

Yacht Bulletin: **Discontinuation of VC[®] 17m in Canada**

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To our valued Interlux Boatyards, Retailers and Distributors:

Increasing regulatory pressures from different parts of the world are having an impact on the products that we, Interlux, can manufacture, promote, and provide to both the DIY and Professional boating markets. The most recent product to be affected is our VC 17m in both Canada and Europe. This is due to changes in the regulatory approval for use in Europe and the unavailability of raw materials to continue to produce the product in Canada.

Due to the unavailability of raw materials, AkzoNobel is no longer able to produce Interlux VC 17m for Canada. We know that VC 17m is a beloved product in the Great Lakes region of Canada, and as such, we are exploring alternative product formulations as quickly as possible. However, this will take time as there are several tests and reports that need to be conducted and reviewed for the product to be approved by the Canadian regulatory body PMRA.

We also understand that transitioning away from VC 17m will be a major change for boaters and boatyards in how they will prep their boat for the upcoming season. To ensure that customers have the best Interlux product to protect their boats and enjoy similar benefits that VC 17m has done for many years, we have performed a number of tests locally and in other global locations. After testing overcoating compatibility, we recommend VC[®] Offshore to be the best direct replacement for VC 17m. Staying with the VC family allows boaters and boatyards to apply VC Offshore directly over VC 17m after a good sanding and wipe down. See further below for additional technical details. VC Offshore provides similar fouling control protection and delivers a smooth and hard finish that is ideal for both power and sailboats.

The following SKUs are affected and will be discontinued once the limited stocks are depleted.

SAP Code	Material Description
5608354	VC 17M BLUE V106EKIT/QTCA
5608352	VC 17M ORIGINAL V105EKIT/QTCA
5608356	VC 17M RED V107EKIT/QTCA

Applying VC Offshore over VC 17m:

Interlux has developed guidelines for overcoating VC 17m coated boats with Interlux VC Offshore antifouling paint. The Interlux Yacht Research and Development team conducted laboratory experiments to evaluate the compatibility of various Interlux antifouling coatings with VC 17m, and the test results confirm that VC Offshore delivers and maintains strong adhesion with VC 17m.

To achieve optimum adhesion of VC Offshore over VC 17m, it is essential to sand the aged VC 17m coating with 120-grit sandpaper and then remove sand residue from the surface. It is also crucial to remove oil and grease stains from the hull surface with Special Thinner 216 before applying the first coat of VC Offshore. By following these guidelines, boat owners can effectively overcoat their VC 17m coated boats with VC Offshore.

Please refer to the VC Offshore Technical Data Sheet for relevant application guidelines and required drying time before immersion.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Please reach out to your Interlux sales and technical teams for help through this transition.

AkzoNobel Yacht Coatings Marketing Department

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