

VINYL DECKING CARE & CLEANING

Congratulations on the purchase of your new vinyl deck. The following cleaning instructions are provided to assist you with maintaining your deck and to provide you with many years of enjoyment.

PROTECT - vinyl from scuffs, tears or excessive wear by using mats at doorways, stair landings or major traffic areas. Dragging heavy objects can cause scuffs or tears and should be avoided or protected against.

INSPECTION - The only regular maintenance other than cleaning is inspecting the caulking used to seal around posts, pillars, corners, vents and drains. Often the structure to which the vinyl sheeting is sealed will crack, shrink or shift, thereby breaking the seal. Yearly inspection will uncover such a problem. Your contractor can recommend and supply the proper sealant to correct it. The sealant used is on your project is named MP1, a poly urethane gun rated sealant. See Warranty for caulking.

RAILINGS - If railings are to be installed on the vinyl surface, try to mount them so they do not penetrate the membrane. Wooden rails should be notched out and bolted to the side of the deck. For proper seal, metal rails should have all screw holes caulked before inserting the screw.

GENERAL CLEANING - Your vinyl deck should be cleaned at least four times per year (more often if acid rain or airborne pollution is a problem in your area) using a good quality vinyl cleaner. Follow the directions on the label. This cleaner is designed for vinyl and will NOT leave harmful chemical residue like many household cleaners may. Use warm water and a stiff broom, scrubbing in a circular motion to loosen the dirt. Then spray with a garden hose (under pressure) to wash away the loose dirt. Flush thoroughly with clean water.

STAINS - Vinyl will resist most staining materials. Some do cause problems though. Exterior oil base stains, some oil stains, any tar or bitumen based product, fresh cedar, and some new pressure treated lumber may permanently stain the vinyl. Biodegradable matter such as leaves when left on the vinyl for a prolonged period may also be very difficult to clean. If any of the above should occur, try to clean off as soon as possible so the stain doesn't have a chance to set.

WARNING - Do not attempt to clean stains, paint or any blemish using any bleach, acetone, urpentine, lacquer thinner, acid or multipurpose stain or paint remover as this may cause removal of the print.

Directions must be followed explicitly to avoid damaging the print. The cleaning solution must be dabbed NOT rubbed, and then cleaned well with cleanser and water and then flushed with lots of clean water. Always test on an out of the way place to ensure there will be no problem.

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	Eye shadow	B		
Motor Oil	B			Spray Paint	B	E	
Mildew or Wet Leaves*	C	A	B	Shoe Polish*	D	B	E
Yellow Mustard	A	B	C	Oil Base Paint(Fresh)	D	B	E
Oil Base Paint (Dried)	D	A	B	Suntan Lotion*	A	B	E
Tar/Asphalt	D	A	B	Lipstick	A	B	
Latex Paint	A	B	E	Crayon	D	B	
Ketchup	A	B		Grease	D	B	E
Ball-point Ink	A	B	E	Household soil	A	B	
Permanent Marker*	B	C	E	Coffee, Tea, Chocolate	B		

A: Medium Soft brush - warm soapy water/water rinse/dry

B: FANTASTIK spray cleaner (only for a few minutes) water rinse/dry

C: One (1) tablespoon ammonia 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.

* Suntan lotions, wet leaves, permanent markers and some other products contain dyes that permanently stain.

Notes: - Always clean immediately. Test an unseen area of fabric before cleaning stain.

- All cleaning methods must be followed by a thorough rinse with water.

- Certain household cleaners, powdered abrasives, steel wool and industrial cleaners can cause damage and discoloration and are not recommend. Dry cleaning fluids and lacquer solvents should not be used as they will remove the printed pattern and gloss. Waxes should be used with caution as they may contain dyes or solvents that can permanently damage the protective coating.

FACTS ABOUT SHEET VINYL DECKING AND WATERPROOFING CARPET

All products designed for exterior use will eventually be affected by Mother Nature. PVC, man's best attempt at prolonging the life cycle of various building products, performs an admirable job in delaying the inevitable, but it will show some signs of degradation.

Warning against the effects of UV (Ultra Violet) rays on the skin are common. After a period of years these same rays may affect outdoor products and therefore manufacturers add UV screen and stabilizers to prolong the life of PVC (Vinyl) materials. These screens are designed to resist the cracking and discoloration of the vinyl. The thicker the vinyl is the greater the resistance to degradation.

APPEARANCE VS WATERPROOFING - the prime function of the sheet vinyl product you've purchased is to waterproof the space beneath, to protect the structure from rot, eliminate maintenance and to provide a durable long lasting, skid resistant surface. Its initial appearance will eventually deteriorate, but this does not affect its ability to provide waterproofing.

SEAMS - The strength of our system is in the method we use to weld the vinyl sheets together. The vinyl sheets are overlapped and heat fused. The seam is visible. Other systems previously used that offered invisible seams resulted in waterproofing failures.

SCUFFING - Like any other floor surface, vinyl may scuff if abused. Try to avoid dragging heavy objects over unprotected PVC. Skidding a bicycle tire, a roller blade or the edge of a running shoe across the vinyl creates friction, and the extreme heat and abrasion may possibly remove the print. Normal traffic will not damage the vinyl at all.