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PAINT REMOVERS

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USAGE DATA SHEET

PRODUCT: ANTIFOULING REMOVER

TYPE: Solvent-free marine antifouling remover.

USES: For removing thick layers of most types of antifouling from fibreglass resin hulls without etching or damaging the gel coat. Also very effective for use on steel hulls.

For hulls of other materials, see "COMPATIBILITY" below.

METHOD OF USE:

Preparation: The surface should first be washed down with a pressure washer to remove any loose or flaking coating or heavy deposits of dirt or marine growth. Carry out a test on a small area first.

Application: By brush, spreader or suitable airless spray equipment. Only use brushes with plastic bristles – a soft-bristled dustpan brush is good for the purpose. (Please ask for details of specification for airless sprayers.)

The product must be applied generously to the surface - as thickly as possible, so that it begins to run over itself - and then left to dissolve the antifouling. When using on gel coat surfaces, be sure to mask any areas that do not need treating as AFR may discolour bare gel coat.

Leaving the product to work: It is most important to allow AFR sufficient time to dissolve the coatings. It is a slow-acting product but one application can dissolve a very thick coating layer if applied sufficiently thickly and given enough time to work. It is normally left for up to 48 hours but the temperature will affect the time required. Thin coating layers will only need 2 or 3 hours; average coating layers can often be dissolved overnight. For very thick coating layers, leave for 2 days. Once AFR has dissolved the coating, it will not harden again, so can be left before being removed if necessary. Very thick coating layers will need a further application. The product will not work in temperatures near freezing.

Removal: Wash off the dissolved coatings with a pressure washer. Cold water is usually adequate but a hot water machine is often quicker and more effective. If necessary, the bulk of the dissolved coatings may be removed with a scraper before washing off.

COVERAGE: 1.5 to 3 litres per square metre.

COMPATIBILITY: The product is compatible with fibreglass resin and most plastics but a test should always be carried out on a small area first to determine any unacceptable reaction. The product can damage aluminium and stained glass. Its use is not advised on wooden hulls. May darken woodwork, especially hardwoods. Details of compatibility with any specific material are available on request. If in doubt, always carry out a small test first.

STORAGE: The product is non-flammable and will not support combustion. Do not expose to frost.

CAUTION: Suitable protective clothing must be worn when handling or using the product.

- Corrosive
- Causes severe burns
- Keep locked up and out of reach of children and animals.
- Wear rubber or PVC gloves and eye/face protection.
- In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice..
- In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately.

For full health and safety information see Health and Safety Data Sheet, available upon request.