

DECK PREPARATION VINYL MEMBRANES ALUMINUM RAILING



Deck Construction: deck surface should be new 5/8” tongue and groove construction, PL400 to beams. Try and make it as tight as possible, with no gaps at house or seams. Beware of any delamination.

Gas Lines: if BBQ gas line is present, bring it up through the deck at least 6” from any edge.

Stairs: mark stair location and proposed width and construction style (routed or cut stringers.)

Pillars: will pillars be metal clad, rock face or bare. If pillar is flush to deck edge, we can not vinyl behind pillar, as there is no room for flashing. In that case, just flash all the way down the pillar.

Siding / Stucco: we want to run the vinyl up the wall at least 4”, usually 6”. Therefore we want to install before the siding or stucco go on. The vinyl will be glued to the wall behind everything except foam insulation.

Fascia / Cladding: whether fascia or cladding is 1/8” metal or 3/8” smartboard, we need to allow the proper gap behind our deck edge flashing.

Canstrip: 45 degree canstrip is aesthetically pleasing, provides better adhesion for the vinyl in the transition from floor to wall, and it assists in the drainage of water away from the structure.

Weather: we require a completely dry deck to lay vinyl. Decks that have been saturated require 2 full days to dry, otherwise the vinyl will bubble up.

Surface Preparation: other than delamination, Creative Deckworx will sand all seams and imperfections, install flashing and canstrip, and cement and sand the entire deck. As long as the surface meets the criteria described in the Deck Construction section at the top of this document, installation can proceed.

For further information on stair construction, canstrip installation, etc., please refer to our website under the **Downloads** section for a complete listing of information sheets.

Should you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at your earliest convenience.