

## CARE AND CLEANING OF YOUR DURADEK™ MEMBRANE

**DURADEK** is the finest deck waterproofing product available on the market today. It is installed by authorized applicators using the Duradek system of sheet vinyl, adhesives, trims and sealants.

**PROTECT** Duradek vinyl from scuffs, tears or excessive wear by using mats (polypropylene backed only) at doorways, stair landings or major traffic thoroughfares. Dragging heavy objects can cause scuffs or tears and should be avoided or protected against. Do not extinguish cigarettes on vinyl membranes. Keep the vinyl looking great by wiping spills as soon as they occur and removing organic matter like leaves before they decompose which can cause staining. Avoid incompatible material such as rubber, pressure treated wood or cedar. Provide a layer of protection from metal or cedar furniture and planters by using plastic foot pads and planter trays. Ask for a remnant piece of vinyl (if available) from the installer for placing under barbecues for protection from grease stains.

**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. For caulking maintenance, use polyurethane caulking.

**SNOW AND ICE:** Use only a plastic shovel to remove ice and snow. 'Rock Salt', 'Kitty Litter' and other snow-melting chemicals can be used, however the surface must be cleaned thoroughly with soap and water prior to letting the spring sun 'bake' any chemicals into the Duradek membrane.

**GENERAL CLEANING:** The more frequently the deck is cleaned, the easier it is to keep clean. A 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 the Duradek vinyl cleaner available from an authorized Duradek contractor or Duradek head office. 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. Spray with a garden hose (under pressure) to wash away the loose dirt. It is OK to use a pressure washer with a setting of no more than 1500 psi (max), and hold the nozzle (rotary or turbo nozzle) a minimum of 12 inches above the surface, being careful to avoid seams, railing attachments, caulking or house trims. **Flush thoroughly with clean water.**

### FOR TOUGH STAINS PLEASE CONSULT THESE CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS:

**DURADEK VINYL CLEANER OFFERS THE BEST RESULTS FOR EVEN TOUGH STAINS.** These alternate cleaning solutions are an option for tough stains that our vinyl cleaner is unable to remove. If trying one of these options, there is risk of leaving a residue which can affect the performance or appearance of your Duradek vinyl deck surface. These options are to be done at your own risk and MUST be done when vinyl is cool to the touch and not in direct sunlight/peak heat of day. If damage occurs during or as a result of the cleaning process, it is the owner's responsibility to repair. Always use cleaners as directed by the manufacturer.

Steps	1	2	3	Steps	1	2	3	4
Ballpoint Ink Permanent Marker* **	B	C		Mold and Fungi	G			
Cedar*	B	F		Motor Oil	B	H		
Chewing Gum	D	A	B	Oil Base Paint (Dried)	D	A	B	K
Coffee, Tea, Chocolate	B			Oil Base Paint (Fresh) **	D	B	K	
Crayon	D	B		Pitch / Sap	B	I	J	
Grease **	D	B	H	Rust	E			
Household Soil	A	B		Shoe Polish* **	D	B		
Ketchup	A	B		Spray Paint **	B			
Latex Paint **	A	B	K	Suntan Lotion* **	A	B		
Lipstick	A	B		Tar/Asphalt	D	A	B	I
Mildew or Wet Leaves*	C	A	B	Yellow Mustard	A	B	C	

- A: Apply warm, soapy water for a few minutes to let the chemical action of the cleaner begin to "loosen" the dirt. Scrub with a relatively stiff bristle scrub brush in a north-south direction for a few minutes. Scrub in an east-west direction for a few minutes. Rinse well with water and let dry.
- B: FANTASTIK spray cleaner, Simple Green, or Formula 409 All-Purpose spray cleaner (only for a few minutes) water rinse/dry; or Cascade Powdered Dish Detergent with water, 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: Duradek Vinyl Cleaner gets the best results. Rust is very difficult to remove and should be cleaned immediately.
- F: Sun exposure over time will fade this stain type.
- G: One-third (1/3) cup powdered household detergent, four (4) cups household liquid bleach, two-third (2/3) cup Trisodium Phosphate, Twelve (12) cups water; OR Clorox Outdoor bleach at One (1) part bleach to Six (6) parts water. Use rubber gloves with these options. Rinse well.
- H: Citrus based engine cleaner, water rinse/dry.
- I: Citrus based asphalt & tar remover, water rinse/dry.
- J: Spray Aqua Net Hairspray directly onto the pitch or sap mark, then wipe off, water rinse well/dry with lint-free cloth.
- K: Apply a coating of hand sanitizer to paint with enough coverage to keep the area moist for 5 - 15 minutes. Wipe off with a rag or soft bristle brush. Re-apply as required; water rinse/dry.

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

\*\* Follow instructions of staining agent manufacturer.

### IMPORTANT NOTES - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

- Any cleaning agent, other than Duradek Vinyl Cleaner, is used at your own risk.
- Always clean immediately. Test an unseen area of vinyl before cleaning stain.
- All cleaning methods must be followed by a thorough rinse with water.
- Cleaning should be done when vinyl is cool to the touch and not in direct sunlight/peak heat of day.
- Certain household cleaners, powdered abrasives, steel wool and industrial cleaners can cause damage and discoloration and are not recommended. Dry cleaning fluids and lacquer solvents should not be used, as they will remove the printed pattern and gloss. Waxes may contain dyes or solvents that can permanently damage the protective coating.

**Caution** - Do not attempt to clean stains, paint or any blemish using any undiluted bleach, acetone, turpentine, lacquer thinner, ketone, acid or multipurpose stain or paint remover as you may cause removal of the vinyl print. **Cleaning solutions must be dabbed, NOT rubbed. Clean well with cleanser and water, and then flush thoroughly with lots of clean water.** Always test on an 'out of the way' place to ensure there will be no problems with the cleaning agent you've selected.

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