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**RUST-OLEUM®**

MARINE COATINGS

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TOPSIDE PAINT**

**DESCRIPTION AND USES**

Rust-Oleum® Marine Coatings Topside Paint is an oil-based alkyd designed to provide a durable, abrasion and weather resistant finish on fiberglass, wood and metal boat surfaces. It offers UV protection and is easy to apply.

**DO NOT USE BELOW THE WATERLINE.**

**PRODUCTS**

SKU (1-Quart)	Description
206999	White
207000	Semi-Gloss White
207001	Oyster White
207002	Navy Blue
207003	Sand Beige
207004	Bright Red
207005	Battleship Gray
207006	Black
207007	Deep Green

**PRODUCT APPLICATION**

**SURFACE PREPARATION**

All surfaces must be free of dirt, loose paint, oil, grease, wax, soap and any other foreign matter. Wash the surface with a solution of 2 cups household ammonia per gallon of water and rinse well. Remove existing mildew with household bleach instead of ammonia. **DO NOT MIX AMMONIA AND BLEACH TOGETHER.** Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry.

**BARE FIBERGLASS** - The entire surface, regardless of age, must be thoroughly washed with a fiberglass cleaner to remove all traces of mold release agents and wax. Sand the gel coat with 80-120 grit sandpaper to create a dull, frosty appearance. Wipe the surface with mineral spirits or a tack rag to remove sanding dust and residue. If the surface is in excellent condition, proceed with application of the Topside Paint. Rough surfaces or imperfections should be repaired. Fill all nicks and gouges with a fiberglass repair compound. Allow to harden and then sand smooth. Remove sanding dust with mineral spirits or use a tack rag. Follow with a coat of Marine Coatings Primer for Wood & Fiberglass to smooth the surface and provide a uniform base for the finish coat. Sand smooth and remove sanding dust with solvent or use a tack rag. Proceed with application of the first coat of Topside Paint

**PRODUCT APPLICATION (cont.)**

**BARE WOOD** – Sand the surface smooth with 80-120 grit sandpaper. Wipe the surface with mineral spirits or xylene to remove sanding dust and residue. Fill all screw heads or small holes with a wood repair compound Sand smooth and remove sanding dust with mineral spirits. Apply a coat of Rust-Oleum Marine Coatings Spar Varnish thinned 10% with mineral spirits to penetrate and seal the porous grain. Follow directions and dry times on Spar Varnish. Allow to dry 24 hours and sand smooth with #150 grit sandpaper. Apply one coat of Marine Coatings Primer for Wood & Fiberglass. 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 repaired or coated with epoxy must be thoroughly scrubbed with an ammonia/water solution and then sanded with #120 grit sandpaper. Remove sanding dust with mineral spirits. Follow with a coat of Marine Coatings Primer for Wood & Fiberglass to smooth the surface and provide a uniform base; sand smooth and solvent clean. Proceed with the first coat of Topside Paint.

**BARE STEEL** – Abrasive blast to bare metal or abrade with emery cloth or abrasive wheel. Solvent wash and allow to dry. Immediately apply one coat of Rust-Oleum Marine Coatings Primer for Metal and allow to dry for 24 hours. Proceed with the first coat of Topside Paint. **Not for use on galvanized surfaces.**

**BARE ALUMINUM** – Wipe the surface free of oil and grease with solvent. Remove oxidation and abrade the surface with medium grit emery cloth. Remove sanding dust with a tack cloth. Apply one coat of Rust-Oleum Marine Coatings Primer for Metal and allow to dry for 24 hours. Proceed with the first coat of Topside Paint

**PREVIOUSLY PAINTED** - Old paint is in good, sound condition should be cleaned thoroughly with mineral spirits or xylene. Sand smooth with #150 grit sandpaper and solvent wipe with mineral spirits or a tack rag to remove residue. Proceed with the first coat of Topside Paint. If the old paint is in poor condition, remove it with a paint and varnish remover or by sanding.

**TECHNICAL DATA**

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**PRODUCT APPLICATION (cont.)**

**APPLICATION**

Apply when air (ambient) temperature is between 50-90°F (10-32°C) and the relative humidity is below 85%. 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 8 hours after application.

Mix thoroughly to ensure any settled pigment is re-dispersed before use. Apply with a high quality brush, roller, conventional or airless spray. For brush or roller application, apply full strength. In hot weather, thin with 5% mineral spirits to maintain a wet edge. For best results on large, smooth surfaces, apply using a short nap or foam roller cover followed immediately by leveling off with the tip of a brush. If using conventional spray application, thin 10-15% with xylene and apply one thin, even coat. Allow to dry overnight, lightly sand with #220 grit sandpaper, wipe with a tack cloth and apply a second coat. Applying two or more coats in one day or applying excessive film thickness (greater than 4 mils) will lead to insufficient drying of the paint and will yield soft paint films. For airless spray application, no thinning is required. Apply using 1,600-2,400 psi with a 0.013-0.017 inch tip.

**NON-SLIP DECKS** – To provide a safe, slip-resistant texture on decks, add one container of Marine Coatings Anti-Slip Additive to the mixed Topside Paint. Stir the mixture thoroughly to ensure compound is dispersed and remains in suspension. A minimum of two coats are recommended. No sanding is required between coats. Allow to dry 24 hours for light use and 3 days for full use. If preferred, apply a coat of Topside Paint without Anti-Slip additive to all areas requiring a non-skid surface, then sprinkle or broadcast the Anti-Slip Additive into the wet Topside Paint. After drying overnight, carefully brush off all loose Anti-Slip Additive and apply another thin, even coat of Topside Paint to the surface. For decks that have a pre-molded, non-skid embossment, wash the surface with a dewaxer. Abrade the area thoroughly with bronze wool and solvent clean to remove residue. Apply two coats of Topside Paint, adding Anti-Slip Additive to the mixture if an improved non-slip texture is desired.

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**DRY & RECOAT**

Dry and recoat times are based on 70°F and 50% relative humidity. Allow more time at cooler temperatures. Dries to the touch in 1-2 hours, to handle in 4-6, and can be recoated in 24 hours.

**CLEAN-UP**

Clean up application tools and equipment with mineral spirits.

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<b>Resin Type</b>		Modified Alkyd
<b>Pigment Type</b>		Varies with color
<b>Solvents</b>		Aromatic Hydrocarbons
<b>Weight</b>	<b>Per Gallon</b>	7.4- 8.7 lbs.
	<b>Per Liter</b>	0.89-1.04 kg
<b>Solids</b>	<b>By Weight</b>	45.1-54.1%
	<b>By Volume</b>	36.8-38.0%
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds</b>		<500 g/l
<b>Recommended Dry Film Thickness (DFT) Per Coat</b>		1.0-1.5 mils
<b>Wet Film to Achieve DFT (unthinned material)</b>		2.5-4.0 mils
<b>Theoretical Coverage at 1 mil DFT (25μ) sq.ft./gal</b>		152 sq.ft./quart
<b>Practical Coverage at Recommended DFT (sq.ft./gal) (assumes 15% material loss)</b>		100 ft <sup>2</sup> /quart
<b>Dry Times at 77°F (25°C) and 50% Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Touch</b>	1-2 hours
	<b>Handle</b>	4-6 hours
	<b>Recoat</b>	24 hours
	<b>Full Cure</b>	3 days
<b>Shelf Life</b>		3 years
<b>Flash Point</b>		104°F (40°C)
<b>Safety Information</b>		For additional information, see MSDS

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