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Dark colored hulls MUST be polished and then protected with real wax. We use the highest quality gel coat with UV inhibitors available, but that doesn't mean the color won't fade. Colored hulls require polishing and waxing annually. Failure to do so will result in fading of color.



This boat is a Duffy 21 built in 2003. It looks just as good as it did when it was delivered thanks to the annual polish and waxing! Look at that reflection!



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Fiberglass Surfaces

We recommend using Meguiars products for the majority of your maintenance supplies. We have been using Meguiars for over thirty years because they have proven quality and they are constantly updating and inventing better products. Bottom line it REALLY works!



Meguiars # 50 Fiberglass cleaner wax is easy to use and works great. You must wash the surface before using. It's not for cleaning dirt and grime. The cleaning is done chemically to the surface of the gel coat by rubbing the material by hand with a clean soft cloth. You will notice a big difference to the surface in terms of shine and smoothness. The wax left behind protect the surface from dirt getting into the gel coat. It's great stuff and should be used as often as possible to maintain that "new" look.



Meguiars #49 Heavy Duty cleaner is used on colored hulls and decks to restore color. Bi annually using #50 cleaner wax will maintain color, however if that is difficult to perform then we recommend polishing with a buffer and #49 cleaner. After two coats of cleaner wax is needed to seal the surface and protect from further fading.



Maintenance Cleaners



Meguiars gel wash is very effective to remove dirt and grime from all surfaces of your Duffy. It is also very friendly to the environment and it won't remove the wax from the gel coat surface.



4U is a non toxic de-greaser cleaner that we have found works the best of all the non toxic cleaners. Dilute 10 to 1 for most cleaning and 5 to 1 for the harder to clean areas.



Meguiars #57 Vinyl cleaner is good to apply on the cushions AFTER a good cleaning with 4U. The vinyl will stay clean longer and help extend the life of the material.

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Enclosure (windows)



Maguire's window cleaner is absolutely the best for cleaning the window enclosure. The outside surface of the windows should be washed with water and Maguire's gel wash before using the cleaner. It is not practical to wash the inside window surface with soap and water, so using the glass cleaner and a diaper cloth works easy and fast. Make sure you dilute 10 to 1 before using. You will be amazed at the results and how it works quickly, reducing rub time.

DO NOT USE ROUGH TOWEL LIKE RAG ON THE WINDOWS



NOTE: Solid color hulls should be polished with an electric buffer using Maguire's cleaner polish at least once every 12 to 14 months in order to minimize fading. After polishing apply one or two coats of Carnauba wax of any manufacture for maximum color protection. White hulls can go longer between polishing and waxing.

Please use a soft cloth on the windows. A diaper rag works the best!