

Technical Bulletin #001

Care and Maintenance

A deck protected by DeckRite will not require the sanding, sealing, painting, and heavy maintenance typically associated with traditional wood decks and patios. However, it will require a minimal investment of time and effort to keep your DeckRite deck looking great year-round. The following is a recommended care and maintenance schedule and procedure.

Regular Cleaning – Three to four times a year (or as needed), saturate the DeckRite surface with water from your garden hose. Squirt a small amount (approximately 2-3 tablespoons per 100 square feet) of dish soap onto the saturated surface. Using a soft deck brush or sponge mop, sweep over the deck area utilizing the water and soap suds to scrub the surface. More water may be necessary during this process. When finished sweeping the deck, rinse thoroughly with clean water. Repeat process if needed.

Ground in Dirt/Stain – Occasionally, a spot or section of your DeckRite deck may require a more aggressive cleaning procedure than that described in *Regular Cleaning*. When this occurs, substitute the deck brush or mop for a stiff bristle hand brush or push broom. In some areas of the country, pine sap, pine needles, or leaves

may leave a residue on the membrane. If so, apply a citrus based solution to a clean dry rag and then gently dab over the stain. We recommend that you try the citrus cleaner in an inconspicuous spot on the DeckRite surface prior to cleaning the stain. Rinse area thoroughly with water when complete.

Contact manufacturer regarding stubborn stains and cleaning procedures.

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Verify Lot Numbers

Color Matching – Every effort is made during the manufacturing process to match color batches from each production run to the next. However, even with state-of-the-art computerized color-matching techniques, colors may vary slightly between production runs. To help alleviate the application of unmatched colors, make certain you match the lot numbers located on the roll labels. In addition, after verifying the lot number and prior to gluing the DeckRite membrane in place, compare the membrane color to adjacent material.

DeckRite will strive to ship rolls with the same lot number. It is incumbent that the installer also check the lot numbers, as much of the DeckRite product is sold through independent distributors who may or may not sell rolls with matching lot numbers.

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Mildew / Algae Resistance

The DeckRite membranes are designed for outdoor use and to that end, are formulated to withstand the rigors of exposure to the elements.

The DeckRite membranes contain one of the most widely used and effective fungicides for vinyl membranes. Its purpose is to prevent surface penetration of the algae and/or mildew spores and thus provide years of service to the customer.

This formulation, however, does not, and cannot, prevent mildew or algae from growing in the dirt and debris on the surface of the membrane. To prevent the formation of mildew or algae, it is suggested that periodically, the membrane be cleaned with a mild liquid dish soap applied with water and a soft-bristled scrub brush, followed by a thorough rinsing. This process will keep your DeckRite membrane looking new and help protect your investment into the future.

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Rugs and Mats

Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) based products can be formulated for outstanding resistance to outdoor exposure. DeckRite and MariDeck are PVC based and consequently offer exceptional performance in most outdoor environments. Equally important when using PVC based products is choosing compatible materials that it may come in contact with.

Many outdoor rugs and mats are made of Rubber or have a Rubber backing. Even some patio furniture has Rubber bases on the support legs. Although Rubber (i.e. EPDM, Neoprene) and PVC are both petroleum based products, they are not fundamentally compatible. When Rubber based products are in contact with either DeckRite or MariDeck they could adversely impact the PVC plasticizers. You may see discoloration, staining and over time, significant degradation. Using unbacked rugs or mats is recommended as well as nylon or plastic bases for support legs. If you need a protective mat under a BBQ grill, contact your local supplier or DeckRite for assistance.