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LEAKING TOPPER HULLS

Leaks are bad news but there are only so many places that water can possibly get into a Topper. You may even have air gushing out of the bung hole closely followed by gushing water. Hard to believe isn't it!
The following things need to be done before you really panic.

* inflate the boat (even lung pressure is enough but a RIB pump is even better - not too much pressure!)

* apply washing up liquid & water, with a sponge, to:

1. the bailer inside and out.
2. the transom plate.
3. the join between the hull and the deck inside the plate case after taking the hull plate off and the bladders out.
4. the join around the rim with the boat upside down - especially the area around the painter hole
5. the mast cup area - the mast cup may need to come out
6. the fairleads for the traveller

* watch out for bubbles

(sometimes we only find the leak when the daggerboard or rudder is put on the boat and they are forced around to simulate sailing)

Be assured that the problem can be cured one way or another.

Regards
Dave