

3 EASY STEPS TO A PERFECT FINISH

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topsides, decks, bilges and cabins

OUR MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED TOPSIDES QUESTION:

“How can I make my decks slip-resistant?”

International offers two solutions for re-finishing a slip-resistant deck:

Stir and apply – Interdeck

Our ready to use, slip resistant, single-component finish that can be applied over GRP or any other substrates following the application of an International topside primer.

Mix your own slip-resistant finish

Any International topside finish can be transformed into a slip-resistant deck finish by the addition of International Intergrip. This additive consists of man-made irregular shaped plastic particles. They have a low tendency to collect dirt, and excellent slip-resistant properties.

Apply two coats of paint with International Intergrip mixed in.

WHAT IS DOI AND WHY SHOULD I CARE?

DOI is an acronym for 'Distinction of Image'. It refers to the clarity of the coating, as measured by its ability to accurately reflect the image of a given object. DOI can be measured on a numeric scale. DOI is generally considered in the industry to be a quality indicator, as it measures the smoothness of a coating and the 'wetness' of the gloss.

Most people have an everyday measure of DOI when they look at any painted surface. A glossy, high quality surface has a higher DOI than a muddy, drab surface.

PAINT FINISHES

Apart from providing an enhanced cosmetic finish to your boat, paints provide a barrier of protection against the elements that will attack the surface during the season: sea, rain, wind and sun.

THE 3 MOST CRITICAL QUESTIONS FOR ANY PAINTING PROJECT

1) What preparation is necessary?

The most critical aspect of a painting job is preparation. Poor surface preparation will always show through the final coat; will reduce the effectiveness of the coating system and can potentially lead to the premature failure and separation of the coating from the substrate. As a guide you should be aware that you will need to spend up to 80% of the job on preparation and priming, in order to achieve a first class finish of which you will be proud.

2) Does the substrate matter?

Yes! Quite simply, if you are painting onto metal or glass fibre you can use any of our paint systems. However, for wooden substrates, your choice may be different. All one-part paint systems are suitable for all wood constructions.

Do not use two-part polyurethane on carvel and clinker (or lap strake) constructions.

The wood in these flexible constructions moves as the moisture content varies, leading to cracking. For more stable wood systems – like double diagonal planking, cold or hot moulded veneers, plywood and strip planking, where epoxy or Resorcinol type adhesives have been used, you can use any of our systems.

3) What repair and upkeep is required?

Areas where there is considerable foot traffic or harsh abrasion, such as gunwale rails and coaming sides, will need frequent repair to keep them in pristine condition. Two-part polyurethanes offer excellent resistance to abrasion, but can still wear through in excessive circumstances. Our one-part systems are easier to touch up than our high performance, two-part systems, and may be more suitable for these areas.



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