



Care & Protection for your new marine coating

SOAPS

Boats are often subjected to harsh conditions, particularly in climates where they endure tropical exposures that age their appearance faster. Clean up, therefore demands some powerful cleaning aids. As with any task, choosing the right tools and material is important.

Cleaning rule number one: Always use a boat soap. Household products may work great, but they can damage painted surfaces. Most of these products are highly alkaline with a pH of around 12 to 14. They can completely strip wax layers and even etch surfaces (known as alkaline streaking), if allowed to dry. Neither acidic nor alkaline, most soaps formulated for marine use have a neutral pH of 7 and are safe to use on painted surfaces. Concentrates are nice because you use as much as you need to get the job done. Some soaps remove wax so take care to select the right one.

Choose a low PH soap (examples include AWL Wash, Meguiars Flagship, Crystal Boat soap). There are many to choose from, however always check the PH. Some soap products leave a waxy film as a protectant, however these (wax) products are short lived (2 Months) and may not be of the quality as a hand applied protectant. So check the bottle to ensure it's safe to use on painted surfaces. Your new IMRON finish is a durable coating and is designed to withstand extreme environments, however it's always a good idea to protect your new painted surfaces from environmental fall out and exposure.

Always use a soft bristle brush or wash mitt, rinse first, wash regularly, Dry with a cloth (chamois).

Waxes and polymers

Many marine waxes have common properties. They are designed to provide a higher gloss finish, protect your topside, and provide UV protection from the sun's rays. Most boat wax is a "wax-on, wax-off" process that is fairly easy to apply.

Marine Wax can come in either a liquid or a paste form, boat wax manufacturers include 3M, Simoniz, Interlux and Meguiars. Some of these waxes contain a polymer technology which provides the durability of an acrylic, with the soil release and water beading properties of a fluoropolymer and silicone. These products leave your boat with longer lasting protection that reduces UV light damage.

DO NOT USE CLEANER WAXES or any cleaning products that contain abrasives as this can damage the paint surface.

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