

SPOTLESS STAINLESS STAINLESS STEEL CLEANER

£24.95

The literature with this product goes into a lot of detail about how it replaces rust and surface iron with a rich chromium oxide layer. It's only suitable for marine grade stainless, principally 300 series, and according to the literature can dull non marine grade steels although it has made a fantastic job of my kitchen sink at home. It's applied as a gel type product with a brush, left for half an hour, then washed off. Trying it on my exhaust outlet surround and the backing plate of the anchor light, both of which were showing signs of light tarnishing, the hosing off revealed a definite improvement. To my understanding the oxide layer formed on stainless steel, dulling it, is what provides protection for the steel and according to my experience, once established tends to prevent much further deterioration. With this in mind, it looks to me like Spotless Stainless works by replacing this oxide layer with a different, shinier, more attractive oxide layer of a different material. This, in theory makes it superior to polishing. The act of polishing can remove any protective layer, so leaving the steel to re-tarnish rapidly. After application the steel brightens further for the next 24 hours. Under bottlescrew covers it can



Applying Spotless Stainless by brush is simplicity itself. Then simply rinse off for sparkling results. Always wear a life jacket!

be left on the steel in gel form for long term protection. Overall, it seems to me that if gleaming stainless steel is your thing, this might be a more time effective way of achieving it than polish. With it being applied by brush it also gets into the parts you can't with polish and rag. It is recommended for use above 21°C, so it's effectively a summer only product in the UK. The proof will be in how long it retains its lustre. JF

WE LIKE

- Immediate effects look good.
- Straight forward to apply.

WE DON'T LIKE

- The assumption that yachtsmen clean their stainless steel.
- Only works effectively in UK summer conditions.

VERDICT ★★★★★

This product would be a boon for a hard working superyacht's

cabin boy trying to free up more time to spend in the fleshpots of Palma. I was quite happy with my non spotless stainless, aware that it's slightly grubby looking oxide layer was protecting it and delighted in it being just about the only part of my boat not requiring constant attention. If I was the polishing stainless type, I would soon give up and try this instead.

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