

## ***Maintenance Guidelines – Traditional Amber Urethane***

**Bristol Finish Traditional Amber Urethane** is a very durable, highly UV resistant coating, and the low maintenance requirement is the product's most important and appreciated feature.

### ***1. Maintenance Schedule***

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Maintenance is determined more by exposure conditions and wear factors than any fixed schedule. Here are some general guidelines:

In equatorial climates, (Caribbean) top coat once per year.

In southern latitudes (Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas) top coat once every 1 to 2 years.

In mid-Atlantic areas (Chesapeake Bay) a top coat should be applied once every 2 to 3 years.

In New England, a top coat is needed only once every 3 to 4 years, if the boat is not covered during winter storage.

Customers have reported extreme high wear areas like commercial flooring requiring a top coat about once per year.

Residential flooring or cabin floors aboard boats should only need to be top coated once every 3 to 5 years.

This modest maintenance schedule will renew the coating thickness and UV resistance and keep the finish looking new.

### ***2. Maintenance Procedure***

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Wash to remove all salt and dirt. Rinse thoroughly and dry. Sand by hand using 220 grit to remove all gloss, oxidation and surface defects. Do not sand sharp corners or edges, but scuff with 3M #7447 red ScotchBrite pad. Remove sanding dust and wipe with acetone, then use a tack rag.

Apply 1 or 2 coats and insure that there are no thin spots or missed areas. More coats must be applied when patching any damage. Build up any bare spots to the same thickness as the surrounding area. Allow to dry thoroughly. Sand the repairs and surrounding areas smooth. Apply the maintenance coat as described above.

### ***3. Coating Removal***

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Sand off the coating with 80 grit paper, or use any commercial paint remover. Gelcoat safe strippers will remove Bristol Finish when used with patience.

If there are areas that are damaged, small spots are easily sanded out. Please note that complete removal will only be required if the minimal maintenance schedule is grossly neglected.