

# Hempel's Hard Racing 7668E

## Product characteristics

### Description

Hempel's Hard Racing is a high performance, hard antifouling providing excellent fouling protection all season.

### Recommended use

For use as an antifouling for boats of glass fibre, wood, plywood and steel. Do not use on aluminium or other light-alloy metals. Risk of corrosion in case of direct contact. For power boats and regatta yachts.

### Features

- High mechanical strength for excellent crack resistance.
- Suitable for dry sailing or mud berthed.

## Product safety

**Flash point** 31°C [88°F]

### VOC content

Legislation	Value
EU	433 g/L [3.61 lb/US gal]

VOC values may vary with shade, please consult the Safety Data Sheet, section 9.

### Handling

Handle with care. Before and during use, observe safety labels on packaging and paint containers and follow all local and national safety regulations. Always consult Hempel's Safety Data Sheet for this product along with the Product Data Sheet.

## Product data

### Product code

7668E

### Standard shade\* / code

Black 19990

### Gloss

Semi-flat

### Volume solids

50 ± 2%

### Specific gravity

1.6 kg/L [14 lb/US gal]

### Reference dry film thickness

40 micron [1.6 mils]

## Surface preparation

### Cleanliness

- Remove salts, detergents, contaminants and marine growth by high pressure fresh water cleaning.

### New build:

- Uncoated surface: Prime prepared surface with Hempel's Light Primer and apply a tiecoat of Hempel's Underwater Primer whilst the surface is still tacky.

### Maintenance and Repair

- Existing old self-polishing or traditional antifouling: Remove loose matter and contaminants by high pressure fresh water cleaning.
- Existing old hard matrix antifouling or an unknown antifouling: High pressure fresh water clean, wet abrade, remove dust.
- Clean and dry the surface.
- If condition of previous antifouling is poor, seal with 1 coat of Hempel's Underwater Primer.
- If previous antifouling is in general bad condition, it is recommended to remove previous coats and prime before applying antifouling.

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## Application

### Thinner

Hempel's Thinner 08080

### Cleaner

Hempel's Thinner 08080  
Hempel's Thinner 808 08081

### Application method

Tool	Thinning max vol.
Brush/Roller	5%
Paint Pad	5%

Keep thinning at an absolute minimum.

### Film thickness

	Recommended
Dry film thickness	40 micron [1.6 mils]
Wet film thickness	80 micron [3 mils]
Theoretical spreading rate	13 m <sup>2</sup> /L [530 sq ft/US gal]

### Application conditions

- To avoid condensation, apply on a clean and dry surface with a temperature that is at least 3°C [5°F] above the dew point.

### Relative Humidity:

- Relative humidity must be below 85% during application.

### Application remarks

- Copper containing antifouling must not have any electrical contact with aluminium hull and other aluminium components.
- Apply 2 coats of the Antifouling paint at 40 µm dry film thickness each. Apply an additional coat around the waterline and high wear areas. Wear protective gloves/clothing and eye/face protection.
- Stir well before use.

## Drying and overcoating

### Product compatibility

- Previous coat: Recommended products are: Hempel's Light Primer, Hempel's Underwater Primer
- Subsequent coat: None.

### Drying time

Surface temperature		10°C [50°F]	20°C [68°F]	30°C [86°F]
Touch dry	min	30	15	9
Surface dry	hours	8	4	2

Determined for dry film thickness 40 micron [1.6 mils] at standard conditions, see Hempel's Explanatory Notes for details. Time to immersion: Minimum: 24 Hours 20°C ; Maximum 6 months

### Overcoating

Hempel's specification supersedes any guidelines indicated in the overcoating table

Quality name		10°C [50°F]	20°C [68°F]	30°C [86°F]
Immersion				
Hempel's Hard	Min	8 h	4 h	3 h
Racing 7668E	Max	Ext	Ext	Ext

### Drying conditions

- To obtain the drying time stated, it is important to maintain sufficient ventilation during application, drying and curing.
- Condensation on the freshly applied coating should be avoided.

### Overcoating details

- No maximum overcoat interval, but after prolonged exposure to polluted atmosphere, remove accumulated contamination by high pressure fresh water cleaning and allow to dry before applying next coat.

### Other remarks

- The surface must be clean before overcoating.

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## Storage

### Shelf life

Ambient temperature	25°C [77°F]
Product	60 months

Shelf life from date of production, when stored in original, unopened containers. Thereafter, the product quality must be re-inspected. Always check the best before date or expiry date on the label.

### Storage conditions

- Product must be stored according to local legislation, at 5 °C [41°F] without direct sunlight and protected from rain and snow.

## Additional documents

Additional information is available at the Hempel website [hempel.com](https://www.hempel.com) or at your local Hempel website:

- Explanatory Notes explaining the fields in this Product Data Sheet.
- Surface Preparation Guidelines.
- Application Guidelines for different application methods.
- Further information: Hempel Yacht Paint Manual and [hempelyacht.com](https://www.hempelyacht.com)

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2.	Specification	Only issued for specific projects
3.	PDS	This document
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5.	Application Instruction	Where available, at <a href="https://www.hempel.com">www.hempel.com</a>
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