

# Primocon

## Underwater primer

Primocon is an anti-corrosive primer for underwater metal surfaces including hulls, running gear, and the lower units of outboards and I/O's. It will provide an excellent barrier to reduce pitting of the metal from galvanic corrosion. For underwater aluminum use Interlux® Pacifica® Plus, Trilux® 33®, Trilux® 33® Aerosol or Tri-Lux II with Primocon. For non-aluminum underwater metal use any (non-vinyl) Interlux antifouling paint. Primocon is also recommended for use as a conversion coating over Tin-Based antifouling paints such as Micron 33 or Micron 44 or unknown well-adhered antifouling paint to improve adhesion and to prevent cracking of new antifouling paint.

Primocon will not affect the color of antifouling paint.

## COMPATIBILITY

Be sure to check antifouling paints' compatibility with metal. Do not apply epoxy coatings or putties over Primocon.

## ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS

Product & Code	Description
Fiberglass Solvent Wash 202	For cleaning epoxy and fiberglass surfaces.
Special Thinner 216	For thinning and clean up.
Brush Ease 433	For thinning in warm temperatures.
InterProtect® 2000E/2001E	For priming metal or fiberglass (thin with Reducing Solvent 2316N).
Antifouling paint	All antifouling paints are compatible with Primocon except for VC® Offshore, VC®17m, VC®17m Extra and Baltoplate.



## PRODUCT DATA

- **Product code and color:**  
YPA984 Gray
- **Coverage:** 330 sq.ft./gal (brush applied).  
180 ft./gal (spray applied).
- **Application:** Brush, Roller or Spray
- **Application Temperature:**  
41°F (5°C) to 95°F (35°C)
- **Coats Required:**  
Bare metal: 5 coats at 3 mils dry film thickness per coat. 6 coats at 3 mils dry film thickness on riveted areas  
Bare Fiberglass: 1 coat at 3 mils dry film thickness per coat  
Bare Wood: First coat thinned 10-15%  
Antifouling Paint: 1 coat at 3 mils
- **Sanding:** 80-grit sandpaper,  
Coarse Emory Cloth, Sandblast
- **Thinning:**  
Brushing/Rolling: Brush-Ease 433;  
Spraying: Special Thinner 216.  
Thin only as needed 10-15% maximum
- **VOC:** 580 grams/liter (4.84lbs/gal)



## RECOMMENDED APPLICATION SYSTEMS

### GENERAL DIRECTIONS

#### PREPARATION

Primocon should be applied to freshly sanblasted metal, metal that has been primed with InterProtect® 2000E or to previously painted surfaces.

##### Previously painted surfaces:

Sand with 80-grit production sandpaper. Wipe down with Brush-Ease 433 or Special Thinner 216.

##### Bare metal:

All metal surfaces must be thoroughly cleaned to bright metal. For steel surfaces, grit blasting is the preferred method. For aluminum and other light alloys, sand blast if possible or sand with a medium to coarse grade emery cloth. Once properly cleaned, brush down and vacuum to remove all sanding dust. Do not wipe with cloth solvent rags after blasting or sanding as fibers may be pulled out and protrude through primer coats. If applied within one hour after blasting, Primocon can be applied directly to grit or sand blasted metals. For sanded surfaces or if one hour has passed since blasting, prime bare metal with InterProtect 2000E that has been thinned 15-20% with Reducing Solvent 2316N.

##### Bare fiberglass:

Clean with Fiberglass Solvent Wash 202. Sand with 180 - 220 grit sandpaper. Remove sanding residue.

##### Bare wood:

Sand with 80 to 120-grit sandpaper. Apply first coat of Primocon thinned 10-15% with Brush-Ease 433 or Special Thinner 216.

#### APPLICATION

Apply a minimum of 3 coats of Primocon to bare metal and factory finishes. Apply 1-2 coats of Primocon to surfaces previously painted with antifouling paint.

**Note:** Primocon may be applied directly to blasted metals if applied within 1 hour after blasting. If sanded or if more than 1 hour has passed since blasting, prime bare metal with InterProtect 2000E that has been thinned 15-20% with Reducing Solvent 2316N.

#### DRYING AND OVERCOATING TIMES

	Touch dry (min)	Overcoating time (self)	Overcoating time (antifouling)		
			Solvent-based antifoulings (min)	Water-based antifoulings (min)	Vinyl antifoulings
41°F (5°C)	1.5 hours	3 hours	6 hours	24 hours	Do not use vinyl antifoulings over Primocon
50°F (10°C)	1.5 hours	3 hours	4 hours	20 hours	
60°F (15°C)	1 hour	3 hours	3 hours	16 hours	
73°F (23°C)	1 hour	3 hours	3 hours	11 hours	
95°F (35°C)	1 hour	3 hours	3 hours	8 hours	

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