

## New low-solvent gloss paint

International has launched a new type of yacht enamel, Super Gloss HS, which has very low solvent levels. This reduces the odour of the applied paint and minimises harmful emissions, without compromising coverage or weather resistance.

Traditional boat paints have high levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which are the solvents released into the air as the paint dries – these are responsible for the pleasant (or nauseous) fresh-paint smell. VOCs have a variety of known and suspected health risks, and they can go on being emitted for some time after drying. While the VOC content of domestic gloss paints has reduced over the years, the tough conditions experienced by boats has made it harder to dispense with these compounds in yacht enamel. Until now, anyway.

International Super Gloss HS also has high solid resin content, which promises

full opacity after just one or two coats. It can be applied by roller or brush, and at lower temperatures than traditional paints. It is available in most popular colours, and retails at £22 for a 750ml tin. It should give about 12m<sup>2</sup> of coverage per litre.

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International Super Gloss HS has lower toxic solvent levels than traditional yacht enamel.

## New small gensets

If you're in the market for a small and quiet generator, two new models from Webasto's WhisperPower range could be added to your shortlist.

The Piccolo 5 and Piccolo 8 are variable-speed diesel models that offer low noise levels, a compact size and high peak power, with the engine only running as fast as it needs to deliver the power demanded at any given moment. This means they can be remarkably quiet if power demands are low – a quality that is enhanced by their insulated GRP cases.

The generators can be used for standard 230V or

for charging 12V batteries. The single-cylinder Piccolo 5 delivers 4kW, while the two-cylinder Piccolo 8 gives 6kW. They both deliver an exact 230V and 50Hz sine wave independent of the generator speed, as well as 12V battery charging. Webasto says they are 30 to 50 per cent smaller and lighter than the equivalent traditional small diesel generators, with lower vibration and fuel consumption and, consequently, longer engine life.

The Piccolo 5 is priced at £6,173 while the Piccolo 8 is £11,573.

The WhisperPower Piccolo 5 diesel genset delivers 4kW and very low noise levels.



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## Floating buildings drive LeeSan to new markets

LeeSan's new EffluMaxi floor-mounted sewage pumping station.



LeeSan, which many boaters probably think of as the 'number one in the number two business', has extended

its range into pumps and pumping systems for more remote waste disposal.

The company says the move is driven by the growth of floating buildings, such as offices, restaurants and houseboats, which are often having to piggyback on more conventional narrow-bore plumbing systems and can put a strain on them. Sometimes boatyards and marine premises, which are generally at quite low water-level locations, also need to pump grey or black water

uphill to a main sewer.

LeeSan was acquired in 2015 by Pump Technology, a specialist in these more remote systems, but has not focused on that market until now. It is also specialising in pressure booster systems for drinking water supply, where water pressure needs to be increased for long pipe runs. These systems are becoming more common at smaller sites, such as private moorings and boat clubs.

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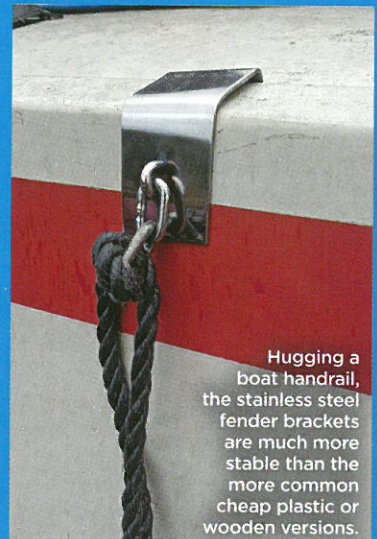
## Steel fender brackets

These new brackets are a very smart way of hanging rope fenders off the side of your narrowboat. With a low profile, they hug the boat's handrail and, being of tough 304-gauge stainless steel, they won't rust.

The brackets also have a couple of strip magnets on the inside to make them stick to the rail. What's more, in the event of one being lost overboard, the magnets ensure that a 'sea searcher' magnet can retrieve it (as stainless steel isn't itself magnetic).

The brackets are the brainchild of Dave Hall of Stainless Marine Fabrications. He also invented the lockable fuel filler cap we featured in the January issue. Dave is selling the brackets directly from his website, priced £9.50 each.

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Hugging a boat handrail, the stainless steel fender brackets are much more stable than the more common cheap plastic or wooden versions.