

Media release

AkzoNobel, Graco and Hogg partner to bring advanced spray filler technology to Super Yacht applicators and builders

AkzoNobel is combining its cutting-edge coatings knowledge with the technology expertise of Graco and the equipment design experience of Hogg to deliver a step change in filler technology to the Super Yacht industry.

Awlfair SF is the latest high-performing filler technology from AkzoNobel's Awlgrip brand. Delivering the operational performance applicators and builders have come to expect from Awlgrip, Awlfair SF is distinct because it is applied by pressurized airless spray rather than hand application. This allows for wet-on-wet application, and the application of up to two coatings per day without the need for sanding between coats. Spray application also eliminates air pockets, resulting in reduced reworking and improved aesthetics.

"We're thrilled to introduce Awlfair SF to the yacht coatings market," said Bilal Salahuddin, Yacht Coatings Director at AkzoNobel. "This is a true step change in the coatings industry and can open multiple opportunities to boost productivity and performance for our customers. Awlfair SF is not only quick and easy to apply but delivers the outstanding quality associated with Awlgrip."

This new, multi-year partnership follows on from pre-existing collaboration between AkzoNobel, Graco and Hogg, working together over several years to refine the formulation of Awlfair SF. Now, the three companies have come together with Graco as the component and technology expert and Hogg as the designer of the machine itself, to deliver a comprehensive service offer that provides applicators and builders with the technology and training to adopt this exciting new spray filler.

"Following several years of technical collaboration in the development of Awlfair SF, it was a natural step to explore additional areas of partnership," said Nicolaas Ravesloot, Yacht Commercial Manager for AkzoNobel. "We are committed to bringing this technology to the market with best-in-class customer service by working with both Graco and Hogg, helping our customers to bring Super Yacht coatings to the next level."

Bruce Scotland, Business Development Specialist at Graco, was keen to confirm this partnership: "From the very beginning, Graco has been involved with Hogg and AkzoNobel in the development of an application system that meets the application requirements of Awlfair SF and at the same time offers the assurance of Graco plural component equipment."

"We are delighted to have designed and manufactured the Spray Filler Application System to ensure the optimum application performance of Awlfair SF," concluded Ian Francis, Managing

Director of Hogg Blasting & Finishing Equipment.

For more information about Awlfair SF, visit awlgrip.com. To find out more about Graco, click [here](#) to visit their website. To find out more about Hogg, click [here](#). For general enquiries, please contact Jan.Lau1@akzonobel.com.



About AkzoNobel

AkzoNobel has a passion for paint. We're experts in the proud craft of making paints and coatings, setting the standard in color and protection since 1792. Our world class portfolio of brands – including Dulux, International, Sikkens and Interpon – is trusted by customers around the globe. Headquartered in the Netherlands, we are active in over 150 countries and employ around 35,000 talented people who are passionate about delivering the high performance products and services our customers expect.

For more information please visit www.akzonobel.com.

© 2019 Akzo Nobel N.V. All rights reserved.