

Maintaining an Awlcraft 2000 Topcoat (excerpts from the [AkzoNobel website](#))

Do:

1. Wash the surface regularly with Awlwash 73234 and water. Regular cleaning will avoid build up which can slowly attack the topcoat, prematurely ageing the coating.
2. **Awlcraft 2000 only:**
Use only mild solvents to remove stubborn stains. Awlprep T0008, mineral spirits, xylene, kerosene and diesel fuel are acceptable for use on Awlcraft 2000.
Apply solvents with soft clean cloths. Wipe up solvent quickly. Do not allow solvent to dry on the surface or puddle and soak into the surface. Wash these areas with mild detergent and water to remove solvent residue.
3. Always thoroughly rinse all surfaces with fresh water after cleaning with detergents or solvents. Latent solvent residue can attack the topcoat, while detergent residue will attract dirt.
4. Use distilled white vinegar and hot water to remove stubborn salt stains.
Use Awlcare 73240 by hand only to remove stubborn diesel soot stains.

Do Not:

1. Do not wax.

General:

Wax build up ages and yellows very rapidly, creating the need to maintain the wax and causing the topcoat to appear yellow. Wax build up also collects dirt, increasing maintenance.

Awlcraft 2000 Only:

Waxing will help maintain the gloss on Awlcraft 2000 finishes, especially those which have been buffed or polished. Remember waxing leads to having to maintain the wax.

Do not wax areas unless they are dull or hazed.

2. Do not use abrasives, scratch pads or polishing compounds. Scratching the surface gives dirt a place to cling while wearing out the resin layer. Using abrasives of any kind will reduce the overall life of the finish and voids the Awlgrip Limited Warranty.
3. Do not allow contact between the Awlgrip, Awlgrip HS or Awlcraft 2000 Topcoat and teak cleaners. Most teak cleaners contain acids or caustic agents that stain and discolor an Awlgrip, Awlgrip HS or Awlcraft 2000 Topcoat.
4. Do not use strong solvents (e.g. lacquer thinner, M.E.K., acetone) to clean Awlcraft 2000, Awlbrite Clear or Awlspar Varnish.
5. Do not allow wet equipment (e.g. seat cushions, coils of line, sails, sail covers, coolers) to trap and hold moisture against Awlgrip Topcoats. This condition can result in blistering or delamination of the Awlgrip, Awlgrip HS or Awlcraft 2000 Topcoat.
6. Do not use acrylic †Teflon® coatings over an Awlgrip, Awlgrip HS or Awlcraft 2000 Finish. Use of these coatings void the Awlgrip Limited Warranty.
7. Do not “shrink wrap” or tightly bind Awlgrip, Awlgrip HS or Awlcraft 2000 Topcoat surfaces with plastic wrappings.

When tarping a boat for storage, the cover system should be ventilated to allow the coating system to “breathe”. Covers and tarps, whether synthetic or natural fiber, should not be pulled tight to surfaces painted with Awlcraft 2000 Topcoat. This condition can trap and hold moisture on the surface and may result in loss of gloss, blistering or delamination of the topcoat.

Caution should also be used to ensure that the tarp does not chafe against the Awlgrip, Awlgrip HS or Awlcraft 2000 surface. Such chafing, especially when accompanied by airborne dirt, can abrade the surface and cause premature loss of gloss.