



BEST PRACTICES FOR LONG-TERM ENJOYMENT



SUNDECKS | ROOF DECKS | BALCONIES | PATIOS | STAIRS | POOL DECKS | WALKWAYS

Duradek outdoor vinyl flooring has been waterproofing rooftop decks and balconies since 1974. With a little care, your Duradek surface will remain waterproof for 20+ years. Please use the following guidelines to ensure a long life for your Duradek surface.

DO NOT PUNCTURE OR ALTER YOUR DURADEK SURFACE WITHOUT CONSULTING AN AUTHORIZED DEALER OR MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

Your Duradek is not only a walking surface, but also your roofing membrane. While it is relatively difficult to accidentally damage the membrane to the point of needing repair; any cuts, punctures, or other damage should be repaired by an Authorized Duradek Installer as soon as possible to avoid further damage.

Do

- ✓ Use your deck or roof deck to relax
- ✓ Read your Duradek [Warranty](#) and [Care & Cleaning](#) recommendations
- ✓ Clean your Duradek 4 times a year (clean tree sap, tannin stains from leaves and rust immediately)
- ✓ Inspect your deck annually, especially the areas that have caulking, and reapply urethane caulking if needed
- ✓ Call your Duradek area distributor any time for help or advice
- ✓ Enjoy a Hot Tub (if the roof or structure was engineered for it)
- ✓ Add furniture and potted plants (best to avoid sharp edges, use pads on feet and move around occasionally)
- ✓ Use a carpet or mat (non-rubber backed / polypropylene is ok). Best to move around occasionally to reduce color differences from long term sun exposure
- ✓ Use a barbecue or grill (Tip: Use a non-rubber backed mat underneath to catch spills... or ask your Duradek distributor for a scrap piece of vinyl for under your grill)
- ✓ Dance in your high heels as much as you want - no problem
- ✓ Let your pets enjoy Duradek - no worries about claws (and cleaning 'accidents' is easy)
- ✓ Clean well under bird feeders and hanging baskets to ensure any spilled residue or soil chemicals do not stain
- ✓ Use de-icing agents in winter conditions - salt, sand or kitty litter are ok (be sure to thoroughly rinse surface once the ice has melted to remove the residue before the sun may affect it)
- ✓ Use a plastic snow shovel (avoid sharp metal edges)
- ✓ Take lots of photos on your beautiful deck and share them (#Duradek | #DoltWithDuradek)

Don't

- × Use harsh cleaners or anything not recommended by Duradek
- × Use the surface as a work area (ie: no cutting, dragging, etc on the vinyl surface)
- × Use a surface driven snowblower to clear snow
- × Use a Dutch Oven or other heat source directly on the surface (ie: the hot lid of your charcoal grill)
- × Drag heavy or sharp objects (to avoid surface damage or scuffing - most scuff marks can be removed with a white or rubber gum eraser)
- × Use metal objects (anything that can rust should NOT be left on the Duradek surface as rust can permanently stain)
- × Use silicone, asphalt, bitumen or rubber based products (all are incompatible and can cause staining) - we recommend urethane caulking and polypropylene backed mats.

Expectations

- Be aware there will be a seam if your deck is over 5'-1/2 feet wide
- Building movement may happen
- You may see bubbles after the installation, but they should disappear naturally with heat from the sun
- There may be water held behind the seams or ponding in low spots of the deck
- Although Duradek is a low maintenance product, cleaning and annual inspection/caulking maintenance is required