



Repairing with fillers

Your boat is not only under attack from the elements. Damage may also result from collision, abrasion and other mechanical damage. Fillers can be used for small scale repairs, and picking the right one for the job is essential if the result is to last.

Choosing the right filler

Fillers are available with a number of different characteristics specific to how they will be used. Some have been formulated for quick drying and easy repair characteristics on topside areas. Others require greater care having been designed as long lasting, water resistant fillers for use on the hull below the waterline. It is best to ensure that you have selected the right filler for the job in hand. To assist in selecting the product, we have listed the range of fillers below together with their appropriate uses.

PRODUCT	USE ON				ONE-PART OR TWO-PART	ABOVE WATER LINE	BELOW WATER LINE	USE EQUIPMENT CLEANER
	GRP	STEEL	ALUMINIUM	WOOD				
INTERFILL® 100  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick drying • Ready mixed 				✓	1	✓		No. 1
WATERTITE EPOXY FILLER  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick drying • Easy to mix • Water resistant 	✓	✓	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	No. 7

HINTS TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE A PERFECT RESULT EVERY TIME

TWO-PART EPOXY FILLERS

- ✓ Two-part epoxy fillers are the most widely used fillers in the yachting industry. They are invariably solvent free. A benefit of being solvent free is that they do not attack the underlying primer.

- ✓ Epoxies must be mixed in the proper ratio. Too much curing agent and they will leave a sticky film on the surface that is not suitable for overcoating. Too little curing agent will weaken the filler and cause it to crumble later on.
- ✓ Epoxy fillers are preferred over polyester fillers below the waterline as polyester fillers have a greater propensity to absorb water.