for power or sail, these attractive 3-3/4" (95mm) compasses sport a unique telescoping hood which protects the compass when not in use. Corsair<sup>®</sup> IV compasses are available in Hi-Speed<sup>®</sup> powerboat models for planing hulls and are fully gimbaled for sailboat installations. Navy red L.E.D. night illumination and built-in compensators are standard.

Model C399D-3 Apparent card size: 3-3/4" (95mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0°/45°/180° Finish: Black / Black Card DANFORTH

Model C399D-3W

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Apparent card size: 3-3/4" (95mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0°/45°/180° Finish: White / Black card (C399DW)

Model C399D-3WB

Flush Mount

for low angle viewing.

A 5" (127mm) B 3-3/4" (95mm)

C 3" (76mm) D 2-1/4" (57mm)

E 3-3/4" (95mm)

C399 models feature extra large numbers for clear viewing.

C399D models feature traditional

top viewing and edge reading

Apparent card size: 3-3/4" (95mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0°/45°/180° Finish: White / Black card (C399DW)



Model C399F-3 ANFORTH Card degrees: 5° Model C399F-3W Card degrees: 5° Model C399-3 Card degrees: 5°

Flush Mount

C399F models feature exclusive NO-SPIN card for stable readings, even in the toughest conditions. A 5° (127mm) B 3-3/4° (95mm) C 3" (76mm) D 2-1/4" (57mm) E 3-3/4" (95mm)

Apparent card size: 3-3/4" (95mm) Bearing Lines: 0°/45° Finish: Black / Black Card

#### Front Read Compass

Apparent card size: 3-3/4" (95mm) Bearing Lines: 0%45° Finish: White / White Card





Flat Card Compass Apparent card size: 3-3/4" (95mm) Bearing Lines: 0°/45°/180° Finish: Black / Black Card





Flat Card Compass

Apparent card size: 3-3/4" (95mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0%45%180° Finish: White / White card



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# **DANFORTH Corsair®IV Series**

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#### Binnacle Mount Installs easily to console or pedestal. A 5-5/8" (143mm) B 3-3/4" (95mm) C 6" (152mm) D 5-7/8" (150mm)

Apparent card size: 3-3/4" (95mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0°/45°/180° Finish: Black

Apparent card size: 3-3/4" (95mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0%45%180° Finish: White

#### Model C352F-3

#### Front Reading Compass

Apparent card size: 3-3/4" (95mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0°/45° Finish: Black

### Model C398F-3

#### Front Read Compass

Apparent card size: 3-3/4" (95mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0%45° Finish: Black

#### Model C398-3

Apparent card size: 3-3/4" (95mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0%45%180° Finish: Black

#### Bracket Mount

Bracket adjusts for mounting on horizontal to vertical surfaces. A 6" (152mm) B 3-3/4" (95mm) C 6" (152mm) D 31 (76mm)

# DANFORTH Saturn<sup>®</sup> Series

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#### "The Value Choice"

The compact 3-3/4" (95mm) saturn compasses are available with our exclusive NO-SPIN GlobalBalance<sup>®</sup> front reading card or flat card. All Saturn<sup>®</sup> compasses feature an adjustable hood, compensators, and night illumination.

Saturn<sup>®</sup> Bulkhead mount compasses feature an exclusive retractable light bar and 30° inclinometer. Saturn® compasses are the perfect choice for sailboat installation. Front cover included.

### **Dual Reading** Our A140 dual read compass is gimbaled for stable readings at any



# Model A140

Apparent card size: 3-3/4" (95mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0%45%180° Finish: Black/Red Card

## Model A142

Flat Card Compass Apparent card size: 3-3/4" (95mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0°/45°/180° Finish: Black / Black Card



# Model A149

### Front Read Compass

Apparent card size: 3-3/4" (95mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0%45° Finish: Black / Black Card

## **Bulkhead Mount**

A140 Dual Reading Cards can be mounted on vertical surfaces and surfaces canted up to 15° forward.

An 142-24 Cover is included with all new-style A140 models.



Except Model A140



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**Technical Info** 

All Corsair models

feature a telescoping, full

closure hood.



Bulkhead mount front cover -Included with new-style compass Fits new style models A140, A141, A142, A149













# Model 124-24

# •DANFORTH<sup>®</sup> Constellation<sup>®</sup> Family Series

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Constellation® compasses have earned the title of The World's Most Trusted® Compasses.

They are used worldwide for larger pleasure boats, ocean racing powerboats and sailboats, commercial vessels, fishing fleets and by the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard.

The Constellation® compass features an internal gimbal ring that allows full tilt and heel, a virtually indestructible jewel and hardened alloy pivot and a unique concave distant reading card that lets you read it from longer distances and at lower angles of sight. Dual reading cards are also available on 4-1/2" (114mm) models.

Available in flush and binnacle mounting styles, for power or sail, these prestigious compasses provide uncompromising quality and performance for the most discerning yachtsmen.

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Model C401DWB

#### Dual Read Compa

Apparent card size: 4-1/2" (114mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0°/45°/180° Finish: White / Blue Card

#### Model C402DB Dual Read Compa

Apparent card size: 4-1/2" (114mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0%45%180° Finish: Black / Blue Card

The new model C402DB features a fully gimbaled dual-reading card system ideal for raised console mounting with eye-level viewing. Our new navy red "tri-light" provides superb night illumination for top or front reading. A 4-12(114mm) = 3-132" (77mm) G-144" (154mm) = 2-12" (74mm)

> A hard plastic cover is included with all C402 models.

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Flat Card C401 flat card compasses can be mounted on any horizontal surface. A4-1/2' (114mm) 8 3-3/8' (66mm)

C 6-1/4' (159mm) D 2\* (51mm) D 2\* (51mm)

#### Elat Card Compass

Apparent card size: 4-1/2" (114mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0°/45°/180° Finish: Black / Blue card

#### Model C401WB

#### Flat Card Compass

Apparent card size: 4-1/2" (114mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0%45%180° Finish: White / Blue card

## Model C402

#### Flat Card Compass

Apparent card size: 4-1/2" (114mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0°/45°/180° Finish: Black / Black card (C402)



### Model C402B

#### Flat Card Compass

Apparent card size: 4-1/2" (114mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0°/45°/180° Finish: Black / Blue card

Model C402W

#### Flat Card Compass

Apparent card size: 4-1/2" (114mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0°/45°/180° Finish: White / White card

A hard plastic cover is included with all C402 models.











# **DANFORTH Constellation® Family Series**

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Flush Mount Hi-Speed®

The Hi-Speed<sup>®</sup> compass provides greater card dampening at higher boat speeds.

The model C561HS features extra large card graphics for clear visibility even from a distance. Ruggedly constructed using a virtually indestructible Lexan® dome, cast aluminum bezel ring, sapphire jewel and hardened stainless pivot, this compass will provide many years of dependable service.

5-1/2" (140mm) A 6-1/2" (165mm) B 4" (102mm) C 7-1/2" (191mm, D 4-1/4" (114mm) E 3-1/2" (89mm)

## Model C561HS

Apparent card size: 5-1/2" (140mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0%45%180° Finish: Black / Black card

## Express<sup>®</sup> Binnacle Removeable

Compass

One of our most popular Constellation<sup>®</sup> compasses. This removable model is very versatile. With a snap of a spring lock, the compass can be easily removed from its base for stowage below deck, mounting elsewhere or for use as a portable hand bearing compass. Easily mounted on sailboat pedestal steerers or powerboat bridges. A 6-15/16" (176mm) B 7-3/8" (187mm)

## Model C468

Apparent card size: 5" (127mm) Card degrees: 5° Bearing Lines: 0°/45°/180° Finish: Black / Black card



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- The full trade catalogue now available in a downloadable PDF format so you can choose the relevant pages for distribution to your customers.
- Improved and more detailed technical data also available in PDF format









Designed primarily for marine applications, the new Quest compass incorporates unique features which make it the perfect choice for non-marine installations as well.

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