



PRODUCT INFORMATION BULLETIN

CARE AND UPKEEP OF FIBERGLASS REINFORCED PANELS

Keeping the exterior surface of Gel Coated finished panels is easy, with a little care and attention to detail. Following the simple periodic maintenance tips and practices listed below can minimize many of the detrimental effects of weather, the environment, general wear and tear. The Gel Coat is an acceptable weather resistant exterior that with proper care will give years of services.

- Tip #1** Regularly inspect your unit for signs of damage, nicks, scrapes, stains, deterioration around fasteners, breakdown of caulking or general signs of moisture intrusion into the panels.
- Tip #2** Although Gel Coat is extremely stain resistant; the stain should be removed as soon as possible. Prolonged exposure in sunlight can modify some stains and make removal more difficult.
- Tip #3** When not in use, keep your Gel Coat surfaced vehicle out of the sun or covered with a canvas tarpaulin. **Do not use sheet plastic or other non-porous materials, which can trap moisture between the cover and the surface.**
- Tip #4** Wash the surface with a mild detergent. For best results, use a cleaner recommended for fiberglass, following the label directions. **Do not use automatic dishwasher detergent, abrasives, bleaches, and strong chemicals with acid-bases or ammonia.**
- Tip #5** Wash & wax at least twice yearly to restore gloss and protect the finish. Use only wax recommended for fiberglass and follow instructions carefully, such as Mother's California Gold Carnuba Cleaner Wax, Boat Armor Paste-Boat Wax and Mequiers Mirror Glase.
- Tip #6** Minor scratches and nicks can be easily repaired following simple procedures outlined in Fiber-Tech's Repair & Maintenance manual. Visit our website at www.Fiber-Tech.net or contact Fiber-Tech's Customer Service Department at 740-335-9400 or 509-928-8880.
- Tip #7** Due to the excellent weatherability characteristics of Fiber-Tech's gel coat finish, painting is not necessary or required. Extreme environmental conditions and altering the gel coat finish can affect long-term performance. Painted panels and darker colored panels may weather differently than the originally purchased standard white gel coat. Dark panels absorb more sunlight, generate higher surface temperatures, and thus are exposed to greater thermal swings than white panels. Significant temperature extremes can lead to accelerated aging; can reduce long term performance and cause thermal fatigue.

The suggestions and information presented herein are believed to be reliable. They are offered in good faith, but without guarantee, since conditions and methods of use of Fiber-Tech products are beyond our control. We recommend the prospective user determine the suitability of our material, information, and suggestions before adapting them on a commercial scale.

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