

# **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 at 20°C

Recoat time - Between 8 hours and 5 days at

20°C

Theoretical coverage - 12m<sup>2</sup> / Lt

Recommended film build - 75 microns per coat

Shelf life - 36 months

Typical Preparation & Application

See application video at www.propspeed.com

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.

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### 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.

### **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.
- 2. 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.

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**Transport** UN No.: 1263

Class: 3b 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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