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MAINTENANCE AND CARE TIPS

Incorrect wash techniques, tools and products are some of the main causes of surface defects such as swirl marks being inflicted in the yachts finish. Over a short period of time, these swirl marks and surface scratches build up resulting in a hazy finish with less reflections, less gloss and they also give a place for contaminants such as salt, calcium from hard water, airborne contaminants and diesel soot to cling to.

By implementing some of these following tips you can greatly minimise the chance of inducing defects into the yachts finish. While some of these tips may seem like common sense, they are not implemented thoroughly enough throughout the industry. Remember, you only need to stray from these guidelines once for the damage to be done.

WASH DOWNS

1. Use 100% lambswool wash mitts or 100% lambswool pole attachment for the hard to reach areas.
2. Avoid sponges at all costs. They may loosen the contaminants from the surface but in doing so they drag every surface contaminant across the finish as they get trapped in between the sponge and the surface. This results in the guarantee of swirl marks and surface scratches left behind.
3. Avoid all wash down brushes where possible. Even the softest of wash down brushes inflict unnecessary damage to even the hardest of finishes. However if there is a large buildup of salt crystals that will not dissolve through rinsing, a brush may be necessary to remove them.

4. Keep the Lambswool mitts and attachments in as clean a condition as possible during and after use. If the mitt is kept in good condition and lubricated well while being used, the mitt itself will never damage the finish.
5. "Thoroughly" rinse down the area to be washed before coming into contact to the paint with the wash mitt. Try to remove as many loose impurities as possible with the hose before physically touching the paint. It is these contaminants and impurities that do the damage.
6. Try to use pH neutral shampoo only.
7. Use a strong mixture of shampoo and water as it is the shampoo that acts as an important lubricant that both safely lifts contaminants from the surface and helps the wash wash mitt safely glide across the finish picking up the contaminants as it goes.
8. Replace the water in the bucket whenever necessary to insure you always have a strong, clean mix.
9. Rinse away the soap with a "free flowing" hose wherever possible. Try not to use a hose gun or a mist. This will help the water to sheet and roll off the surface as much as possible, resulting in quicker drying times, while also avoiding water marks on those hot days.
10. Do not use a leather chamois or squeegee blade to dry. They both induce defects into the surface. Use a deep pile microfiber drying towel. If possible, with the aid of a quick detailer spray for lubrication, while also helping the water to evaporate for a water mark, streak free finish and quicker drying time.

WIPE DOWNS

1. It is important to note that wipe downs, should only be performed to remove light dust, fingerprints, morning dew, etc. They should not be performed to "wash" the surface whenever possible.
2. Equipment needed: two heavy weight microfiber cloths, a bucket of clean water and a quick detailer spray such as "Meguiars Last Touch Detailer".
3. Wet one microfibre cloth in the bucket of clean water then ring it out so it is damp but not dripping.
4. Spray a moderate amount of the detailer spray onto the surface using the mist action on the spray head, one section at a time so the product does not dry out.
5. Gently wipe the selected surface with the damp microfiber cloth to remove any impurities.
6. Then with the second dry microfiber, gently buff dry any leftover residue.

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