

KING **STARBOARD®**

The Ultimate Marine Building Material™

Care & Maintenance Manual



Because the builder of your boat is dedicated to quality in every detail, they've chosen King StarBoard® to construct many of its components. This manual contains everything you need to know to keep those components looking new for the life of your boat.

Care & Maintenance

King StarBoard® is the first building material specifically developed to endure the constant punishment of the sun, water and weather in harsh marine environments. We like to say that it is the first “environmentally stabilized” marine polymer sheet. Unlike wood, wood laminates and ordinary plastic, it won’t rot, warp, discolor or delaminate. It’s made to maintain its shape, color and finish for the life of your boat.

The King StarBoard family of marine-grade polymers is also chemically resistant. Most chemicals, except the harshest solvents and acids, will have little effect on the material.

There isn’t much you have to do to keep it looking new. Following are a few tips on care and maintenance to keep all those parts made with King StarBoard looking shipshape.

- Keep teak oil and other wood preservatives and stains away from King StarBoard components. They may permanently stain King StarBoard.
- Soft deck shoes are recommended for walking surfaces made with King StarBoard marine polymers. Hard, black soles can sometimes leave scuff marks that are difficult to remove.
- Do not mark the material with pencils, pens or magic markers. If you are constructing something with or attaching something to King StarBoard, use china markers or wax pencils.
- Clean up any gasoline spills immediately with a water and soap flush.
- King StarBoard will melt if exposed to extreme heat. Your boat builder has chosen King StarBoard for particular applications based on normal experiences and considerable testing. This includes normal environmental conditions. Do not subject the material to a consistent operating temperature of over 150° Fahrenheit. Heat sources such as hot plates, lit cigarettes, etc. can also mar the finish.
- You will not be able to paint King StarBoard. Even polyurethanes do not hold to the material for long.

Cleaning

Cleaning parts and accessories made with King StarBoard® marine polymers is very simple:

- To clean everyday dirt and stains, use a cleaner such as Soft Scrub® and a nylon scrubby or stiff nylon brush. Scrub lightly; excess force can mar the finish.
- Persistent stains will usually go away if you soak the area with bleach (do not use 100% chlorine as used to treat swimming pools) and/or use a pressure washer.
- To clean a petroleum stain such as grease or oil, use a citrus cleaner, alcohol or mineral spirits.
- In severe cases, spray petroleum-based stains with WD40®. Then use toluene or acetone and a white nylon scrub pad (colored pads release staining dyes when combined with acetone).
- Do not use MEK, turpentine or naphtha solvent.

Furniture polish or products such as Armor-All® can add an attractive luster to the finish of King StarBoard, but don't use these products on walking surfaces. These products will also hide small surface blemishes.

If a mark or stain won't come out, you may lightly sand the area. Be careful and only work on the stained area because sanding will remove the matte finish.

Any high-quality silicone marine caulk works well to replace old or worn caulking. Before caulking, the surface should be prepared by abrading it with medium-grit sandpaper, cleaning it with acetone, toluene or alcohol, and flame treating.

Customizing with King StarBoard®

Boaters like you have found King StarBoard® to be the perfect fit when they want to unleash their creativity and make their boat better for their boating lifestyle. Our Web site, www.kingstarboard.com, details many innovative projects and describes the various King StarBoard products. The material is easy to work with using standard woodworking tools and techniques, although users are advised to read the "Working with King StarBoard" instruction sheet, available on our Web site.

A few suggestions from our Web site are worth mentioning:

- Use standard woodworking tools to repair or fabricate components. To create a crisp edge with a circular saw, use a good carbide blade with 60 teeth for a 10" blade and 40 teeth for a 7 1/2" blade.
- King StarBoard® cannot be glued using standard adhesives. It is preferable to use mechanical fasteners when constructing components with King StarBoard. Visit our Web site to obtain the latest information and recommendations regarding adhesives and their application.
- When securing a component to King StarBoard with screws, it is important to drill pilot holes in materials to be joined followed by an oversized hole in the King StarBoard. This will properly allow for material expansion and contraction. For a more detailed discussion of King StarBoard physical properties, visit our Web site.
- Staples work well with King StarBoard. However, it may be necessary to use a tack hammer to drive the staple all the way in.

Popular King StarBoard applications include: hatches, doors, grab rails & handles, step and dock boxes, rod & cup holders, countertops (other than galley), chairs, tray tables, frames and trim.

Product Availability

The King StarBoard® family of marine-grade polymer products is available in eight standard colors and many thicknesses. Full and partial sheets are usually available from local marine wholesale or retail outlets. Many boat dealers, marinas and boat yards have or can easily obtain King StarBoard. Visit the King StarBoard Web site, www.kingstarboard.com, to review the standard products and colors.

Some boat builders use custom-colored King StarBoard. This is usually more difficult to obtain and may be proprietary to the boat manufacturer. If you want a perfect match with a custom color, contact your boat manufacturer.

These general guidelines are not intended to address every conceivable concern regarding the care and maintenance of your King StarBoard products. Visit www.kingstarboard.com for ideas and detailed instructions or send questions to info@kingstarboard.com.



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