

Congratulations on choosing the finest quality waterproof deck covering available. Your new Dex-O-Tex Weatherwear Deck covering system will provide years of trouble free service with a minimum of maintenance. Just follow the recommendations below to maximize the life of your deck covering.

Routine Cleaning

Routine cleaning for your new Dex-O-Tex deck is simple. Just wash with a mild cleaning solution such as “Simple Green” or “Ivory Liquid”. Use a brush to remove tough stubborn stains or residual compounds. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

Regular cleaning will prevent build-up of residue, which can make the deck surface slippery when wet.

Specialty and Deep Cleaning Procedures

Test Area - Always test selected cleaning products before general uses. Test a minimum of 4 ft. by 4 ft. area of the deck. Use manufacturer’s application instructions. Let the test panel dry thoroughly.

Inspect – Keep test panels available for comparison throughout the cleaning project.

Utilize a product that is a mildly alkaline product for cleaning and degreasing heavily soiled surfaces. These products are ideal for cleaning hard surfaces stained and soiled by hard use and heavy traffic. They are usually dilutable for application to nearly any surface. In concentrate, they dissolve the toughest stains. These surface cleaners rinse quickly and efficiently with cold water.

Application

Before applying, read all manufacturers “Preparation” and “Safety Information” sections in the Manufacturer’s Product Data Sheet for all surface cleaners utilized. Use all surface cleaners in concentrate or dilute as per manufacturers recommendations. Refer to manufacturer’s test area results for recommended dilution for intended use.

1. Pre-wet the surface with clean water.

2. Apply the diluted cleaning solution to the masonry surface using a brush or low pressure spray.
3. Let the cleaner stay on the surface for 5-15 minutes. Gently scrub heavily soiled areas.
4. Rinse the surface thoroughly with clean water. The best combination of rinsing pressure and water volume is provided by masonry washing equipment generating 400-1000 psi with a water flow rate of 6-8 gallons per minute delivered through a 15-45 degree fan spray tip. Equipment should be adjustable to reduce water flow rate and rinsing pressure as required for controlled cleaning of more sensitive surfaces. See also “Equipment” section of the Product Data Sheet.
5. Repeat steps 1 through 4 if necessary.

Note: Do not allow surface cleaner to dry on the surface. If drying occurs, lightly wet surfaces with fresh water. Reapply the cleaner scrubbing gently.

Mold and Mildew

Utilize a product that is designed to remove a broad spectrum of biological deposits from hard surfaces. Dilute cleaning solution with clean water as directed, and apply to the surface. A short contact time, gentle scrubbing and a water rinse are normally enough to remove light-to-moderate deposits of fungi, algae, lichen and bacteria typically encountered on deck covering surfaces. Take caution when using these type of products to always use recommended personal safety equipment.

Application

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1. Working from bottom to top, apply generously to dry surface until surface is thoroughly wet.

2. Leave on the surface for 2-3 minutes. If needed, apply more to keep the surface wet.
3. Mist treated surfaces with water and gently scrub with a non-metallic, short-fibered scrub brush to loosen biological soiling.

Carbon Deposits and Atmospheric Staining

Use a concentrated gel restoration cleaner for dissolving tough carbon deposits and other atmospheric staining. This class of products is a practical alternative to conventional acidic cleaners. Restoration cleaners remove calcium and lime deposits from the deck surface. These products are safer and less expensive than hot water pressure washing or steam cleaning. They also loosen and dissolve dirt, paint oxidation and other stains associated with aged and dirty buildings.

Caution

- Not suitable for cleaning most concrete or marble surfaces
- Not recommended for interior use.
- May damage some polished stone and “glazed” surfaces. Always test.
- Product may bleach certain types of light or buff colored masonry materials. Always test.
- May damage glass and architectural aluminum.

Application

Before applying, read “Preparation” and “Safety Information” sections in the Manufacturer’s Product Data Sheet. Do not dilute or alter unless recommended by the manufacturer.

1. Working from bottom to top, pre-wet surface with fresh water.
2. Apply cleaner using a brush or roller. Gentle scrubbing application will improve results.
3. Leave the cleaning solution on the surface for 10-20 minutes. Heavy soiling or mineral deposits may require longer dwell times. Do not let cleaning solution “dry” on to the surface. If drying occurs, lightly wet treated surfaces with

fresh water, and reapply the cleaner, gently scrubbing.

4. Working from higher elevation to lower elevation, rinse thoroughly with fresh water. The best combination of rinsing pressure and water volume is provided by washing equipment generating 400-1000 psi with a water flow rate of 6-8 gallons per minute delivered through a 15-45 degree fan spray tip. Equipment should be adjustable to reduce water flow rate and rinsing pressure as required for controlled cleaning of more sensitive surfaces. See also “Equipment” section of the Product Data Sheet.

5. Repeat steps 1-4 if necessary.

Note: Older, more weathered surfaces may require restricting water pressure to avoid damage. Always test first.

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Maintenance

The Dex-O-Tex Weatherwear Deck Covering system is a multi-layered floating system, which incorporates a slip sheet, waterproof membrane, traffic topping and maintenance sealers. The traffic topping is the only layer, which requires ordinary maintenance.

The traffic topping is designed to withstand normal everyday wear and direct exposure to the elements. Over a period of time, the traffic topping needs to be resealed with Dex-O-Tex AJ-44 sealer dressing. This is required when traffic patterns become visible in the decking. This should be approximately 3 to 5 years in normal traffic areas and every 2 to 3 years in high traffic areas such as stairways, concentrated activity areas and access corridors.

If your Dex-O-Tex decking system leaks for any reason, call us or the installing contractor immediately. This could indicate a puncture in the waterproof membrane or a problem with the flashing or transitions which, need to be repaired without delay. If leaks go unattended, they can create numerous related problems.

General Precautions

Avoid placing heavy objects on the deck, as they can affect the movement of the decking system, resulting in small surface cracks.

- Avoid heavy point loads being applied directly to the deck.
- Do not expose the deck covering system to harsh chemicals or acids.
- Do not subject the deck covering to continuous heavy rolling loads.
- Do not cover the deck surface with carpeting, mats or any other impermeable surface.
- Do not puncture decking or waterproof membrane.
- Do not cut or slice the deck covering.



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