

# **Strataglass**

## **Care & Maintenance**

(Note: Revised September 1, 2004)

**It is extremely important fabricators and vessel & car owners read & understand this information. We request fabricators provide owners a copy of this sheet.**

- **We recommend using only IMAR Strataglass Protective Polish, IMAR Strataglass Protective Cleaner, and mild soap (preferably IMAR Yacht Soap Concentrate) on Strataglass. (We no longer recommend the use of any other products, regardless of the manufacturer's claims.)**
- **After September 30, 2004, using any other product(s) may cause damage to the material.**
- **WARNING:**
  - **Use of RAINEX on STRATAGLASS** appears to work for a short time but then dulls the surface and presents an "Orange Peel" effect. Do not use RAINEX.
  - **Use of cleaners, polishes, scratch removers, or any other product made for regular, uncoated vinyl 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.

### **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 a good watershed.

**For the customer:** We recommend using IMAR Strataglass Protective Polish every 2 to 3 months (every 4 weeks in areas of high fallout). In the interim, use IMAR Strataglass Protective Cleaner frequently.

**Note:** All new vinyl can easily get impressions in itself. We recommend new enclosures be left in place to the extent 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 nightly to keep perfect appearance. (Review at [www.strataglass.com](http://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 mitts or soft cotton cloths. Thoroughly rinse the soapy solution with fresh water and completely dry the curtains with a high quality chamois. (Swobbit makes several tools to make these tasks easier). Your clear vinyl curtains should be washed whenever your boat is washed. After washing the curtains, apply IMAR Strataglass Protective Polish sparingly with small, light circular motions using a soft cotton cloth. Allow the polish to dry and then remove with a clean soft cotton cloth. Finally, lightly buff to a sparkling shine. Done. 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. Done. We recommend using IMAR Strataglass Cleaner at least weekly, but it's so fast and easy you may want to do it daily. You'll love the shine.

**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 replacng the enclosures. Please... Please... use our recommended procedures and products from the beginning.

**Trouble Shooting:** Please see our "tips for the fabricator" and our "trouble shooting" sections on our website for a complete discussion.

**IMAR Yacht Detailing Products:** Contact Randy Bouffler, Scalise Marine at 954-241-2628 for the dealer nearest you or email [randy@scalisemarine.com](mailto:randy@scalisemarine.com) to discuss cleaning requirements or comments about IMAR products.