

Foulfree

Technical Data Sheet

*AIRMAR certifies that the application of Foulfree™ coating on its transducers results in no loss in transducer performance

Product Line Foulfree™

Description Fouling on the face of transducers can reduce their sensitivity, decreasing

bottom-echo returns and fish targets. Keep your transducer performing at its peak with Foulfree™. This proprietary clear coat forms a slick surface marine growth can't grab onto, keeping your transducer surface clean and clear.

Typical Uses As a fouling preventative coating for transducers.

Physical Properties Binder type - Silicone Polymer

Solvent - Aromatic/Aliphatic Blend

Colour - Clear coating Finish - Glossy

Dry time - 20 minutes touch dry 8 hours hard dry @ 20°C

Recoat time - Between 8 hours and 5 days at 20°C

Theoretical coverage - 12m²/Lt

Recommended film build - 75 microns per coat

Shelf life - 36 months

Surface Preparation & Application

See application video www.oceanmax.com/foulfree

Gloves and protective glasses must be worn at all times.

For better adhesion of Foulfree™ Transducer Coating on plastic fairing (polyethylene, polypropylene, nylon, etc.), you may need to use a piece of 40 grit sandpaper—NOT included. Do NOT sand the transducer housing or face as it will damage the transducer, voiding the manufacturer's warranty.

STEP 1: SURFACE PREPARATION

Transducer in service:

Remove fouling and/or any previous coatings from the transducer housing and face with the abrasive pad provided.

In case of heavy fouling, scrape transducer face with a metal putty knife without gouging the surface. Drag the putty knife across the transducer face at a perpendicular angle and follow with a wet sanding block. Never use a power sander or pressure washer on the face of the transducer.

Take care not to scratch or damage the transducer face.

Fairing blocks ONLY:

To improve adhesion between plastic fairing blocks and the Foulfree™ coating, we recommend sanding the fairing block with 40 grit sandpaper – sold separately.

- 1. Abrade the fairing block with 40 grit sandpaper to achieve a roughened surface.
- 2. Remove any residue from sanding.

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Transducer Face & Housing:

- 1. Lightly scuff/abrade plastic housing and face of the transducer. Do not scour or deeply scratch the face of the transducer.
- Tape off any areas you do not wish to coat with the Foulfree™ Transducer Coating.
- 3. Clean the transducer face with the XDclean wipe provided. Immediately remove any residue with a clean, dry rag. Ensure the surface is 100% clean and dry before proceeding.

STEP 2: APPLICATION

- Squeeze Foulfree™ Transducer Coating onto the provided application brush.
- Gently apply one thin coat to the surfaces that you want to protect from fouling.
- Make sure there are no heavy runs or sags. You'll have 5 to 10 minutes to touch these up.

STEP 3: DRY TIME

- Foulfree™ requires a minimum of 8 hours to dry before launching. In colder conditions, 40–60°F (5–13°C), wait at least 24 hours before launching.
- Foulfree™ can sit out of water for extended periods of time in warm or cold climates with no adverse effects.

Performance & Limitations

Performance

- Zero toxic substances
- Good fouling prevention properties
- Clear coating
- · Long service life
- · Easily recoated

Limitations

- · Soft coating, care required to prevent mechanical damage
- Must be removed completely when recoating
- Contains silicone and careful use is required to prevent contamination of other surfaces
- The Propspeed system is not recommended nor approved for use in aquaculture or contact with food products.

Health & Safety

Clear Coat

Contains organic solvents including xylene. Do not expose to naked flame or high temperature heating equipment Avoid skin contact. It is recommended that a barrier cream or gloves be used for hands and eye protection is worn. Always ensure adequate ventilation when painting.

Transport

UN No.:

1263

Class:

3h

Hazchem:

3Y

Packing Group: III

Storage

Do not store close to naked flames or near high temperature heating equipment.

First Aid

If swallowed

- Immediately call a doctor/physician. Rinse mouth with water. Do NOT induce vomiting.

Skin contact

- Wash with soap and water

Eye contact

- Flush with copious quantities of clean water. Seek medical attention.

Inhalation

Remove to fresh air. Seek medical attention.

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