

Chemical Stripping of Anti-Foul Paint

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Product: Hullstrip by Scomar

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Safety requirements:

1. Safety Glasses
2. Protective Glasses
3. Ventilation

Description

Hullstrip is supplied as a kit pack as follows:

- 1 x 20 litre container of Hullstrip
- 2 x containers of hull cleaner
- 2 x rolls of silicone release paper

Hullstrip is a thick paste and is applied with a 100mm paint brush.

Method

Half a square metre of paste is applied with the 100 mm brush to the surface to be stripped. The paste is then covered with the silicone release paper which sticks to the paste immediately. It is recommended that masking tape be applied around the edges of the release paper, sealing the paper to the hull. The masking tape limits the escape of the slow acting solvent. This method is then repeated to cover the entire area of proposed antifoul stripping.

The coated area is then overnight or for a minimum of 12 hours.

The paper is then removed and in most cases brings a substantial amount of softened antifoul with it! The remaining softened antifoul paint is then easily removed with a flat blade paint scraper.

Advantages

1. Economical – one 20 litre kit costs approximately \$300 and will treat a hull up to 30 ft in length.
2. Easy to use – this is a one person operation however it does help with someone cutting and applying the silicone release paper.
3. The instructions provided with the kit are very comprehensive
4. The paste product has a very long shelf life (my 20 litre kit has lasted 4 years)