



# Ultima<sup>®</sup> SSA

## Ablative Antifouling Paint

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Ultima<sup>®</sup> SSA is an economical, yet extremely effective ablative antifouling paint. Utilizing the same proven formula of Premium<sup>®</sup> SSA, Ultima<sup>®</sup> SSA provides excellent antifouling protection without the costs associated with high end antifoulants. Its ease of use, trusted performance and attractive price tag make it an excellent choice for use as a boatyard's "house paint". Equally effective on both power and sailboats, Ultima<sup>®</sup> SSA's surface wears away over time, eliminating build up or the need for sanding. It can be used on most previously painted surfaces in good condition without the need to remove old coatings or paints that are still in good condition. No special

primers are required except on bare metal. One or two coats per season are recommended for optimal performance.



1281 Blue



1282 Dk Blue



1381 Green



1681 Red



1881 Black

Note: Color differences may occur between actual and color chips shown

### PHYSICAL DATA

FINISH: Eggshell  
 COLORS:  
 1281 Blue 1282 Dark Blue 1381 Green  
 1681 Red 1881 Black  
 COMPONENTS: 1  
 SOLIDS (theoretical):  
 By weight - 80 +/- 3%  
 By volume - 59 +/- 3%  
 COVERAGE: 500 sq. ft/gal.  
 (includes 20% loss factor)  
 VOC: 320 g/l (as supplied)  
 ACTIVE INGREDIENTS:  
 Cuprous Oxide...37.5%  
 FLASH POINT: 105°F (SETA)

### APPLICATION DATA

METHOD: Brush, Roller, Airless or Conventional Spray.  
 NUMBER OF COATS: 2 or 3  
 DRY FILM THICKNESS PER COAT:  
 1.5 mils (2.6 wet mils)  
 APPLICATION TEMP: 40° F. Min. / 90°F. Max.  
 DRY TIME\* (HOURS): To Recoat To Launch  
 90°F 2 2  
 70°F 3 4  
 50°F 6 8  
 \*The above dry times are minimums. Ultima SSA may be recoated after the minimum time shown. There is no maximum dry time before launching.  
 THINNER:  
 120 Brushing Thinner

### ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS

120 Brushing Thinner  
 92 Bio-Blue Hull Surface Prep  
 95 Fiberglass Dewaxer  
 6998 Skip-Sand Primer  
 6999 Sandless Primer  
 4700/4701 High Build Epoxy Primer  
 6455/044 Metal Primer  
 6627 Tie-Coat Primer  
 6980 Rustlok Steel Primer



## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Ultima SSA contains cuprous oxide. As a result of this there is a tendency for settling to occur, especially if the paint has been on the shelf for several months. It is necessary to thoroughly mix the paint before using. If possible shake the can of paint on a mechanical paint shaker. Before using check the sides and bottom of the can to make sure all the pigment has been mixed in. If mixing is going to be done with a wooden paddle or an electric drill mixer, pour off half of the liquid from the top of the can into another can and then properly mix in any settle pigment; then remix the two parts together thoroughly.

Adhere to all application instructions, precautions, conditions, and limitations to obtain optimum performance. Refer to individual labels and tech sheets for detailed instructions when using associated products, etc. Do not thin Ultima SSA more than 10% (12 ounces per gallon) or inadequate paint film thickness will occur and premature erosion of the finish will be likely.

**Surface Preparation:** Coating performance, in general, is proportional to the degree of surface preparation. Follow recommendations carefully, avoiding shortcuts. Inadequate preparation of surfaces will virtually assure inadequate coating performance.

**Maintenance:** No antifouling paint can be effective under all conditions of exposure. Man made pollution and natural occurrences can adversely affect antifouling paint performance. Extreme hot and cold water temperatures, silt, dirt, oil, brackish water and even electrolysis can ruin an antifouling paint. Therefore, we strongly suggest that the bottom of the boat be checked regularly to make sure it is clean and that no growth is occurring. Lightly scrub the bottom with a soft brush to remove anything from the antifouling paint surface. Scrubbing is particularly important with boats that are idle for extended periods of time. The self-cleaning nature of the coating is most effective when the boat is used periodically.

## SYSTEMS

Mix paint thoroughly to ensure toxicants are evenly dispersed throughout the can. All surfaces must be clean, dry and properly prepared prior to painting. Do not apply Ultima SSA on aluminum hulls or outdrives.

**Previously Painted Surfaces:** If the previous coating is in good condition, thoroughly sand with 80 grit paper then solvent clean with 120 Brushing Thinner to remove residue. Apply two finish coats of Ultima SSA. If the previous coating is soft or in poor condition, remove to the bare surface by sanding or using a paint & varnish remover. Proceed with appropriate bare system as described below. Old tin copolymers must be removed or sealed with 6627 Tie-Coat Primer before applying Ultima SSA. When sanding old bottom paint, always wet sand and take precautions against getting the material in your eyes, nostrils, open cuts, etc.

**Bare Fiberglass:** All bare fiberglass, regardless of age, should be thoroughly cleaned with 92 Bio-Blue Hull Surface Prep or de-waxed several times with Pettit D-95 Dewaxer or 120 Brushing Thinner. Sand thoroughly with 80 grit sandpaper to a dull, frosty finish and rewash the sanded surface with 120 Brushing Thinner to remove sanding residue. Then apply two coats of Ultima SSA, following application instructions. Careful observation of the above instructions will help ensure long term adhesion of this and subsequent years' antifouling paint.

To eliminate the sanding operation, prep the surface with 92 Bio-Blue Hull Surface Prep or wash the fiberglass three times using Pettit 95 Dewaxer only. Then apply one thin coat of Pettit 6998 Skip-Sand Primer or 6999 Sandless Primer. Use a 3/16" or less nap when applying by roller. When applying Ultima SSA over 6999 Sandless Primer, apply one coat of a hard modified epoxy antifouling paint such as Unepoxy Standard or Trinidad after the Sandless Primer is ready for top coating; then apply Ultima SSA over the hard modified epoxy. Consult the primer label for complete application and antifouling top coating instructions. Apply two or three coats of Ultima SSA.

**Barrier Coat:** Fiberglass bottoms potentially can form osmotic blisters within the gelcoat and into the laminate. To render the bottom as water impermeable as possible, prepare the fiberglass surface as mentioned above (sanding method) then apply three coats of Pettit Protect 4700/4701 High Build Epoxy Primer per label directions. Apply two or three finish coats of Ultima SSA.

**Blistered Fiberglass:** See Pettit Technical Bulletin TB-1000 Gelcoat Blister Repair and Prevention Specification for detailed instructions.

**Bare Wood:** Sand entire surface with 80 grit paper; wash clean with 120 Brushing Thinner. Apply a coat of Ultima SSA thinned 25% with 120 Brushing Thinner, allow an overnight dry, lightly sand and wipe clean. Apply two finish coats of Ultima SSA. Any metal parts must be primed before applying the bottom paint.

**Bare Steel\*:** Sandblast to SSPC-SP 6 'Commercial' blast, blow off residue with clean, compressed air, and immediately apply three coats Pettit Protect 4700/4701 following application and recoat instructions. Alternatively, hand sand with 80 grit sandpaper or power hand tool clean, then remove residue with clean compressed air or clean, solvent dampened rags. Immediately apply one coat of Pettit 6980 Rustlok Steel Primer and let dry to a tack free state (usually 30 minutes to 2 hours, dependent on temperature). Then apply two coats of 4700/4701 High build Epoxy Primer following application and recoat instructions. Apply two coats of Ultima SSA.

**Keels - Lead:** Abrade surface to bright metal; wipe clean using Pettit 120 Brushing Thinner. Apply one thin coat of 6455/044 Metal Primer; allow to dry two hours. Apply one coat of Pettit 6627 Tie Coat Primer. Follow with an additional coat of 6627 Tie Coat Primer per label directions. Apply two finish coats of Ultima SSA.

**Keels - Steel or Cast Iron:** Abrade surface to bright metal; wipe clean using Pettit 120 Brushing Thinner. Apply one coat of 6980 Rustlok Steel Primer, allowing to dry only 1 - 2 hours prior to over coating. Then, if fairing is required, apply Epoxy Fairing Compound followed by one coat of Pettit 6627 Tie Coat Primer. Apply two finish coats of Ultima SSA.