

3 EASY STEPS TO A PERFECT WOOD FINISH

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OUR MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED VARNISH QUESTION:

“What is the best varnish for interior and exterior wood?”

‘We have several varnishes to meet your needs. Exterior high gloss varnishes with excellent ultra-violet protection include:

Perfection® Varnish – a two-part polyurethane designed to be an extremely durable clear coating for wood and epoxy surfaces.

Schooner® Varnish – a traditional easy to use tung-oil varnish with a classic varnish look.

Goldspar® Clear – a one-part polyurethane varnish with incredible abrasion, chemical and water resistance.

Goldspar® Satin – has been designed for interior surfaces. It is a low sheen polyurethane varnish producing a flexible but very hard-wearing surface, that is resistant to scratching and abrasion.’

Original Varnish – a quality traditional varnish for general use.

So if you have an area to varnish that gets a lot of abrasion use Goldspar Clear or Perfection. If you are varnishing over a clear epoxy such as Epiglass® use Perfection and if you want that beautiful traditional look of varnish use Schooner.

VARNISH DURABILITY AND UV PROTECTION

Varnishes have always been considered a mysterious blend of black art and science but there are only five main ingredients that go into a top quality marine varnish – oil, resin, solvent, dryers and additives. The trend in modern varnish technology that most directly affects the long-term durability of varnish is the use of additives specifically to combat the effects of UV energy.

The first and most commonly used additive is the UV absorber. UV absorbers diffuse the UV energy through the coating so that degradation of the substrate is avoided.

Interlux uses two additional additives to help protect the varnish from UV damage – surface stabilizers and antioxidants. Surface stabilizers work at the surface to repair damage from UV light by pulling together polymer segments. By keeping the surface stabilized, color and gloss are maintained.

Antioxidants are used to combat photo-degradation and oxidation. This helps maintain color stability and keeps the varnish from fading and becoming cloudy.

caring for your wood

WOOD CARE SYSTEMS

Wood has a beauty that good maintenance will enhance and protect. Interlux has several systems for caring for the wood on your boat. All of the systems will provide a barrier to protect your boat against the elements which attack the surface during the season such as sea, sun, rain and wind while enhancing the natural appearance of the wood.

VARNISH

Varnishes provide excellent protection for the wood on your boat while allowing the natural beauty of the wood to show through. Varnishes are made up of five specific ingredients: oil, resin, solvent, dryers and additives. The combination of these five determines a varnish’s performance. Use the chart on pages 16-17 to help determine what varnish is best for you.

SYNTHETIC FINISHES

Cetol® Marine is an easy to apply, low maintenance alternative to oils and varnishes. Cetol is formulated with synthetic pigments to protect the wood from exposure to UV and keep it looking beautiful with the least maintenance necessary.

It is flexible, resistant to impact damage and abrasion. It allows for natural expansion and contraction of wood. See pages 22-23 for more information on Cetol® Marine.

TEAK OIL

Interlux uses a traditional Scandinavian blend of oils that is easy to apply, fast drying and provides a warm, golden color for the ultimate protection against the elements.

WHAT SHOULD YOU CONSIDER IN YOUR CHOICE OF A WOOD CARE SYSTEM?

In order to choose between these various systems, you will find it useful to consider your project from a number of different perspectives.

WHAT PREPARATION IS NECESSARY?

The most critical aspect of any job is the preparation of the surface prior to the application. Varnish takes more time to prepare but lasts longer than Teak Oil.

WHAT REPAIR AND UPKEEP IS REQUIRED?

Varnishes may require sanding and application of another coat of varnish once or twice a year depending on conditions, where the Teak Oil may need to be reapplied every couple of months.

REMEMBER: Like most paint applications, preparation is the most difficult and important part of the project. Poor preparation always shows through and reduces the effectiveness of the coating.

