

Kiss The Records Goodbye

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Imagine that a product exists which can be applied to your boat (or airplane, car, torpedo or whatever) that makes it go faster, saves fuel, prevents anything from sticking to it including barnacles, and only costs about 100 bucks. This is not a dream. A Tampa, Florida chemist/dentist, Dr. Keith Kent, has invented such a product. Kiss Cote is the trade name of a secret formula for a polymerized silicon which does all of the above, and more. It was originally developed for use in tooth protection.

In my own tests, it makes a 31-foot Cigarette Decathlon go about 2 mph faster. The most amazing part is not the speed increase, but the fact that the handling at high trim angles improved dramatically. Before the Kiss Cote application, the boat ran 55 mph with the twin 225 Johnsons trimmed out about 3 degrees past vertical. Further trimming caused the boat to "chine walk" radically. After the application, the boat ran 57 mph at the same trim angle. Further trimming did not increase the speed, but instead allowed the bow to be trimmed up to the point the forward visibility was hampered, with no "chine walk."

In addition, after six weeks in salt water, the only marine growth on the boat was in the areas not in contact with the moving water during high speed operation. Barnacles the size of a half-dollar could be knocked off with a fingernail, and left absolutely no footprint. Above the water, seagull droppings and fish blood wash off with an ordinary garden hose.

Apply it to your windshield, and throw away your windshield wipers! Coat your airplane and pick up 2 or 3 percent in speed, and lower the stall speed! Coat the interior of your artificial heart and stop the build-up of platelets in the corners! Coat your Nuclear Torpedo and extend its range by several hundred yards! Coat your teeth and forget the heartbreak of plaque build-up! I have thought of several other applications, but this is probably not the right magazine to introduce them.

According to Dr. Kent, the secret to this incredible product is a "Surface Phenomenon." In plain English, it is slicker than @\$%! Both of the trans-

Atlantic powerboat record attempts this summer will be in Kiss Cote treated boats. Tom Gentry and the Italian Azimut team have made their own tests, and found significant performance increases.

John Connor, the all-time great Offshore Wizard, estimates that the 2 knot increase in the performance of the 90,000 pound *Gentry Eagle* trans-Atlantic boat would have required an increase of more than 1,000 additional horsepower!

Several of the Offshore Racers are coated. You can't tell which ones because the decal won't stick. The reason you haven't heard of Kiss Cote is that although dozens of boats, both power and sail, have had significant performance increases, their owners do not wish to share the secret with their competitors.

Anything that moves through the air or water will find a significant, measurable increase in performance and speed

with the coated surface. An impromptu test on golf balls and clubs has shown an increase of as much as 18 yards per drive, and a noticeable increase in loft with irons *Kiwi Magic*, the America's Cup contender from New Zealand got a 7 percent increase downwind.

Kiss Cote comes in an incredibly small tube () for small boats or cars. It is applied by squeezing a small amount on a clean buffing pad, and buffing it onto the surface. A clean buffing pad is then used to buff off the excess. Except for the shine, the coating is undetectable. It restores texture and luster in chalky gelcoat or painted surfaces. It is an awesome sight to hose down a boat and watch the dirt and all the water slide off the surface immediately. If you would like to try some, call or write to Dr. Kent at: Kiss-Cote, Inc.,

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