

Section B22 *Boom Vangs and Rodkicks*

B22.1 Boom Vang Systems

Boom vang systems vary greatly. Please contact Allyacht Spars Australia to discuss your needs.

B22.2 Rodkicks - Mechanical Spring

Rodkicks, or mechanical boom vang struts, are an advance on the standard boom vang in that they will prevent the boom from dropping to the deck, making it much easier and safer to reef the mainsail and to drop the mainsail, with there being no need to use the boom topping lift. This provides great advantages for both racing and cruising yachts alike. The Rodkick is spring-loaded (providing the upward-support) with provision for a purchase system to be added to perform the function of a conventional boom vang (must be ordered separately).

Rodkicks are made of anodised aluminium, with nylon bushes to allow smooth operation and to prevent wear.

PART NO.	SIZE	TO SUIT APP. YACHT SIZE
022.010	Small	10m
022.011	Large	12m
022.012	Extra Large	15m

B22.3 Rodkicks - Gas Spring

The ultimate solution to Rodkicks is a Seldén Gas-spring Rodkicker. The gas-spring serves to neutralize the weight of the boom, so that support is provided whilst still allowing the boom to be lifted or lowered to whatever height is required. This enables the Boom Topping Lift to be done away with altogether. For details, refer to the Seldén catalogue, available at www.seldenmast.com or contact an Allyacht Spars Australia representative.