

Strataglass

Care & Maintenance

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It is extremely important that both fabricators and end users (owners) are provided a copy, read, and understand this information. We request fabricators provide owners with a copy of this sheet. Information and instructions are also available on our website, www.strataglass.com. *Please review our Care and Maintenance video on our website.

- **We recommend using only IMAR Products.** Specifically, the IMAR Strataglass Protective Polish, IMAR Strataglass Protective Cleaner, and mild soap (preferably IMAR Yacht Soap Concentrate) to maintain Strataglass. We no longer recommend the use of any other products, regardless of the manufacturer's claims. Using any other product(s) void the factory warranty.
- **NEVER use a wash and wax product on Strataglass.**
- **WARNING:** Use of Rain-X, Pledge, or Plexus on Strataglass appears to work for a short time but then dulls the surface and presents an "Orange Peel" effect and eventually, will yellow. This is not a defect of the Strataglass material; it is the chemicals being applied to it. Do not use any of these, or similar products. *Use of cleaners, polishes, scratch removers, or any other product made for regular, un-coated vinyl or plastics will damage STRATAGLASS. Do not use these products.
- **DO NOT HANDLE STRATAGLASS (OR ANY VINYL) WITH SUNSCREEN ON YOUR HANDS!** This will permanently cloud the vinyl where handled. In case of accidental contact, quickly treat with the IMAR Strataglass Protective Spray and a clean cloth to remove the contaminate before it can cause harm to the surface.

General Maintenance

When New: 3M Adhesive Remover may be used to remove glue left from fabrication. Final clean with IMAR Strataglass Protective Cleaner. We recommend using IMAR Strataglass Protective Polish as the final step in installation to provide a base of protection and good watershed.

For the customer: We recommend using IMAR Strataglass Protective Polish every 1 to 2 months. In the interim, use IMAR Strataglass Protective Cleaner frequently.

Note: All new vinyl is easily impressionable. We recommend new enclosures be left in place as often as possible. If completely removed, enclosures must be interleaved with either acid-free paper (available from framing shops) or old sheets (the best choice) to prevent "pooling" in the glass, vinyl "seasons" over time and becomes less impressionable. Roll all curtains down and fasten in place tightly to keep perfect appearance. (Review at www.strataglass.com).

Cleaning: Flush thoroughly to cool the surface and rinse away environmental abrasives. Wash with IMAR Yacht Soap Concentrate, or other equally gentle and high quality soap. Do not use Simple Green, Orpine or any other harsh cleaner - they will dull the surface. Apply the soapy water to the clear vinyl section of the curtain with special purpose washing mitt, sponge, or soft cotton cloth. Thoroughly rinse the soapy solution with fresh water and completely dry the curtains with a high quality chamois, microfiber towel or a Quik-Dry Water blade. (Swobbit.com makes several tools to make these tasks easier.) Your clear vinyl curtains should be washed whenever your boat is washed.

Polishing / Protecting (every 1-2 months): Wash as above, and then apply a light coat of IMAR Strataglass Protective Polish with small, light circular motions using a soft cotton cloth or applicator pad. Allow the polish to dry and then remove with a clean soft cotton or microfiber cloth. Finally, lightly buff to a sparkling shine.

Regular Cleaning: For routine maintenance between polishing, use IMAR Strataglass Protective Cleaner. Insure the clear vinyl panels are free of abrasives. Very lightly mist a soft cotton cloth. Lightly and briskly rub a manageable sized area and then lightly buff dry with another clean cloth. We recommend using IMAR Strataglass Cleaner at least weekly but it's so fast and easy you may want to do it daily.

Restoring: We once recommended a restoration process but extensive experience shows actual damage cannot truly be repaired. If IMAR Strataglass Protective Polish cannot restore the clarity and shine, it may be time to consider replacing the enclosures

Troubleshooting: Please see our "tips for the fabricator" and our "troubleshooting" sections on our web site for a complete discussion.

