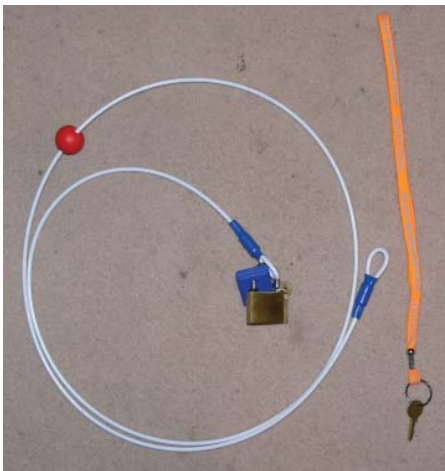


Product Review Gumby Lock

Now this is a review I've been looking forward to doing for some time. I remember hearing some years ago about a company that had produced a system that secured your craft from would be thieves. It had an odd name "Gumby Lock". Odd because I grew up watching a show on ABC TV called "Gumby". Couldn't get my head around the whole name thing, and there was a doubt in my mind about how a surfboard could be secured to your car whilst on the racks.

Needless to say, the whole Gumby Lock issue was put on the back burner of the outer reaches of my memory for some time, in fact, till I joined the club and noticed that they sponsored the club. This of course piqued my curiosity and naturally I wanted to know more. Dave who had won one as a prize in a comp pulled his lock out and explained the workings of what is a simple, but devilishly clever way of protecting your craft from would be thieves.



The lock in it's glorious simplicity!

The lock is so simple to use it's even Driz proof. It consists of the main cable, made out of a plastic coated stainless wire cable unbreakable/uncuttable stuff. The fin box thingos that fit easily into your fin box, and this is a three piece affair, two pieces are designed to fit into the slots of your fin box and the third piece slides neatly down the middle of the other two forming the lock. The padlock threads through and then on through the looped end of the cable. How simple is that!



Three simple plastic keys that slot into your fin box.

Once the keys are inserted it's just a matter of threading the padlock through the hole on the keys, through the loop, snap the padlock shut and putting your board on the rack.

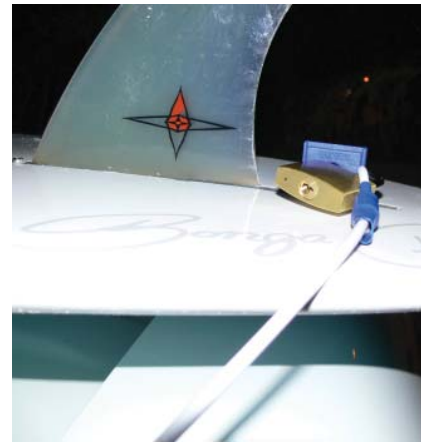


Locked and ready for any would be Gumby!



Ready to go in the board bag and onto the racks.

Once the board is in the board bag if you use one it's ready to go on the racks to be tied down in your usual manner and the end with the red ball simply is shut inside your locked door or boot. Too easy!



On the racks ready to go!



Craft secured and ready to go skipper!

It's a pity we have to go to these sort of lengths these days to protect our investment but it's a case of the signs of the times I guess.

The absolute beauty of the Gumby lock is that it can be used to secure other items of value that have to be transported by car or trailer. We have a member who secures his lawn mowers with his Gumby Lock and I'm sure as you read, you can think of dozens of applications for this product.

My Ratings:

Practicality and ease of use 10 out of 10.

Durability: 10 out of 10.

Value for money: 10 out of 10.

Overall: 10 out of 10.

Summary: An Australian made product that is worth every penny to protect the craft you love. Visit their site www.gumbylock.com.au and learn a whole lot more about them. The site is full of good info, and they support the surfing community. If I don't win one I'm buyin one!