

Past passes

When the results of all three series are amalgamated we find we have a growing bank of CB 'Pass' products: here they are all together



SERIES 1 Update

In 2008 we announced joint winners from Series 1: Sikkens Novatech high solids exterior woodstain and Coelan flexible polyurethane. Both achieved the highest result to date and notched up four stars.

Coelan had the edge on Novatech as it retained a good level of gloss and translucency, gaining a distinction star.

Both warhorses remain up on the rig because they both continue to perform well, despite the rupture along both of their top edges that caused them to be withdrawn from the test. Significantly, the defect at the sharp upper corners has not spread massively on the Coelan and it hasn't spread at all on the Novatech, in bold defiance of Ma Nature's worst efforts. Shown below is their condition after 7½ years' continuous exposure. They're battle-scarred, yes, but their blank refusal to cave in completely deserves high regard.

This, of course, is great news for us because all we need do is keep on top of the maintenance schedule - and it's very forgiving with both of these products - and we can keep Nature's talons at bay indefinitely. Novatech continues to be tested on *Keppel* and *Nereis*, and Coelan continues to deliver maintenance freedom on *Keppel* at 3½ years, one of which was in the Med.

For an in-depth review of these two products see our four-star focus features in CB244 (Novatech) and 245 (Coelan).

CB 'PASS' PRODUCTS AND THEIR STAR RATINGS

This isn't a list of all the candidates; only 'Pass' products are listed:

Product	Stars (*)	Test ongoing?	Cost, applied (Z) (Group basis) Low
CONVENTIONAL VARNISHES			
Prima varnish	**		
Epifanes varnish	**		
Skippers Starwind UV varnish	**		
Hempel (Blakes) Classic varnish	*** to date	Yes (Series 2)	
Le Tonkinois organic varnish	**(*)		
Jotun Ravilakk	* to date	Yes (Series 3)	
Seajet UV	* to date	Yes (Series 3)	
Nauteco Coma Bernice	* to date	Yes (Series 3)	
TWO-TIN VARNISH			
UV-Tech 2-tin varnish	**		High
WATER-BASED WOODSEALER			
Burgess Hydrosol water-based woodsealer	*		Very low
EXTERIOR WOODSTAIN			
Sikkens Novatech high solids ext' woodstain	****		Very low
Sikkens Cetol Marine	** to date	Yes (Series 3)	
Sikkens Filter 7	* to date	Yes (Series 3)	
Sadolin Ultra (2-pot)	* to date	Yes (Series 3)	
Sadolin Ultra (single-pot)	* to date	Yes (Series 3)	
TWO-PACK (CATALYSED) VARNISH			
Skippers Poliglass/Acriglass 2 pack varnish	**(*)		Moderately low
Seajet Polyurethane Gloss	* to date	Yes (Series 3)	
FLEXIBLE POLYURETHANE			
Coelan flexible polyurethane	****(*)		Very high
Uroxys	* to date	Yes (Series 3)	

The Star rating

The Star rating works as follows. By implication, all star-rated products are CB 'Pass' products.

* Excess of 18 months ** Excess of 30 months *** Excess of 42 months

**** Excess of 54 months (*) Distinction

(Z): Based on coverage rate and number of coats required, not cost per litre.

For more information on these products, see the relevant launch features in CB March 2004 (Series 1), CB April 2008 (Series 2) and CB May 2010 (Series 3)



Left: Novatech on test - on the boom gallows, washboard surrounds, coamings and strakes



Right: Sikkens Novatech (L) and Coelan (R) after 7½ years