

### SEAJET PELLER CLEAN



£44.06

Over the last several seasons I have tried a variety of propeller antifouling preparations and, although each has been better than launching the boat with a bare propeller, none of them has really stepped up and declared itself as a good preventative treatment that will last a full season. Now, however, we may have found an (if not 'the') answer.

For the 2009 season I applied SeaJet Peller Clean coating to the propeller of my outboard, as detailed in ST147 July, and have been impressed with the results.

From the time I received information about the Peller Clean kit, I made enquiries as to whether or not the propeller had to be taken back to bare metal before the Peller Clean was applied. I was repeatedly assured it did not, despite their subsequent Letters to the Editor implying that the metal should, after all, be bared. The instruction leaflet also indicates that it's only necessary to remove loose paint. Anyway, I removed all easily removed paint and left the rest, which I rather wished I had not done, because the Peller Clean is transparent and the 'mottled' substrate can be seen

through it. The appearance was unsightly, but once immersed no one was going to look at it and there is no indication at all that the performance or adhesion of the Peller Clean has been affected.

Unlike other preparations, Peller Clean is a multi-component material that forms a silicone-based, slippery surface to which fouling has great difficulty adhering when the prop is spinning. You may see a slight build-up of growth if the prop is left standing for a couple of weeks, but after the engine has been run for just a short while, it disappears.

The coating, once cured, feels a little rubbery and not actually slippery – in fact just like cured silicone sealant.



Not surprisingly, good performance from Peller Clean only comes from careful preparation and application, which includes prolonged mixing of the components and painting on of the various parts at strict time intervals – again as discussed in our previous report. It sounds rather fiddly, but it's worthwhile.

The outboard on my boat is mounted in a well and cannot be conveniently lifted out of the water, so the prop and lower leg are constantly in the water and collecting fouling. As my photos show, the antifouling on the outboard drive leg, uncleaned for a full season of about eight months, was overpowered by weed, marine organisms and a few barnacles,



but the propeller remained just about clean. In fact it is shown carrying the build-up mentioned earlier of a couple of weeks without the prop being turned. If the engine were run at this point the prop would quickly clear itself.

Like most antifoulings, Peller Clean is not a cheap material, each kit providing just one treatment, but I am impressed by its performance and certainly plan to use it again.

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#### WE LIKE

It works!

#### WE DON'T LIKE

Costly

Needs careful preparation and application

#### VERDICT ★★★★★

Peller Clean is a strange substance to prepare and apply and it's not cheap, but it performed well during our trial season.



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Main pic: The Peller Clean kit. Above left: The propeller was pretty clean at the season's end, but the rest of the leg certainly wasn't. Above right: After a quick wash off the prop was clean as a whistle.

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