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Alright for all my fellow boat owners and professional detailers. I have made a complete list of my favorite boat detailing products. Some of these products you probably have never heard of before and some are quite popular. Some are new to the market and some have been around for a while. Most are specifically high-grade marine quality and some are intended for the auto industry. Some are quite expensive, some are very affordable, but each one delivers value that makes them worth the investment for proper boat care.

I may offend some by saying this but there is no such thing as the absolute best detailing product out on the market. That is because every user and application is different, which is the reason that it's simply an opinion someone can have. They may say they use the absolute best products but they mean to say, one of the best products.

With that said my opinion comes after being a boat owner with my wife for the past 15 years and a meticulous boat detailer for the past 5 years. I'm not the most experienced detailer, but I've learned a lot, at first being a DIY boat owner experimenting on our own boats with different techniques and products. Then I realized I could turn my passion for maintaining our boats into a career. I'm so grateful I did because now I can honestly say I love my job. One of my favorite feelings that I get to experience is when I get finished detailing a client's boat and their first reaction is similar to a kid getting his favorite ice cream or video game. My goal is to turn any boat I get my hands on, into a showroom floor masterpiece, and the products listed below play a major role in doing so.

In my experience, the products that I mention below do their job well and many have exceeded my high expectations. When a product is priced higher than its competitors, which you'll find many are, its effectiveness can't be mediocre. So needless to say I have very high standards for the products I use and especially the products I recommend.

One last point... I've often seen that user errors can lead to dissatisfaction. It's important for both professionals and DIY enthusiasts to read the directions carefully, even for seemingly simple items like a bottle of soap. Taking this extra step can significantly enhance your results ensuring that the products work as intended and providing guidance on how to avoid damaging surfaces.

So let's get to my list. I broke it down into categories of surface types, like gel coat, metals, isinglass, canvas, etc. That way you can scroll to what you may be most interested in reading. I will have a link to a PDF version of this list so it can be easily printed out.

If you are interested in knowing more information on the tools used as well, be sure to check out... "My Favorite Boat Detailing Tools".

Thanks in advance for reading and let me know if you found this useful by clicking "LIKE", which I will appreciate very much! Hope everyone the best weather and safe boating or fishing!

## **Out Of This World Boatworks LLC of Pittsburgh, PA**

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Oh and by the way if you are in the Pittsburgh, PA area and of course own a boat, I just happen to run a business that services boats. Out Of This World Boatworks LLC would be grateful to complete any servicing your boat may require. We specialize in mobile boat detailing, marine audio, LED lighting & electronics installations, and boat maintenance & repairs.

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Products highlighted in this same bright yellow is my go-to favorite products. Each product highlighted has a different use and these products have always performed exceptionally well. If used correctly they should produce the same high-quality results as they did for me.

## **My List Of My Favorite Boat Detailing Products**

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### **Gel Coat & Clear Coat Surfaces:**

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#### **Important: Information For The Unexperienced:**

**\*\*Clear Coat / Painted Surfaces\*\*** If a surface is a clear coat that usually indicates it has been painted. Be careful not to overdo it and damage the clearcoat or even worse the paint job, when it comes to anything painted, and if you're not experienced. I highly recommend you have a professional complete any surface corrections, meaning buffing and polishing. Marine compounds are designed to cut into oxidized gel coats more efficiently than oxidized clear coats. If a boat has any color to it other than white or off-white you best investigate that it is not painted or you run the risk of damaging it. Formula Boats are boats that are known to be painted by the manufacturer.

#### **Heavy-Cut Compounds:**

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*(these are heavy-cut compounds for gel coat. Be cautious when using on clear coated painted surfaces)*

1. **Starke - Level R - (600-800 Grit)**
2. **Mirka - Polarshine 45 - (600 Grit)**
3. **Menzerna Marine - Liquid Sandpaper**
4. **Presta - Super Cut - (800 Grit)**

For the deepest cut into an oxidized gel coat pair these compounds with a rotary machine and white wool pads. (see *image below*) I can't stress enough that if you are inexperienced with this setup, seek help from someone who is. Also, Youtube can be extremely valuable and I highly recommend everyone to check out Drake's Detailing channel. Click here [@drakesdetailing](#)

### **Medium-Cut Compounds:**

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1. **Starke - Elevate (1000-1200 grit)**
2. **Menzerna - 400**

(With a dual action (DA) machine and a foam pad Menzerna 400 can be used as a one-step cut & polish due to its diminishing abrasive capabilities, which means it breaks down after being worked into the surface leaving a polished high gloss finish) (labeled as heavy cut but marketed for the auto industry. It should cut clear coat faster than gel coat is my reason for listing it under medium-cut)

For the best results, I pair these medium-cut compounds with a rotary machine and yellow wool pad (see *image below*) or a dual action (DA) machine and a heavy or medium-cut foam pad or a foam/wool hybrid pad, depending on the condition of the surface.

### **Light-Cut Polish:**

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1. **Starke - Ignition - Finishing Polish**
2. **Starke - Triple P - Ceramic Prep**
3. **Starke - Finish R - Hybrid Finishing Polish**
4. **Menzerna Marine - Gel Coat Premium Gloss Polish**
5. **Presta - Chroma Ultra Polish**

For best results, I pair these polishes with a dual action (DA) machine and medium or light-cut foam pad, depending on the condition of the surface. (see *image below*)

### **One Step Polish:**

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1. **Menzerna Marine - One Step Polish 3 In 1**
2. **Menzerna Marine - Power Protect Ultra 2 In 1**

3. [Menzerna - 400](#)
4. [Starke - Triple P - Ceramic Prep](#)
5. [Starke - Finish R - Hybrid Polish](#)
6. [Starke - Revolution Cleaner Wax](#)
7. [3M Perfect-It Gelcoat Medium Cutting Compound + Wax](#)

## **Gel Coat & Clear Coat Protection:**

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### **Paste Wax:**

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1. [Collinite - 885 Fleetwax - Heavy Duty Paste Wax - Marine & Aeronomacial](#)
2. [Blask - Premium - Blend of Carnauba Wax, Graphene, and SiO2 Ceramic](#)
3. [Wolfgang - Füzion - Carnauba Polymer Estate Wax](#)
4. [3D - Carnauba Past Wax - Hydrophobic Properties](#)

### **Polymer Sealant:**

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1. [Jescar - Ultra Lock Plus - SiO2 Infused Advanced Polymer Sealant](#)

ONE OF THE BEST SEALANTS - Highly recommend it! Just be sure to follow the directions exactly as labeled. With proper application and routine maintenance, the protection will last a whole northern climate boating season. *(see image below)*

2. [Jescar - Power Lock Plus - 2nd Best To Ultra Lock + Polymer Sealant](#)
3. [Starke - Hyper Hold Pro - SiO2 Polymer Sealant](#)
4. [Menzerna Marine - Gelcoat Premium Protection - Polymer Sealant](#)

### **Ceramic Coat:**

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1. [Starke - Liquid Kraken Marine Grade Graphene Nano Coating](#)
2. [Starke - Repel Pro Marine Grade Ceramic Coat](#)
3. [Marine Nano - Liquid Crystal Armour Pro HD Ceramic Coat](#)
4. [Gtechniq - Ceramic Base](#)
5. [Gtechniq Ceramic Top](#)

### **Spray Sealant:**

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I categorized these into three groups on just what industry they are marketed towards on their manufacturer's websites. This doesn't mean that much but the marine products may hold up slightly better but that's not guaranteed. The previous detailing steps will determine

how well these spray sealants hold up in the elements. These are to be used as the final step during any detailing project.

### **Marine Industry Spray Sealants:**

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1. [Starke - Hydro Guard Spray Sealant](#)
2. [Woody Wax - Wax Kit](#)

### **Marine & Auto Spray Sealant:**

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3. [Koch Chemie - QS Quick & Shine](#)
4. [Koch Chemie - SO 02 Spray Sealant](#)

### **Auto Industry Spray Sealants:**

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5. [Technician's Choice - XPC3 - Ceramic Detail Spray](#)
6. [Wolfgang Concours Series Deep Gloss Spritz Sealant](#)
7. [Meguiar's - Ceramic Wax](#)
8. [Griot's Garage - Best Of Show - Polymer Spray Protection](#)
9. [Griot's Garage - Speed Shine - Ceramic Bolster Spray](#)

### **Spray On & Hose Off Sealants:**

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1. [Nautical One - Hydro Rinse SiO2 Coating](#)
2. [Gtechniq - Easy Coat](#)

### **Gel Coat & Clear Coat Surface Cleaners**

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### **pH Balanced Soaps:**

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(safe on surfaces protected with wax, sealant, or ceramic coatings. Will not strip protection coats off)

1. [Koch Chemie - Gfs Gentle Snow Foam](#)
2. [Koch Chemie - Active Foam](#)
3. [Starke - Ultra Clean](#)
4. [Woody Wax - Ultra Pine Wash & Wax](#)
5. [Boat Candy - Boat Soap](#)

### **Alkaline Soaps Or Not Sealant Safe:**

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(not safe to use on surfaces protected with wax, sealant, or ceramic coatings. Will strip protection coats off)

1. Koch Chemie - Green Star
2. Koch Chemie - Super Foam NTA

#### **Waterless Wash:**

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#### **Water Spot/Rust/Black Streak Remover:**

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1. Starke - Venom
2. P & S - Water Spot Remover

#### **Bottom Cleaner:**

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| 1. Aqua Clean - Bottom Boat Cleaner | 2. Marykate - On & Off |
| 2. Starbrite - Hull Cleaner         | 4. Muratic Acid        |

#### **Metal Cleaner/Polish/Protectant**

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1. Presta - Marine Metal Polish
2. Blue Magic - Metal Polish Cream
3. Eagle One - Never Dull
4. Flitz - Metal Polish
5. Menzerna - Metal Polish

#### **Isinglass/Clear Vinyl Cleaner/Polish/Protectant**

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1. Imar - Strataglass Cleaner
2. Imar - Strataglass Protective Polish
3. 210 - Plastic Cleaner & Polish

#### **Vinyl Cleaners/Conditioner/Protectant**

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1. Marine 31 - Mildew Stain Remover
2. Mothers - VLR - Vinyl, Leather & Rubber Care Spray
3. Chemical Guy's - VRP - Vinyl, Rubber & Plastic Care Cream
4. 303 - Marine Clear Vinyl Protective Cleaner
5. 303 - Aerospace Protection
6. Koch Chemie - Ts Top Star

## **Canvas/Fabric Cleaner/Protectant**

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1. **Starbrite - Ultimate Fabric Clean**
2. **303 - Marine Fabric Guard - Waterproofing**

## **Plastic Conditioner/Protectant**

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1. **Mothers - Back To Black**  
Great on Sea-Doo Spark exterior
2. **Meguiar's - Ultimate Black**  
Great on Sea Sea-Doo Spark exterior
3. **Koch Chemie - TS Top Star**

## **Teak Cleaner/Brightener/Conditioner**

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1. **Starbrite - Teak Cleaner + Teak Brightener + Teak Oil - 3 Part System**
2. **Sikkens - Teak Varnish**
3. **Semco - Teak Sealer**

## **Wet Sanding Sandpaper**

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1. **Mirka - Abralon - Foam Grip Abrasive Discs**
2. **Mirka - Abranet - ACE Mesh Grip Discs**

## **Bilge Cleaner**

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1. **Orpine - Bilge Cleaner**
2. **Bleach & Dawn Mixture**

## **Non-Skid Deck Cleaner/Protection**

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1. **Starbrite - Deck Cleaner with PTEF**
2. **Presta - Deck Spray Cleaner**
3. **Bleach & Dawn Mixture**
4. **Nautical One Non-Skid Spray Protection - None Slick Spray Sealant**