

## Questions & Answers

### **The color does not exactly match my topside – is this correct?**

When on the boat some paints will naturally fade in color due to exposure to UV light, causing a possible difference in the color of the paint compared to the MarineFilm repair. MarineFilm is designed to improve the aesthetics of your boat and provides season long protection until the boat is next hauled. It is easy to apply and available in twelve popular gelcoat and topside colors.

### **How long does it take to apply the repair?**

The surface can be washed, dried and MarineFilm applied in less than 15 minutes, without the requirement for any protective clothing or gloves.

### **How long will the product last on a boat?**

MarineFilm is designed to last a full boating season, but it is a temporary cosmetic covering and is not intended as a permanent repair.

### **What surfaces can I apply MarineFilm to?**

MarineFilm can be applied to the following surfaces:

- Interlux topcoats (Brightside®/ Perfection®)
- Watertite filler
- Epiglass® HT9000
- Epoxy fillers
- Polyester fillers
- Bare gelcoat

### **What is the maximum size of repair I can carry out?**

The maximum optimum size of MarineFilm repair is approximately 4x4 inches (10x10cm).

### **Can I repair below the waterline?**

No, MarineFilm is designed for above water use only.

### **What preparation is required?**

If there is surface contamination (dirt/salt etc), wash with a mild detergent and water. Allow to dry before applying MarineFilm.

### **Do I need to fill the damage first?**

It depends how deep the damage is. For superficial repairs, little or no filling is required – use an acrylic putty if necessary. For deeper repairs, it may be necessary to fill the damage first, with Watertite from Interlux. If the gelcoat is heavily damaged, we recommend you consult your nearest boat yard for advice.

### **What temperature can I apply MarineFilm at?**

Minimum application temperature is 59°F (15°C), maximum is 95°F (35°C). For applications in environments that exceed 95°F, it is advisable to apply the repair in the shade or during the evening. The product will 'set' within 1 hour. After 24 hours it is resistant to cleaning.

### **What about product performance in freezing temperatures?**

MarineFilm is designed to provide improved aesthetics and protection for a whole season. Some applications have been tested through multiple seasons with no loss of adhesion from season to season. However, these results may not be typical.

### **Can I apply MarineFilm to Epoxy Primers (InterProtect®)?**

When fully cured, the surface of an epoxy primer is very smooth, making it very hard to achieve optimal adhesion unless the surface is first abraded using sand paper. If the surface to be repaired contains a significant exposed portion of epoxy primer, it would be best to lightly sand the surface first with 180-220 grit wet or dry paper to ensure adhesion.

### **A small bubble has developed under the MarineFilm repair – is this normal?**

Yes – if there is trapped air under the MarineFilm repair, it can warm up and expand when left in the sun. The likelihood of this can be minimized by strictly following the application instructions.

### **Can I buff and wax the repair?**

The paint can be lightly buffed and waxed by hand. We do not recommend machine buffing as it will affect the adhesion.

### **What happens if I spill diesel or other chemicals (suntan lotion) on the MarineFilm repair?**

There should be no adverse effects as long as the liquid is washed / wiped off as soon as possible (within 30 minutes).

### **How do you remove the product?**

1. Use the heat from a hair dryer to soften the adhesion of MarineFilm and make it more flexible. With the hair dryer on the medium setting, hold for 1-2 minutes at a distance of 2-4 inches (5-10 cm) from the MarineFilm repair.
2. Loosen one edge of the MarineFilm repair with your fingernail, or a credit card type of object. To avoid extra damage to the underlying coating, use extra caution when you are doing this. If you are experiencing difficulty, repeat step 1.
3. At approximately 90° angle, slowly pull the MarineFilm repair from the surface. Using a 90° angle will increase the amount of adhesive that is removed with the MarineFilm repair.
4. Remove any remaining adhesive with a soft cloth.

### **Can I use a professional paint stripper heat gun to remove MarineFilm?**

No – heat gun paint strippers and other aggressive heat sources could damage the underlying coating.

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