

# KING STARBOARD®

*The Original Marine-Grade Polymer Sheet*

## Care & Maintenance Manual



The builder of your boat is dedicated to quality in every detail, that's why 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 will not, warp, rot, discolor or delaminate. King StarBoard is 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 is not much you have to do to keep it looking new. The following are a few tips on care and maintenance to keep all King StarBoard parts looking new.

- Keep teak oil and other wood preservatives and stains away from King StarBoard components. They may permanently stain King StarBoard.
- Rust stains are very difficult to remove from King StarBoard, especially light colors. Keep uncoated metals away from your new King StarBoard.
- Soft deck shoes are recommended for walking surfaces made with King StarBoard marine polymers. Hard, black soles can leave scuff marks that are difficult to remove.
- Do not mark the material with pencils, pens or magic markers. If you are constructing 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 environmental conditions and considerable testing. Do not subject the material to a consistent operating temperature of over 150° Fahrenheit. Heat sources such as hot plates and lit cigarettes can 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 polymer 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 used to treat swimming pools and do not use a pressure washer.
- To clean a petroleum stain such as grease or oil; use a citrus cleaner, alcohol or mineral spirits.
- For severe petroleum-based stains, spray 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 and hide small surface blemishes. To prevent slipping, do not use these products on walking surfaces.

If a mark or stain won't come out, you may lightly sand the area. Be careful to 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.

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## 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. Visit [www.kingplastic.com](http://www.kingplastic.com) for details on many innovative projects and the various King StarBoard product family. The material is easy to work with using standard woodworking tools and techniques, please refer to the "Working With King StarBoard" instruction sheet, available on our website.

A few suggestions from our website 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 stainless steel mechanical fasteners when constructing components with King StarBoard. Visit our website 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 website.
  - 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 and handles, step and dock boxes, rod and cup holders, countertops (other than galley), chairs, tray tables, frames and trim.
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## Product Availability

King StarBoard 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 [www.kingplastic.com](http://www.kingplastic.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.kingplastic.com](http://www.kingplastic.com) for ideas and detailed instructions or send questions to [sales@kingplastic.com](mailto:sales@kingplastic.com).*

