

# New fusion hybrid antifoul from Hempel

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Coatings manufacturer Hempel has launched its latest sustainable coating solution for yachts.



Hempel's new Hempaspeed TF uses patent-pending new technology

Hempaspeed TF uses new, patent-pending technology combines traditional tough thin-film coatings with Hempel's patented hydrogel fouling release technology, creating a fusion hybrid antifouling that is biocide-free.

The product combines the qualities of a robust hard antifouling with an ultra-smooth finish. It is suitable for use in both salt and fresh waters and has been developed to minimise growth and

drag, to be easy to clean even with high pressure washing, with no risk for run-off contamination.

It is suitable for all sailing boats including racing and trailer boats.

### **Efficient and effective**

“The aim is for our product solutions to be more efficient and effective, as well as respecting the environment, so we constantly work on developing new technologies to help make that happen,” explained Tino Rikkert, Hempel’s yacht director Europe. “The new Hempaspeed TF is a perfect addition to our biocide-free range and aligns with our strategic goal of being a trusted sustainable coating partner.

“Only by considering the whole process of coating a yacht can we really innovate to create better solutions for both the industry and environment.”

### **Available**

The product will be available in UK, Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Norway from season 2022 in four colours: white, blue, black and grey.

Biocide-free products have been high on Hempel’s agenda for some time, with Silic-One the company’s best-known product in the underwater range.

In addition, the company has developed Hempaguard X7 for superyachts, a hull coating that reduces fuel consumption, VOC emissions and greenhouse gas emissions.