

# **Awlwash 2.0 & Awlcare Maintenance Products**

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# Awlwash 2.0 Wash Down Concentrate

- Formulated to clean Awlgrip finishes
- Does not contain acids, alkalines or abrasives
- Fully compatible with Awlcare
- Designed to clean topcoats without excessive removal of Awlcare protective polymer coating
- Awlwash 2.0 is free rinsing which decreases drying time
- Can be safely used on all paints & gelcoats
- Available in an easy to use 1 gallon plastic container



# Availability

- 7 Awlwash 2.0 (O73235) is available to order Asia Pacific and is currently available in Europe.
  - Awlcare O73240 is available now.
- 7 Please contact your local Customer Order Desk or your Local Awlgrip Technical Sales Representative for further details.
- 7 For further information relating to the products featured in this presentation, please refer to our website [www.awlgrip.com](http://www.awlgrip.com)



# Awlgrip Range - Boat Maintenance Products

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- Cleaning is one of the most rewarding tasks that the boat owner can undertake as it has the advantage of producing a result that is immediately visible.
- The boat maintenance products offered by Awlgrip have been specifically developed to ensure that Awlgrip topcoats last for years.
- Using these dedicated 'fit for purpose' products will help to eliminate the premature dulling of the coating that the use of unsuitable, harsh cleaners can cause.
- Using Awlwash 2.0 and Awlcare together will provide the safest and most effective protection for your boat's Awlgrip finish.



# Awlcare Protective Polymer Sealer

- Regular application of Awlcare increases the resistance from acid rain attack and other environmental pollutants
- Awlcare acts as your sacrificial layer to minimise pollutants, acids & other harmful mineral deposits contacting & damaging your paintwork
- Removes mild stains such as water spots and diesel soot
- Awlcare leaves a non-yellowing, protective polymer coating which lasts through multiple washings
- Contains no harsh abrasives and will not scratch the painted surface
- Easy to apply by hand this non-abrasive synthetic polymer has been formulated to clean and protect Awlgrip Finishes
- Available in US pint and half gallon containers



# Cleaning Equipment

- 7 As with most jobs, using the correct equipment makes the task easier and more efficient to carry out. The equipment required for keeping your boat clean are few and uncomplicated:
- 7 Brushes with a soft texture are suitable for use on Awlgrip® painted surfaces. Brushes with a coarse texture should not be used on painted surfaces but reserved for use on non-slip decks and other tough surfaces. Always use dedicated cleaning sponges & brushes. Do not use a brush that has previously been used on the decks for your paintwork. Make sure your crew is aware of what may be used & where.
- 7 A bucket. Please remember to adhere to the recommended dilutions. Check the instructions on the TDS.
- 7 Use an old toothbrush or small soft brush to get to those difficult-to-reach areas
- 7 Silicon blades make excellent drying tools for large flat areas.

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# Caring For Your Boat

- 7 Rinsing your boat with fresh water
  - Remember that fresh water is a safe and readily available cleaning agent.
  - By doing this you will drastically reduce the amount of time needed to wash and wax it.
  
- 7 Drying your boat
  - Once you have finished washing your boat it is good practice to get it dried as quickly as possible to prevent water marks
  
- 7 Protective covers – tarpaulins
  - Tarpaulin, constructed from heavy-duty vinyl or canvas, is used to shield the upper decks from the attack of the elements. It is particularly useful in protecting painted and varnished surfaces from the effects of UV rays.



# Topcoat Maintenance Best Practice

- 1 Do not clean your paint work during the hottest times of the day - Morning & evening is ideal.
- 1 Avoid washing new or fresh paintwork for at least 1 month. Allow new paints to harden properly before cleaning.
- 1 Rinse down your coating with fresh water, prior to washing. This helps wash away pollutants & deposits on your paint surface.
- 1 Use only recommended detergents, never strong harsh detergents.
- 1 Use only very soft sponges or washing mitts.
- 1 Always thoroughly rinse away all detergent residue with fresh, clean water, preferably softened.
- 1 Do not allow water containing detergents or other cleaning liquids to sit on your paintwork, especially in hot weather. Never allow pools of detergent water to dry on your coating.
- 1 Always dry your coating as best as possible after washing.
- 1 Hot water & white vinegar makes an excellent solution for removal of mineral deposits such as calcium and salts if Awlwash 2.0 has not removed it. Make sure to neutralise with plenty of fresh water.



## Topcoat Maintenance – the “DO NOTs”

- 7 Do not treat Awlgrip Topcoat with Polishing compounds. Only Awlcraft 2000 & Awlgrip HDT can be polished & buffed.
- 7 Avoid using brand new deck brushes or other scrubbing equipment with sharp bristles.
- 7 Never use scouring or abrasive pads to remove stains.
- 7 Never use gelcoat or other stain removers on paintwork as these contain strong chemicals.
- 7 Never use teak cleaners with contain Oxalic acid on your paintwork. If you splash paintwork with teak cleaner, any residue must be washed away immediately with fresh water.
- 7 If you are using metal polishes or stainless steel brighteners, always protect the coating underneath. Metal cleaners often contain phosphoric acid which can stain & burn paint coatings.
- 7 Make sure that water run-off from activities such as teak cleaning through scuppers is not damaging topside paint work.
- 7 Make sure your cleaning activities do not splash onto the bulwarks or topsides of your neighbors yacht.



# Safety When using Boat Cleaning Products

- Some boat cleaning products in common usage are either strongly acidic, like rust remover, or strongly alkaline, like degreaser.
- In general, for all boat cleaning products:
  - Always read the manufacturer's full Health & Safety guidelines and all instructions for use that are printed on the label
- When working on a slippery deck surface wear:
  - Deck shoes
  - Life jacket
  - Safety harness
  - Safety glasses
  - Chemical resistant gloves

# The End