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# RUST-OLEUM®

## MARINE COATINGS

# PRIMER

use  
on **WOOD** and  
**FIBERGLASS**

**ABOVE THE  
WATERLINE**

Prime first  
for maximum  
protection and  
adhesion

**WARNING!**  
COMBUSTIBLE  
LIQUID AND VAPOR  
(See Other Cautions On Back Panel)

White  
Primer

32 FL. OZ. (1 QT) .946L



Also great for  
**PREVIOUSLY  
PAINTED  
SURFACES**

**Rust-Oleum Marine Coatings Primer for Wood & Fiberglass should be used as a base coat whenever the surface to be painted is aged, cracked, checked, pitted or rough. It can be applied to fiberglass, wood and previously painted surfaces. Rust-Oleum Marine Coatings Primer for Wood & Fiberglass dries quickly and is easy to sand. It provides a smooth base that allows Rust-Oleum Marine Coatings Topside Paint to dry to a uniform gloss and appearance. Not for use below the waterline.**

**THINNER:** Xylene for spraying; mineral spirits for brushing

**CLEANER:** Xylene

**COVERAGE:** 100 sq ft/qt

**APPLICATION TEMPERATURE:** 50°F to 90°F; **DRY TIMES:** Dries to the touch in 1/2 hour at 90°F, 1 hour at 70°F, or 4 hours at 50°F. Recoat after 2 hours at 90°F, 4 hours at 70°F, or 16 hours at 50°F.

**SURFACE PREPARATION:** Surface must be free of dirt, loose paint, oil, grease, wax, soap and any other foreign matter. Clean painted areas by washing with a solution of 2 cups household ammonia per gallon of water and rinse well. Remove existing mildew with household bleach instead of ammonia. **Never mix ammonia and bleach.** Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry.

**APPLICATION DATA:** This is a high viscosity product. **Mechanically agitate or hand mix thoroughly before use.** Apply with brush, roller, conventional or airless spray. For brush or roller application, apply without thinning (in hot weather 5% mineral spirits may be added to maintain a wet edge). For best results on large, smooth surfaces roll out using a short nap or foam roller followed immediately by leveling off with the tip of a brush. For conventional spray application thin 5% with Xylene. Apply one thin, even coat. After four hours, lightly sand with 150 grit sandpaper and apply a second coat, if necessary. Always wipe with a tack cloth immediately before the fresh application of paint to remove any airborne dust that may have settled. Applying two or more coats within four hours (at 70°F) or applying excessively heavy films (greater than 5 wet mils) will lead to insufficient drying of the paint and will yield soft paint films. For airless spray application, thin up to 5% with Xylene. Utilize a .013 - .017 inch diameter tip for application. Do not apply on extremely humid days (90% humidity or above) or when rain is threatening. Do not apply in the late afternoon when working outdoors as the wet film may be adversely affected by dew. When working in cooler temperatures, be sure the air and surface temperatures will remain at or above 50°F for at least 4 hours after application.

**BARE FIBERGLASS:** The entire surface to be painted, regardless of age, must be thoroughly washed with a fiberglass dewaxer to remove all traces of mold release agents and wax. Sand the gelcoat with 80-

120 grit sandpaper to a dull, frosty appearance; solvent clean to remove residue. If the surface is rough or imperfections exist, it will have to be repaired. Fill all nicks and gouges with a fiberglass repair compound, sand smooth when hard, then solvent clean. Follow with a coat of Rust-Oleum Primer to smooth the surface and provide a uniform base, sand well and solvent clean. Repeat as necessary. Proceed with the first finish coat of Topside Paint.

**BARE WOOD:** Sand the surface smooth with 80-120 grit sandpaper; clean with mineral spirits or Xylene to remove residue. Fill all screw-heads or small holes with a wood repair compound; sand smooth and solvent clean. Apply a coat of Rust-Oleum Marine Coatings Spar Varnish thinned 10% with mineral spirits to penetrate and seal the porous grain. Allow to dry 24 hours and sand smooth with 150 grit sandpaper. Apply one full coat of Primer. Allow to dry four hours and sand smooth with 150 grit sandpaper. Repeat Primer application as necessary to achieve smooth surface. Sand the final coat of Primer with 220 grit sandpaper then finish with two coats of Topside Paint. Bare wood that has been epoxied must be thoroughly scrubbed with an ammonia/water solution, rinsed thoroughly, then sanded with 120 grit sandpaper and solvent cleaned. Follow with a coat of Topside Primer to smooth the surface and provide a uniform base; sand well and solvent clean then proceed with the first coat of Topside Paint.

**PAINTED SURFACES:** If the old paint is in good, sound condition, wash thoroughly with a mineral spirits or Xylene. Sand smooth with 80 grit sandpaper; solvent clean to remove residue, then proceed with the first coat of Rust-Oleum Primer for Wood & Fiberglass. If the old paint is in poor condition, remove it with a paint and varnish remover or by sanding. Proceed with instructions for the appropriate bare surface system.

**VAPOR HARMFUL. MAY AFFECT THE BRAIN OR NERVOUS SYSTEM CAUSING DIZZINESS, HEADACHE OR NAUSEA. CAUSES EYE, SKIN, NOSE AND THROAT IRRITATION. NOTICE:** Reports have associated repeated and prolonged occupational overexposure to solvents with permanent brain and nervous system damage. Do not breathe sanding dust, vapors or spray mist. If you experience eye watering, headache or dizziness or if air monitoring demonstrates vapor/mist levels are above applicable limits, wear an appropriate, properly fitted respirator (NIOSH/MSHA approved) during and after application. Follow respirator manufacturer's directions for respirator use. Close container after each use. Harmful if inhaled. May be harmful if absorbed through skin. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Vapors may cause flash fire. **Use only with adequate ventilation.** Ensure fresh air entry during application and drying.

**First Aid:** If swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Call physician immediately. In case of eye contact, flush immediately with plenty of water for 15 minutes. Get medical attention. For skin, wash thoroughly with soap and water. If you experience difficulty in breathing, leave the area to obtain fresh air. If continued difficulty is experienced, get medical attention immediately. Dispose of container and unused contents in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. **WARNING!** This product contains a chemical known to the state of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. **KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.** Intentional misuse by deliberately concentrating and inhaling the contents may be harmful or fatal.

We stand behind our products. If you are dissatisfied with this product, contact Rust-Oleum Technical Services at 1-800-395-7878 for a refund of the product purchase price. Please note that the performance of any marine coating depends on many factors outside the control of Rust-Oleum, including surface preparation, proper application and environmental conditions.

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