

AS **VALUE GUIDE** **HARD PAINTS at 6 MONTHS**

NAME	MAKER	PRICE*	SPECIAL USES, COMMENTS	BIO-BOOSTER	COPPER**	6-MONTH RATINGS
BoatKcoat Laminates	BKL	NA	Stick-on experimental coating	None	NA	Poor
Copper Pro 67 Hard	Blue Water	\$125	High copper, dual biocide	Irgarol	67%	Fair
Copper Pro SCX 67 Hard	Blue Water	\$175	High copper, dual biocide	Irgarol	67%	Fair
Copper Shield 45 Hard	Blue Water	\$90	Economical hard paint	None	45%	Good
Copper Coat <i>new</i>	Copper Coat	Call for price	Long life copper/epoxy paint	None	Varies	Fair
EP2000	Epaint	\$250	Water-based, race paint, aluminum-safe, photoactive	Zinc pyrithione	None	Excellent
ZO-HP	Epaint	\$240	Dual biocide, racing, aluminum-safe	Zinc omadine	None	Excellent
Fiberglass Bottomkote Classic	Interlux	\$140	Fast dry, abrasion resistant, racing	None	43%	Fair
Bottomkote Aqua	Interlux	\$130	Water-based, easy apply	None	47%	Good
Trilux Prop and Drive	Interlux	\$25/pt.	Aluminum-safe aerosol	None	9%	Fair
Ultra	Interlux	\$200	High copper hard paint	Irgarol	67%	Poor
VC 17m	Interlux	\$47/qt.	Freshwater, racing, with Teflon	None	20%	Poor
VC 17m Extra	Interlux	\$55/qt.	Freshwater, racing, with Teflon, dual biocide	Irgarol	20%	Good
VC Offshore	Interlux	\$270	Race paint	None	41%	Good
Trinidad	Pettit	\$190	High-copper hard paint	None	76%	Good
Trinidad SR	Pettit	\$225	High copper, dual biocide	Irgarol	70%	Good
Unepoxy	Pettit	\$80	Standard hard single season	None	41%	Good
WM Bottomshield (Unepoxy LD) <i>new</i>	Pettit	\$100	Copper composite technology	None	29%	Fair
Vivid	Pettit	\$175	Bright colors, white	Zinc omadine	25%	Fair
Sharkskin	Sea Hawk	\$110	Budget-priced hard paint	None	45%	Fair
Silver Bullet <i>new</i>	Sea Hawk	\$32/qt..	Thin-film freshwater racing, bright colors	None	20%	Fair
Smart Solution <i>new</i>	Sea Hawk	\$195	Metal-free, slick-film racing paint	None	None	Fair
Tropikote	Sea Hawk	\$170	Multi-season, high copper	None	76%	Good
Tropikote Biocide Plus	Sea Hawk	\$250	High copper, dual biocide, multi-season	Irgarol	74%	Good

Recommended Budget Buy 18-month Finalist
 * Prices, per gallon based on online search. Shipping excluded. **Cuprous oxide; copper-thiocynate in aluminum-safe paints.