# **Spray Fairing**

# DuPont<sup>™</sup> 18550S<sup>™</sup> Spray Fairing

### **Type**

DuPont<sup>™</sup> 18550S<sup>™</sup> is a sprayable fairing compound.

### Description

DuPont<sup>™</sup> 18550S<sup>™</sup> is a convenient, easy-to-use, sprayable fairing compound developed to be used in conjunction with DuPont<sup>™</sup> 18545S<sup>™</sup> for fairing large areas of aluminum, steel, fiberglass or wooden marine vessels. DuPont<sup>™</sup> 18550S<sup>™</sup> is designed to be the final surface fairing over DuPont<sup>™</sup> 18545S<sup>™</sup> Fairing Compound.

### **Recommended Uses**

DuPont™ 18550S™ may be used above or below the water and can be easily applied up to 30 mils without sagging or shrinking during the curing process. When cured, this system features excellent sanding characteristics and accepts all DuPont Marine System primers and surfacers for above the water line. It is recommended for use with:

Fairing Compound DuPont™ 18545S™

Primers Corlar® 18510S™ Epoxy Primer

Corlar® 18515S™ High Build Epoxy Primer

### **General Information for Use**



### Components

DuPont™ 18550S™ Spray Fairing

DuPont™ 18150S™ Spray Fairing Activator DuPont™ 18750S™ Spray Fairing Reducer

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#### Mix Ratio

The activator is tinted blue.

Thoroughly mix resin and activator until a uniform color is achieved.

Three component system parts by volume

DuPont™ 18550S™ Spray Fairing1DuPont™ 18150S™ Spray Fairing Activator1DuPont™ 18750S™ Spray Fairing Reducer5 – 10%

Do not reduce DuPont<sup>™</sup> 18550S<sup>™</sup> with <del>no</del> more than 10% DuPont<sup>™</sup> 18750S<sup>™</sup> Spray Fairing Reducer



#### Pot Life and Induction Time

Pot life 2 hours at 77° F (25° C)

There is no induction time

DuPont™ 18550S™ must not be applied beyond the recommended pot life.



#### **Additives**

None Recommended

#### **Guidelines for Use**

#### **Substrate and Surface Preparation**

Underlying DuPont Fairing or Primer coverage must be to product specifications and it is critical the underlying paint layer be cured, sanded, and free of dirt and contamination prior to application of DuPont™ 18550S™ Spray Fairing. Sand Fairing with 36 – 80 grit, primer with 80 grit.

#### **Environmental Conditions**

Substrate and ambient temperature must be between  $55^{\circ}$  F ( $13^{\circ}$  C) and  $95^{\circ}$  F ( $35^{\circ}$  C). The substrate must be at least  $5^{\circ}$  F (3 C) above the dew point. Relative humidity should be below 90%.

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### **Application**

Thoroughly stir resin and hardener components until homogeneous. Combine components until a consistent color is obtained throughout. Add reducer as desired. Apply with a conventional pressure pot spray gun such as Binks or equivalent. Use a #68 (2.8mm/.110″) nozzle with 60-75 psi air pressure. Spray 5-10 mils per coat, allowing 5-6 hours between coats. Recommended film build is 30 to 35 mils maximum. Sand final coat and seal with 2 coats DuPont™ 18510S™ Epoxy Primer. Do not apply DuPont™ 18550S™ beyond the recommended pot life. It is recommended that spray equipment be flushed with DuPont™ 18750S™ Spray Fairing Reducer.

DuPont<sup>™</sup> 18550S<sup>™</sup> should never be applied directly to topcoats.

Over reducing the 18550S<sup>™</sup> and trapping solvent between the spray fairing and primer are the major causes of failure.



### **Dry Times**

To Sand: Approximately 6-8 hours depending upon thickness and environmental conditions.

To full cure: 3 days depending upon environmental conditions.



#### Recoat

Allow 5 hours between coats of 18550S<sup>™</sup>. Allow 18550S<sup>™</sup> to cure a minimum of 24 hrs at temperatures above 77 ° F before priming. At application temperatures below 77° F, allow 2-3 days before priming.



#### Cleanup

Use DuPont™ 3642S™ Thinner or Nason® 481-16™ Thinner for cleaning equipment.

### **Physical Properties**

**VOC:** 1.9 #/gal

Color: DuPont<sup>TM</sup> 18550S<sup>TM</sup> White

DuPont™ 18150S™ Blue

**Shelf Life:** 2 years in original unopened containers. Store

between 50° F and 80° F

Weight Solids: 86%

Gallon Weight: 13.5 lbs/gal

Theoretical Coverage: 42 square feet/gal at 30 mils

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### Safety and Handling

For industrial use only by professional, trained painters. Not for sale to or use by the general public. Before using, read and follow all label and MSDS precautions. If mixed with other components, mixture will have hazards of all components.

Ready to use paint materials containing isocyanates can cause irritation of the respiratory organs and hypersensitive reactions. Asthma sufferers, those with allergies and anyone with a history of respiratory complaints must not be asked to work with products containing isocyanates.

Do not sand, flame cut, braze or weld dry coating without a NIOSH approved air purifying respirator with particulate filters or appropriate ventilation, and gloves.

Do not allow material or overspray to enter drain or waterway.