

## DekSmart Vinyl Decking Care & Cleaning Instructions

### Sundeck Inspection

The only regular maintenance of your DekSmart Vinyl deck other than general cleaning is an annual inspection. This includes 2 major steps:

- Check all areas where sealants have been applied to areas where the decking membrane is in junction with the building, posts, columns, vents and drains. Often the areas where this sealant is applied will expand/contract, shrink or shift causing the sealant to crack, thereby breaking the seal.
- Check all seams to make sure there are no openings. Although unusual, seams can open allowing water to penetrate the vinyl deck. When discovered early, repairing seams is an easy repair.

Contact your DekSmart vinyl installer if repairs must be made.

### General Cleaning

Your DekSmart vinyl deck should be cleaned a minimum of four times per year. More often if acid rain or airborne pollution are a problem in your area. A general cleaning of your deck surface consists of some warm soapy water and a stiff broom. Scrub the deck in a circular motion to loosen off any dirt, then spray the deck clean with a standard garden broom. For tough stains please consult these cleaning recommendations:

<u>Steps</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Steps</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
Chewing Gum	D	A	B	Rust	F	A	
Motor Oil		B		Spray Paint	B	E	
Mildew or Wet Leaves	C	A	B	Shoe Polish	D	B	E
Oil Base Paint (dried)	D	A	B	Oil Base Paint (fresh)	D	B	E
Tar/Asphalt	D	B	E	Lipstick	A	B	
Latex Paint	A	B	E	Crayon	D	B	
Ketchup	A	B		Grease	D	B	E
Ballpoint Ink	A	B	E	Household Soil	A	B	
Permanent Marker	B	C	E	Coffee, Tea, Chocolate	B		
Cedar	B			Urethane Caulking	D	G	A

- A: Diluted soapy water, soft brush/water rinse/dry  
 B: *Fantastik* spray cleaner or *Cascade* powdered dishwasher detergent/diluted (only a few minutes) water rinse/dry  
 C: One (1) tablespoon vinegar to one (1) quart water/water rinse/dry  
 D: Wipe or scrape off excess (chill gum with ice)  
 E: Follow instructions of staining agent manufacturer  
 F: Apply Naval Jelly/water rinse/dry  
 G: Rub on citrus based hand cleaner, wait 3 to 5 minutes/ water rinse/dry

### Snow and Ice

Use a plastic shovel to remove snow and ice. 'Rock salt' or other snow melting chemicals are not recommended as snow or ice removal.

### Notes

1. Always test an unseen area of vinyl before cleaning stain.
2. All cleaning methods should be followed by a thorough rinse of water.
3. Avoid applying cleaners in direct hot sunshine.
4. Certain household cleaners, powdered abrasives, steel wool and industrial cleaners can cause damage and discolouration and are not recommended. These products will remove the top coat, UV inhibitors and printed pattern, thus damaging the sundeck.
5. Please be aware that some products such as suntan lotion and some permanent marker inks contain dyes that can cause permanent staining.

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