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**RUST-OLEUM®**

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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.**

**PRODUCT**

SKU	DESCRIPTION (1-Quart)
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**

Remove all dirt, grease, oil, salt wax and chemical contaminants by washing the surface with a commercial detergent or other suitable cleaning method. Rinse with fresh water and allow to thoroughly dry. Remove loose paint and rust with a wire brush or sandpaper. Lightly sand glossy surfaces.

**WARNING!** If you scrape, sand or remove old paint from any surface, you may release lead paint dust. LEAD IS TOXIC. EXPOSURE TO LEAD DUST CAN CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS, SUCH AS BRAIN DAMAGE; ESPECIALLY IN CHILDREN. PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD ALSO AVOID EXPOSURE. Wear a NIOSH approved respirator to control lead exposure. Clean up carefully with a HEPA vacuum and a wet mop. Before you start, find out how to protect yourself and your family by contacting the National Lead Information Hotline at 1-800-424-LEAD or log on to [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead).

**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. 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. 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. Proceed with application of the first coat of Topside Paint.

**PRODUCT APPLICATION (cont.)****SURFACE PREPARATION (cont.)**

**BARE WOOD** – Sand the surface smooth with 80-120 grit sandpaper. Remove sanding dust and residue. Fill all screw heads or small holes with a wood repair compound. Sand smooth and remove sanding dust. 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 cleaned and then sanded with #120 grit sandpaper. Remove sanding dust. Follow with a coat of Marine Coatings Primer for Wood & Fiberglass to smooth the surface and provide a uniform base; sand smooth and remove sanding dust. Proceed with the first coat of Topside Paint.

**BARE STEEL** – Abrasive blast to bare metal or abrade with emery cloth or abrasive wheel. 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** – Clean surface of grease and oil. Remove oxidation and abrade the surface with medium grit emery cloth. Remove sanding dust. 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** – Existing paint is in good, sound condition should be cleaned thoroughly. Sand smooth with #150 grit sandpaper and 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.

**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.

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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.

**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.

	<b>TECHNICAL DATA</b>	<b>MAR-05</b>
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## PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

		TOPSIDE PAINT
Resin Type		Modified Alkyd
Pigment Type		Varies with color
Solvents		Aromatic Hydrocarbons
Weight	Per Gallon	7.4- 8.7 lbs.
	Per Liter	0.89-1.04 kg
Solids	By Weight	45.1-54.1%
	By Volume	36.8-38.0%
Volatile Organic Compounds		<500 g/l
Recommended Dry Film Thickness (DFT) Per Coat		1.0-1.5 mils
Wet Film to Achieve DFT (unthinned material)		2.5-4.0 mils
Practical Coverage at Recommended DFT (assumes 15% material loss)		100 sq. ft./quart
Dry Times at 70-80°F (21-27°C) and 50% Relative Humidity	Touch	1-2 hours
	Handle	4-6 hours
	Recoat	24 hours
	Full Cure	3 days
Shelf Life		3 years
Flash Point		104°F (40°C)
Safety Information		For additional information, see SDS

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