

Valspar 7505

McCloskey/Valspar Man O' War Spar Varnish - Model 7505 Instruction Manual

1 Gallon, Satin Finish

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

McCloskey Man O' War Spar Marine Varnish, Model 7505, is a high-performance clear protective coating designed for both interior and exterior wood surfaces. This product is formulated to provide superior durability and maximum UV protection, resisting weathering, salty air, and water. It is ideal for applications such as wooden boats, outdoor furniture, doors, fences, and trim, ensuring long-lasting beauty and protection.

The satin finish provides a subtle sheen that enhances the natural beauty of wood without excessive gloss.



Image: A 1-gallon can of McCloskey Man O' War Marine Spar Varnish with a green label, indicating "7505 SATIN" at the bottom.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

This product is a combustible liquid and its vapors are harmful. Adhere to all safety precautions during handling and application.

- **Ventilation:** Use in a well-ventilated area. If applying indoors, ensure adequate airflow by opening windows and doors, or using exhaust fans.
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Wear appropriate PPE, including chemical-resistant gloves, eye protection (safety goggles), and a respirator suitable for organic vapors.

- **Ignition Sources:** Keep away from heat, sparks, open flames, and other ignition sources. Do not smoke while using this product.
- **Skin and Eye Contact:** Avoid contact with skin and eyes. In case of contact, flush immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.
- **Inhalation:** Avoid breathing vapors. If experiencing dizziness, headache, or nausea, move to fresh air. Seek medical attention if symptoms persist.
- **Storage:** Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place, away from direct sunlight and incompatible materials. Keep container tightly closed when not in use.
- **Disposal:** Dispose of unused product and contaminated materials (rags, brushes) in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.
- **Keep Out of Reach of Children and Pets.**

3. PREPARATION AND SETUP

3.1 Surface Preparation

Proper surface preparation is crucial for optimal adhesion and finish durability.

- **New Wood:** Ensure wood is clean, dry, and free of dust, grease, or wax. Sand smooth with fine-grit sandpaper (e.g., 200+ grit as suggested by user reviews) in the direction of the grain. Remove all sanding dust.
- **Previously Finished Wood:** Remove all loose, peeling, or deteriorated finishes. Sand the surface thoroughly to create a uniform profile for adhesion. Clean off all dust and debris. For best results, remove old finishes completely.
- **Moisture Content:** Ensure wood moisture content is appropriate for finishing (typically below 12%).

3.2 Product Preparation

- **Stirring:** Stir the varnish thoroughly before and during use. Do not shake, as this can introduce air bubbles.
- **Thinning:** If thinning is required for specific application methods or conditions, it can be thinned up to 50% with appropriate mineral spirits or paint thinner. Refer to product data sheet for specific recommendations.
- **Temperature:** Apply when air and surface temperatures are between 50°F (10°C) and 90°F (32°C). Avoid application in direct sunlight or extremely high humidity.

4. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Apply varnish using a high-quality natural bristle brush or foam brush. For best results, apply thin, even coats.

1. **First Coat:** Apply a thin, even coat, brushing in the direction of the wood grain. Allow to dry for 4-6 hours, or until thoroughly dry to the touch.
2. **Sanding Between Coats:** Lightly sand the first coat with fine-grit sandpaper (e.g., 200+ grit) to ensure a smooth surface and promote adhesion for subsequent coats. Remove all sanding dust with a tack cloth or vacuum.
3. **Subsequent Coats:** Apply additional thin coats, following the same procedure. A minimum of 3-4 coats is recommended for exterior applications or surfaces exposed to harsh conditions to ensure maximum protection and durability.
4. **Drying Time:** Varnish sets quickly, allowing handling within 4-6 hours. However, thorough drying and curing can take at least 24 hours per coat, and full hardness may take several days to weeks depending on temperature and humidity. Avoid heavy use or exposure to moisture until fully cured.
5. **Cleanup:** Clean tools immediately after use with mineral spirits or paint thinner.

5. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

To maintain the appearance and protective qualities of the varnished surface:

- **Regular Cleaning:** Clean the varnished surface with a mild soap and water solution. Avoid abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals.
- **Reapplication:** Periodically inspect the varnished surface for signs of wear, dullness, or damage, especially on exterior applications. Reapply a fresh coat of Man O' War Spar Varnish as needed to maintain protection and appearance.
- **Product Storage:** Store the varnish in its original tightly sealed container in a cool, dry place. Minimize air exposure to prevent skinning or film formation on the surface. If a film forms, carefully remove it before stirring and using the product.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Soft or Tacky Finish	Insufficient drying time between coats; application in high humidity or low temperatures; too thick of a coat.	Allow more drying time. Ensure proper ventilation. Apply thinner coats. If severe, remove and reapply.
Bubbles in Finish	Varnish shaken instead of stirred; applying too quickly; using a poor quality brush; applying in direct sunlight.	Stir gently. Apply with a quality brush using smooth, even strokes. Avoid applying in direct sunlight.
Film/Skin on Stored Varnish	Air exposure in the can.	Carefully remove the film before stirring and using. Store with minimal air in the can (e.g., by displacing air with inert gas or marbles).
Poor Adhesion/Peeling	Improper surface preparation (e.g., dirty, oily, or unsanded surface); high moisture content in wood.	Ensure surface is clean, dry, and properly sanded. Check wood moisture content before application.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Product Name	McCloskey Man O' War Spar Marine Varnish
Model Number	7505
Brand	Valspar (McCloskey)
Finish Type	Satin
Color	Clear
Liquid Volume	1 Gallon (128 Fluid Ounces)
Item Form	Liquid

Attribute	Detail
Recommended Uses	Exterior and Interior Wood Surfaces (e.g., boats, outdoor furniture, doors, fences, trim)
Material Compatibility	Wood
Base Type	Oil-based
Key Features	Superior Durability, Maximum UV Protection, Resists Weathering, Salty Air, and Water
Item Weight	8.29 pounds
Product Dimensions	7 x 13.8 x 6 inches
UPC	012027750516

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information or technical support regarding McCloskey/Valspar Man O' War Spar Varnish, please contact Valspar customer service directly. Contact details can typically be found on the product label or the official Valspar website.

Always refer to the most current product data sheets and safety data sheets (SDS) available from the manufacturer for comprehensive information.

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