



# ***FASTAR***®

The Advanced Antifouling

PRECISE • PREDICTABLE • PERFORMANCE



# MILESTONES

1881

Nippon Paint founded and starts to manufacture marine paint products.

1911

Patents world's first antifouling paint (Patent No.20599) and starts production of antifouling systems for Japan's domestic fleet.

1927

Company renamed Nippon Paint Co., Ltd.

1952

Vinilex, an antifouling paint that uses vinyl, is introduced to the marine industry.

1973

Marine Seafront Research Centre was established in Okayama.

1978

First self-polishing copolymer antifouling paints launched.

1980

The company's marine division is rebranded Nippon Paint Marine Coatings Co., Ltd.

1990

World's first tin-free self-polishing copolymer antifouling paint ECOLOFLEX is introduced.

1997

Nippon Paint Marine's advanced anticorrosive 'self-indicating' system NOA is launched.

2003

Awarded ISO 14001 certification.

2006

Nippon Paint Marine patents its unique Hydrogel.

2008

The low friction antifouling paint LF-SEA is launched. The coating is the first to adopt Nippon Paint Marine's Hydrogel water-trapping system.

2013

The ultra-low friction antifouling paint A-LF-SEA is launched.

2017

The world's first completely biocide-free self-polishing antifouling paint AQUATERRAS is introduced.

Present

Introduction of FASTAR the industry's first antifouling coating with a nano sized resin structure.

# FASTAR®

## PRECISE · PREDICTABLE · PERFORMANCE

With the 2021 introduction of FASTAR, Nippon Paint Marine has once again pushed the boundaries of what is possible from a self-polishing copolymer antifouling paint.

Inspired by the unique micro resin structure of its biocide-free antifouling, AQUATERERAS, FASTAR's game-changing nano-sized resin binder not only sets the benchmark high in terms of delivering precise, predictable antifouling performance, but also improves drydock efficiency, reduces application time, drydocking costs, fuel consumption and carbon emissions.

It is by precisely controlling the release of biocides that Nippon Paint Marine has been able to deliver a high-performing, low-polishing antifouling system that not only delivers unprecedented commercial benefits but also helps shipowners and operators meet emissions abatement and energy efficiency targets.

FASTAR is a radically new generation of self-polishing and self-smoothing antifouling paint that uses nano-binder technology.

# A TOMORROW TECHNOLOGY TODAY

FASTAR, a self-polishing copolymer antifouling paint that uses completely new hydrophilic and hydrophobic nano-sized silyl acrylate components to precisely control the release of biocides.

This new approach delivers the ultimate in fouling protection.

With FASTAR, biocide release is carefully regulated by its nano-binder structure. Its biocide delivery is more precise.

FASTAR provides a consistent 90-month performance and is less affected by any change in conditions, such as higher sea water temperatures, or a ship's operating speed.

FASTAR XI includes Nippon Paint Marine's proprietary water trapping Hydrogel technology.



Nanotechnology  
Biocide Control



Hydrogel water trapping  
technology included as an  
option for ultra-low friction



Maximum biocide release  
efficiency



Precise polishing /  
optimum antifouling



8% fuel  
savings



1.2%  
speed loss



Application and drydock time  
reduced by as much as 37%



Low  
friction



60 idling  
days



90 months  
dry dock interval



Lower VOC and  
CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



Environmentally friendly  
by associating with UN's  
Sustainable Development  
Goals\*



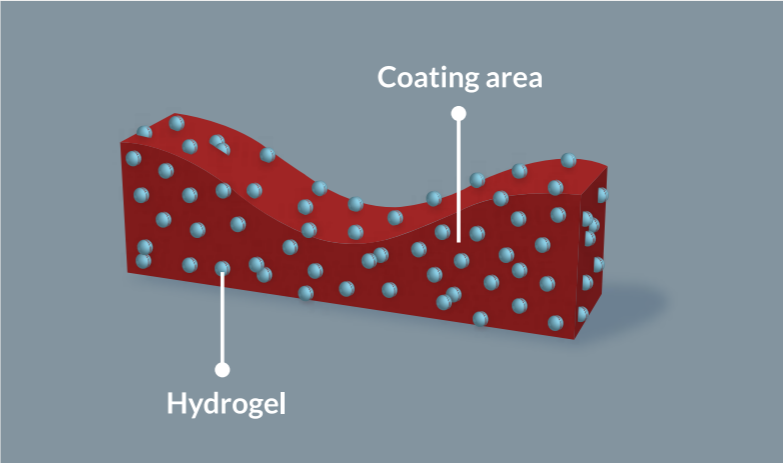
Nippon Paint Marine is certified to ISO 14001  
environmental standards and manufactures  
coatings in line with UN Sustainable  
Development Goals



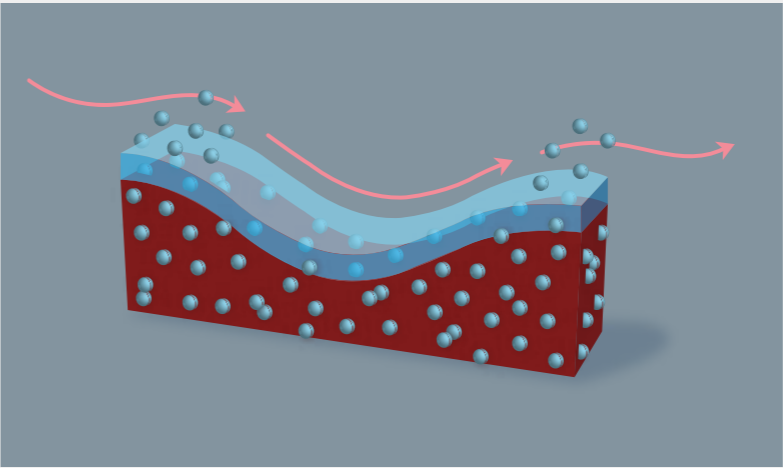
	FASTAR I	FASTAR XI
Technology	Self polishing & self smoothing antifouling with hydrophilic & hydrophobic in Nano-binder structure	
Fuel Efficiency	3% Fuel Saving 3% Speed Loss over 60M service interval Low friction	8% Fuel Saving 1.2% Speed Loss over 60M service interval Ultra Low Friction
Dry Dock Efficiency	Cost & time saving Reduced overcoating time Reduced time needed before flooding	
Idling Days	60 days	
Dry Dock Interval	90 months	
Environmentally Friendly	High volume solids (59%) Lower paint film thickness required Low CO <sub>2</sub> and VOC emissions	
Low Dry Film Thickness Relative to Conventional Self-polishing Antifouling	★	★
Supreme Antifouling Efficacy with Controlled-biocide-release	★	★
HYDROGEL (Water Trapping Technology)	-	★ Enhanced lower friction
Hydrodynamic Efficiency	-	★

*\* Performance claims subject to vessel size, operating profile and correct application*

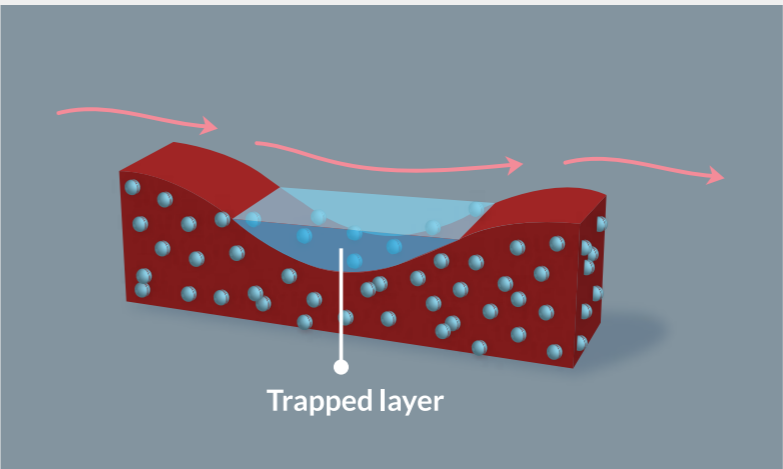
HYDROGEL



Nippon Paint Marine developed Hydrogel antifouling following extensive research into the skin structure of tuna fish. This was found to contain a mechanism that repels water.



Hydrogel is a crosslinked, three-dimensional hydrophilic polymer that does not dissolve in water. It is highly absorbent yet maintains well defined structures. Hydrogel properties underpin several applications, especially in the biomedical and marine coatings area.



In antifouling products, Hydrogel traps a microscopic layer of water on the coating's surface as the ship moves through the water. This smooths the water flow around the hull, creating a slippery surface which significantly reduces hull-to-water friction. Hydrogel significantly lower fuel consumption.



Nippon Paint Marine was the first to use and patent Hydrogel in self-polishing antifouling paints creating the world's first low-friction coating LF-SEA, in 2008. Since then, Nippon Paint Marine has applied Hydrogel-based coatings to more than 4,000 ships.

# PRECISION

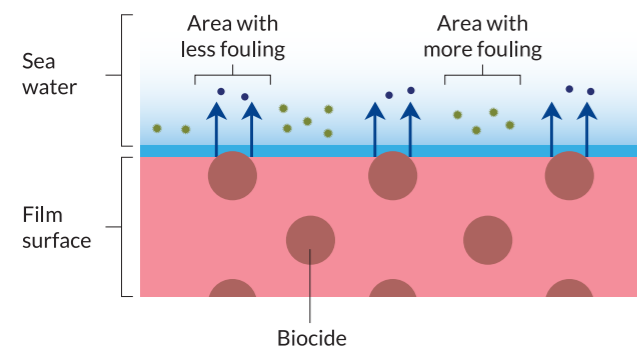
Typical antifouling performance becomes less reliable when the seawater polishing rate is low. This is not the case with FASTAR.

FASTAR's unique nano-sized hydrophilic and hydrophobic resin structure minimises the effect that seawater temperatures, vessel speeds and other external factors have on coating performance.

Nano sized hydrophilic components spread the antifouling components over a wider area, while the nano hydrophobic elements ensure the antifouling biocides are retained in the surface layer.

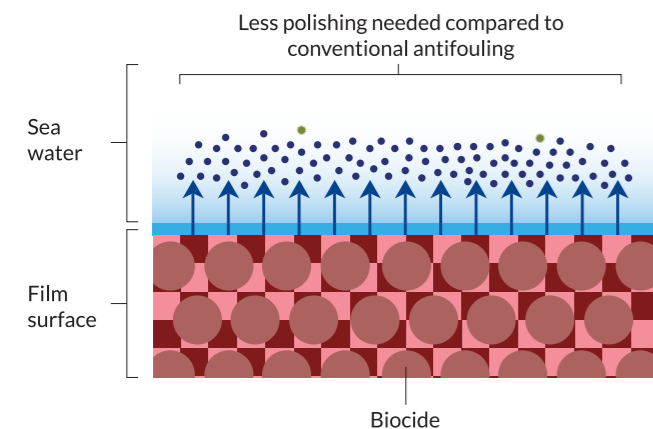
This means the release of active biocide ions are more precisely controlled, resulting in consistent antifouling performance up to 90 months from a reduced coating volume. The hull is clean for longer, even in idle periods or when slow steaming.

## Conventional antifouling in operation



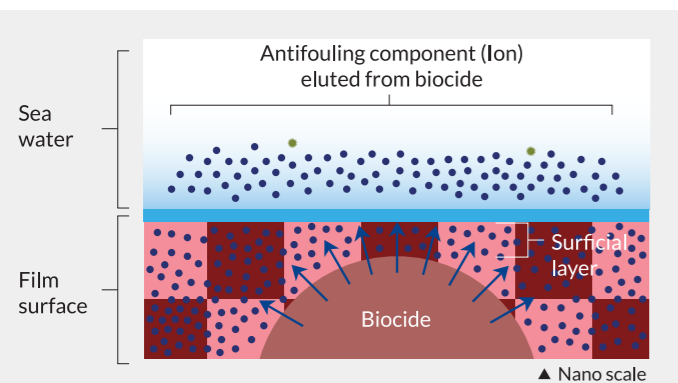
- Non-nano binders unable to control biocide release
- Uncontrolled seawater polishing results in hydrophilic surface only
- Biocides deplete resulting in increased fouling
- Increased dry film thickness or remedial coatings are required

## FASTAR antifouling in operation



- Unique hydrophobic and hydrophilic nano resin binder provides polishing precision
- Controlled biocide release across the entire coated surface
- Lower dry film thickness than existing self-polishing copolymer coatings
- Hydrogel water trapping technology included as an option for greater fuel savings

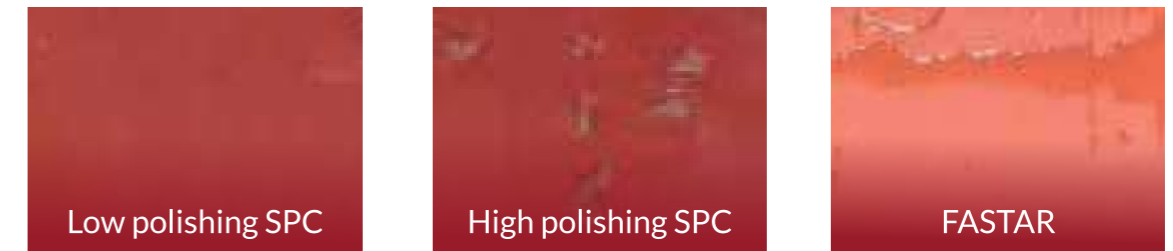
- Hydrophilic domain
- Hydrophobic domain



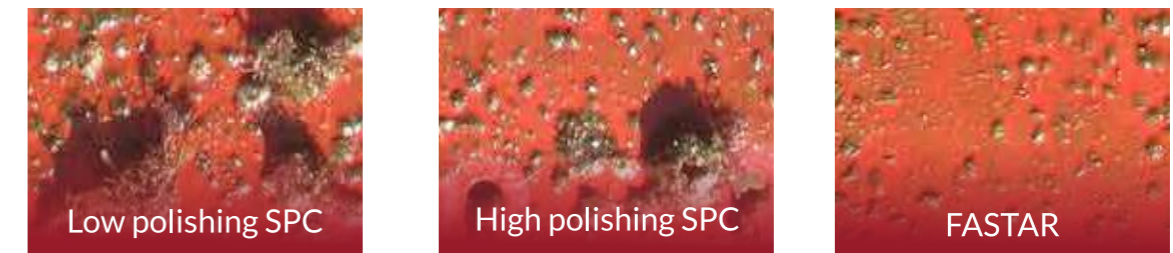
# PERFORMANCE

Test patches after 12 months immersion in 75% dynamic conditions at 14 knots and in seawater temperatures of up to 30°C showed consistent polishing rates compared to conventional SPC antifouling technologies. In both cases, the FASTAR hull was free from fouling after 12 months.

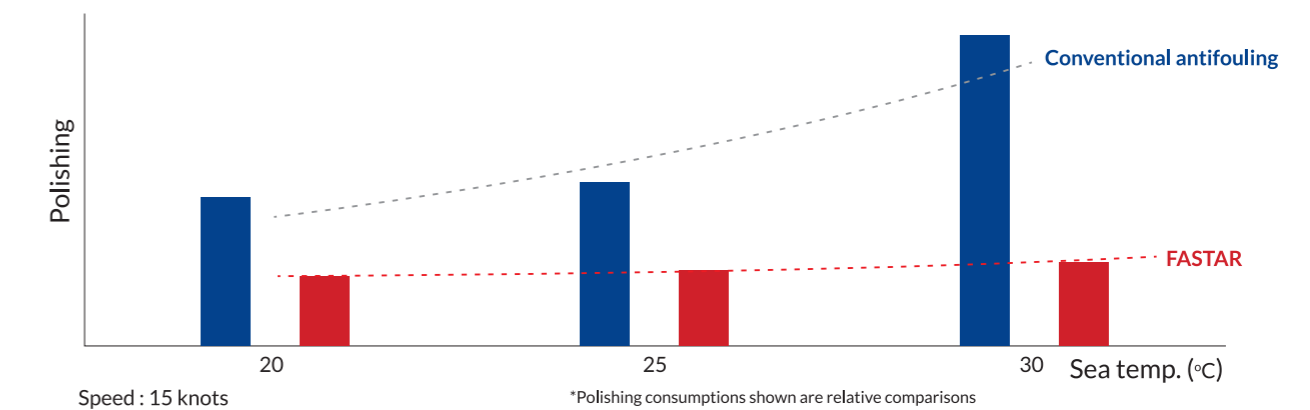
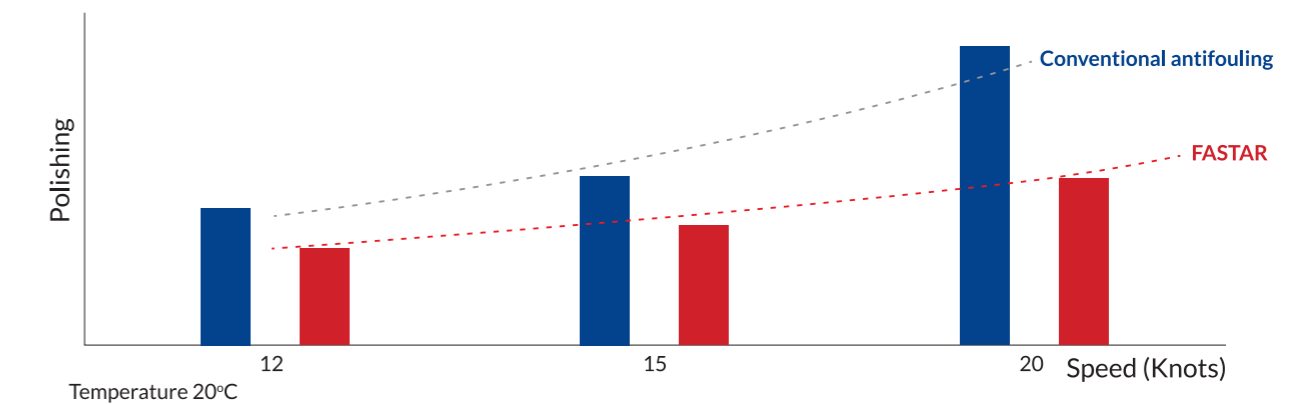
## Dynamic



## Static



Polished thickness measured by seawater temperatures (20°C, 25°C & 30°C) and increase in speed (12kts, 15kts & 20kts).

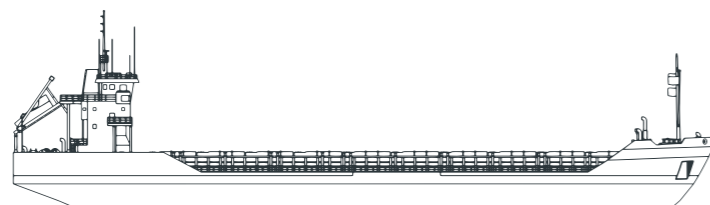


\*Polishing consumptions shown are relative comparisons  
Each trend line is not completely same as actual trend of consumption by the ship's operation

- Conventional antifouling
- FASTAR

## PREDICTABILITY

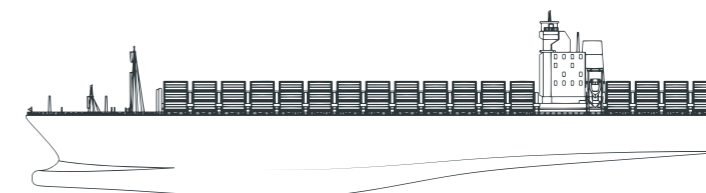
FASTAR requires less paint and takes up to 37% less time to apply and dry than conventional self-polishing copolymer antifouling paints. Proven reductions in fuel consumption correlate to a corresponding reduction in carbon emissions.



For a bulk carrier with 70% activity, operating at 14kts in seawater temperatures of 24°C, a FASTAR scheme provides 60 months of service from a dry film thickness of 200µm on the vertical sides and a 120µm coat of on the flat bottom.

A conventional antifouling covering the same 2,000m<sup>2</sup> area would require 260µm on the sides and 170µm on the flat bottom; or 775 litres of paint versus 1,038 litres.

Pos.	Area m <sup>2</sup>	Product Name	Colour	Volume Solid %	DFT µm	Practical Coverage m <sup>2</sup> / Ltr	Quantity practical L
1	1.000	Flat Bottom 14 knots, activity 256 days/year, 60 months, 24°C average seawater temperature					
1	1.000	FASTAR XI	Red Brown	59	120	3.44	291
One coat					120		
2	1.000	Vertical Sides 14 knots, activity 256 days/year, 60 months, 24°C average seawater temperature					
1	1.000	FASTAR XI	Dark Brown	59	100	4.13	242
2	1.000	FASTAR XI	Red Brown	59	100	4.13	242
Two coats					200		



For a containership with 80% activity, operating at 18kts in seawater temperatures of 26°C, a FASTAR scheme provides 60 months of service from a dry film thickness of 260µm on the vertical sides and a 160µm coat of on the flat bottom.

A conventional antifouling covering the same 2,000m<sup>2</sup> area would require 330µm on the sides and 220µm on the flat bottom; or 1,018 litres of paint versus 1,330 litres.

Pos.	Area m <sup>2</sup>	Product Name	Colour	Volume Solid %	DFT µm	Practical Coverage m <sup>2</sup> / Ltr	Quantity practical L
1	1.000	Flat Bottom 18 knots, activity 292 days/year, 60 months, 26°C average seawater temperature					
1	1.000	FASTAR XI	Dark Brown	59	80	5.16	194
2	1.000	FASTAR XI	Red Brown	59	80	5.16	194
One coat					160		
2	1.000	Vertical Sides 18 knots, activity 292 days/year, 60 months, 26°C average seawater temperature					
1	1.000	FASTAR XI	Dark Brown	59	130	3.18	315
2	1.000	FASTAR XI	Red Brown	59	130	3.18	315
Two coats					260		

Nippon Paint Marine has been producing marine coatings since the 1880s and is widely regarded as a pioneer in the development hull protection and antifouling paints.

Nippon Paint Marine is certified to ISO 14001 environmental standards and manufactures coatings in line with UN Sustainable Development Goals.

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