



Flagship High Build Varnish

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Traditional Marine Varnish

- Traditional warm, amber hue with outstanding gloss retention
- Highest build and film depth per coat
- Highest level of U.V. protection
- Extremely durable finish
- Easy to apply

Technical Information



Finish: Gloss

Solids by Weight: 55%

Solids by Volume: 48%

Coverage: 450 ft²/gal.

VOC: 420 grams/liter (3.5 pounds/gallon) **Flash Point:** 108°F

Application Method: Brush or spray.

Number of Coats:

Bare Wood: 4 Minimum

Existing Varnish: 2 Minimum

Wet Film Thickness: 3.0 mils

Dry Film Thickness: 1.5 mils

Application Temp: 45° F. Min. / 90°

F. Max. **Thinners:**

120 Brushing Thinner

120 VOC Brushing Thinner

121 Spraying Thinner

Dry Time*: (hours)

	To Touch	Tack Free	Dry Hard
90°F	1 - 3	4 - 6	8 - 12
70°F	2 - 4	6 - 8	16 - 20
50°F	4 - 8	12 - 16	24 - 48

* Above times are minimums. Double dry times when humidity levels exceed 85%



With 6 times more UV inhibitors, Z-Spar Flagship varnish offers the best protection against the sun's damaging rays. A special blend of phenolic and alkyd resins combined with tung and linseed oils offer excellent performance and a warm, light amber hue. Flagship Varnish contains an ultraviolet light filter in conjunction with a light stabilizer to screen the sun's damaging rays for longer life. Flagship Varnish has the highest build and film depth per coat, as well as excellent abrasion resistance and a high gloss finish.

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

Do not shake varnish. Stir gently before application, being careful not to introduce air bubbles into the varnish. Flagship High Build Varnish may be applied by brush, conventional or airless spray. Thinning is not normally required although on warm days use Pettit 120 Brushing Thinner at 5-10% by volume to ease brushing and maintain good flow and leveling. When spraying, use Pettit 121 Spraying Thinner up to 20% by volume. Spray one even, wet coat to minimize orange peel. Do not apply in heavy films or build coats too quickly as solvent entrapment, blistering or wrinkling may occur. Do not apply Flagship High Build Varnish on extremely humid days 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. DO NOT apply this varnish to a wood hull which has been dried more than one week under conditions such as artificial heat. Do not use Flagship High Build Varnish below the waterline on boats that remain in the water. The moisture content of the wood should be a minimum of 15% when varnished. This will eliminate expansion cracking, micro-checking and gloss loss when the varnish is in service.

SURFACE PREPARATION

Wood must be clean, dry and properly prepared prior to varnishing. When sanding wood, always sand with the grain. Use a vacuum, air hose, or tack rag to remove all traces of sanding residue. Follow all surface preparation steps carefully, avoiding shortcuts. Inadequate surface preparation will virtually assure inadequate varnish performance.

SYSTEMS

Bare Wood

1. Sand surface completely smooth with 180-320 grit production paper. Wipe surface to remove sanding residue with a tack rag or rag dampened with Pettit 120 Brushing Thinner.
2. Apply a generous covering coat of Pettit 2018 EZ Wood Sealer. Let it dry overnight and sand thoroughly with 220 grit sandpaper. On especially rough or porous wood, a second coat of 2018 EZ Wood Sealer may be applied. If applied, sand the second coat as well and wipe the surface clean with a tack rag or a rag dampened with Pettit 120 Brushing Thinner.
3. Apply at least four coats of Flagship High Build Varnish. Let each coat dry overnight, sand with 220 grit sandpaper, and clean off sanding residue with a tack rag before applying the next coat. Sand the next to last coat with 400 grit production paper and clean off sanding residue with a tack rag before applying the final coat.

Varnished Wood in Good Condition

1. Wipe old varnish with Pettit 120 Brushing Thinner to be sure all dirt, wax, polish and/or grease has been removed.
2. Thoroughly sand the existing varnish with 180-220 grit production paper and wipe clean with a tack rag.
3. Apply at least two coats of Flagship High Build Varnish. Let the first coat dry overnight, sand with 400 grit sandpaper and clean off sanding residue with a tack rag before applying the final coat.

Varnished Wood in Poor Condition

1. Remove all the old varnish with a paint and varnish remover or by sanding.
2. Bleach the wood if necessary to remove water stains.
3. Proceed with the system for bare wood shown above.

Bare Teak- (or other woods with high oil content)

1. Sand the wood smooth with 120 grit production paper to open up the grain. Wipe the surface thoroughly with Pettit 120 Brushing Thinner in an effort to aggressively remove as much oil as possible.
2. Apply a generous coat of Pettit 2018 EZ Wood Sealer. After an overnight dry, lightly sand the surface with 220 grit sandpaper and wipe it clean with a rag dampened with Pettit 120 Brushing Thinner.
3. Apply at least four coats of Flagship High Build Varnish. Let each coat dry overnight, sand with 220 grit sandpaper, and clean off sanding residue with a tack rag before applying the next coat. Sand the next to last coat with 400 grit production paper prior to applying the final coat.

It should be noted that woods with a high oil content may eventually experience adhesion problems as there is no way to totally eliminate the oil and prevent it from migrating to the surface. However, this application technique has proven successful in most circumstances.