

PS VALUE GUIDE EXTERIOR WOOD FINISHES: ONE-PART VARNISHES

PRODUCT	PRICE **	SOURCE	COLOR	NO. OF COATS*	RECOAT*	SAND BETWEEN COATS	ORIGINAL GLOSS
Ace Polyurethane Clear Finish Gloss 16377	\$9 / quart	Local Ace Hardware	Clear	2 minimum	48 hours	Yes	Good
Ace Spar Varnish Gloss 16373	\$8 / quart	Local Ace Hardware	Clear	4	4 hours	Yes	Good
Deft Deftthane Polyurethane Satin	\$14 / quart	hardwarestore.com	Clear	3 minimum	4-6 hours	Yes	Fair
Detco Crystal	\$31 / quart	fisherlessupply.com	Clear	10-12	Overnight	Yes	Good
Interlux Goldspar Clear	\$28 / quart	ahoycaptain.com	Clear	5-6	8-12 hours	Yes	Excellent
Interlux Jet Speed Varnish \$	\$18 / quart	boatersland.com	Clear	5-6	4-6 hours	Yes	Excellent
Interlux Schooner	\$20 / quart	boatersland.com	Warm golden	5-6	8-12 hours	Yes	Good
Epifanes Clear High Gloss ✓	\$28 / quart	shipstore.com	Clear	7-8	24 hours	Yes	Excellent
Epifanes Rapid Clear	\$28 / quart	defender.com	Clear	4-5	5-6 hours	No	Fair
Epifanes Wood Finish Gloss ✓	\$23 / quart	defender.com	Clear	5-7	24 hours	No	Excellent
HMG K Type Varnish	\$27 / quart	newfound.com	Clear	5-10	12-18 hours	Yes	Excellent
Minwax Indoor/Outdoor Helmsman Spar Urethane	\$14 / quart	hardwarestore.com	Clear	2 minimum	4 hours	Yes	Excellent
Pettit Bak V-Spar 2053 ✓	\$29 / quart	jamestowndistributors.com	Clear	2-6	Overnight	Yes	Excellent
Pettit Z-Spar 2015 Flagship ✓	\$28 / quart	jamestowndistributors.com	Clear	4 minimum	4-8 hours	Yes	Excellent
Pettit Z-Spar Captain's Ultra Clear 2067	\$37 / quart	jamestowndistributors.com	Clear	2-6	Overnight	Yes	Excellent
Pettit Z-Spar Captain's 1015 Traditional Amber	\$25 / quart	jamestowndistributors.com	Translucent Amber	4 minimum	Overnight	Yes	Good
Pettit Z-Spar Captain's EZ Care 1016 (Woolsey)	\$29 / quart	jamestowndistributors.com	Translucent Amber	3 (generous)	24 hours	No	Good
West Marine 5-Star Premium ✓	\$30 / quart	westmarine.com	Clear	7-8	24 hours	Yes	Excellent

✓ Recommended \$ Budget Buy

*Recommendations for bare wood. **Per-quart prices calculated when product sold in metric sizes.

EASE OF APPLICATION	COMMENTS
Good	Brush on only; oil-based polyurethane; better suited for interior wood
Excellent	Brush on only; results in amber color
Excellent	Brush or spray; oil-based polyurethane
Fair	Tung oil and phenolic resin; no sanding first 4 coats
Good	Brush, roll, or spray; polyurethane
Excellent	Brush, roll, spray; not recommended for exterior use without overcoat; quick-drying for quick buildup
Good	Brush, roll, or spray; traditional, tung-oil varnish
Good	Brush, roll, or spray; tung-oil based; phenolic resins (spar varnish); OK for all woods
Excellent	Brush, roll, or spray; alkyd/urethane resin base
Good	Brush, roll, or spray; phenolic resins (spar varnish)
Good	Brush, roll, or spray; polyurethane and alkyd resins
Excellent	Brush on only; oil-based polyurethane
Excellent	Brush or spray; tung-linseed oil/phenolic resin varnish
Excellent	Brush or spray; tung-linseed oil/phenolic resin varnish
Excellent	Brush or spray; urethane resin; same as 1015, but clear
Good	Brush or spray; alkyd/phenolic and tung-linseed oil high solids varnish
Excellent	Should not be thinned
Good	Formula identical to Epifanes Clear High Gloss