



Pour blimey!

Bargain gizmo prevents fuel-fill spillages

The days of pouring petrol everywhere but into the tank when filling up the outboard are over.



It's just a small plastic pipe with a filter



Simply insert the pipe into the funnel

The Easy-Fill is simple and effective

So says the maker of **Easy-Fill**, but in my experience cheap and simple normally equals a gimmick that doesn't work.

On closer inspection, although simple, the Easy-Fill is a clever little device – it's a small plastic pipe with a filter on one end. It stops air flowing back into the container when the outboard's fuel tank is full, meaning that flow stops when the end of the nozzle is submerged in petrol.

On test I expected to withdraw the funnel and the flow to continue, but the flow was held back for a good five seconds – enough time to move the petrol container to an upright position. A built-in filter also prevents dirt getting through.

Stone me, it cleans

We apply some elbow grease to test a non-toxic cleaner

Universal Stone is a natural cleaning solution for boaters who want to clean their pride and joy without harming the environment or their hands with toxic elements. Rubbing a wet sponge on the stone creates a cream which is fairly abrasive, it works like a middle stage between a liquid rubbing compound and wet and dry sandpaper to remove stubborn dirt from GRP.

On test it performed well at removing grime and dirty marks, but it leaves behind a white film even if you rinse the hull with water afterwards. The manufacturer says this is glycerine that helps to protect the surface. On white GRP it isn't so noticeable but unless you want the film transferred onto your clothing if you brush against the fibreglass, you need to give it a quick polish to remove the matt look. On coloured GRP, however, this white film demands plenty of effort to polish it away.

The manufacturer points out that



Universal Stone is a solid cleaner, so it will last a long time compared to liquid cleaners. A 500g tub is said to be comparable to a 50lt liquid cleaner. And it's worth noting we barely made a dent in the solid product despite doing a lot of cleaning.

Overall it's an adequate cleaner but that residual white dust is a pain. Use it as a spot-cleaner before waxing or on areas, such as fendering, where a shine is less crucial, and it will keep going all year long. **Greg**



Rub a wet sponge over the compound to create an abrasive cream-like cleaner

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Price: £19

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