

3 EASY STEPS TO A PERFECT FINISH

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topsides, decks, bilges and cabins

OUR MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED TOPSIDES QUESTION:

“How do I apply a non-skid deck finish?”

Interlux offers three solutions for re-finishing a non-slip deck:

Stir and apply – Interdeck

Our ready to use, skid resistant, low gloss, single-component finish that can be applied over bare fiberglass or any other substrate, over an Interlux® topside primer.

Mix your own non-skid finish

Any Interlux® topside finish (including Perfection®) can be transformed into a non-skid deck finish by the addition of Intergrip 2398c Polymeric No-Skid Additive. This additive consists of man-made plastic spheres, which are regular in shape.

They have a low tendency to collect dirt, and provide excellent non-skid properties. Apply two coats of paint with Intergrip 2398c Polymeric No-Skid Additive mixed in.

Hand Broadcasting Method

Roll on a coat of Perfection, Brightside® or Toplac and while it is still wet, sprinkle the Intergrip as required to obtain the texture of your choice. It is best to put the Intergrip in a flour sifter or salt shaker to dispense the compound. Avoid heavy application, which will not assist in providing a more slip resistant surface. After the paint has been allowed to dry overnight, remove the excess Intergrip and apply the second coat of finish.

PAINTING NON-SKID DECKS

A deck demands a tough coating to protect it from the normal wear and tear of walking on it plus all the things that get dragged across or dropped on it. A 2-part polyurethane, such as Perfection, is the best choice for the job because of its durable, abrasion-resistant finish. Many professionals choose it when using a brush and roller because of its durability and ease of handling, but application of Perfection is not beyond the skills of a novice painter.

Preparation: Scrub the deck using Fiberglass Surface Prep YMA601 and coarse bronze wool. Rinse with fresh water. Work a small area at a time, scrubbing in different directions and wiping the residue off before it dries. This will remove all contamination and provide a good anchor pattern to which the paint can adhere. Be sure to wear gloves and a mask.

Application: Apply one thin coat of Perfection using a short-nap, solvent resistant roller and tipping off with a high quality natural bristle brush. Wait overnight and lightly scuff with fine bronze wool and apply a second coat. When using Intergrip no-skid additive there is no need to scuff sand.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PAINTING NON-SKID DECKS CHECK OUR WEBSITE WWW.YACHTPAINT.COM

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 fiberglass 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 Perfection® two-part polyurethane on lapstrake 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 molded 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. Perfection offers 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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