



# Decorative Coating

## Polymer Modified Overlayments

# Care & Maintenance

### STANDARD CARE & MAINTENANCE

With proper maintenance, you will extend the life of the Decorative Coatings to its maximum potential. The following instructions will provide you with the proper methods of maintenance.

- If puddling or sanding water occurs, remove it to maximize the life of the system.
- Establish a normal maintenance schedule for washing and cleaning the decorative surface using a wet or dry dust mop followed by a mild soap and water solution. TSP (Tri Sodium Phosphate) and all purpose cleaners are recommended. Use a stiff broom or scrub brush (polypropylene, nylon, or horsehair) to remove stubborn contaminants on the decking surface. Rinse the deck thoroughly after scrubbing. No solvents should be used to remove contaminants as this may cause damage to the deck surface. All corrosive substances, chemicals and organic materials should be cleaned and rinsed away immediately to prevent damage and/or staining. Test all cleaners in an inconspicuous area to ensure compatibility.
- Planter boxes or flower pots should be raised off the deck and moved every 2 months to allow the deck system to drain and thoroughly dry out. Planters that drain onto the deck system may cause staining due to the natural salts and organic matter in the potting media. Self contained or internal drainage systems should be considered. Plastic retainer rings or dishes should be used under all planters to protect the deck system from damage. Concrete or clay pots are not recommended for use on the Decorative Coating Overlayments.
- Any type of matting that holds moisture, e.g. rubber backed indoor/outdoor carpet, should Not be used on the deck system. The resulting trapped moisture may increase the risk of damage to topcoat.

### RE-SEALING INSTRUCTIONS

Mer-Ko Decorative Coatings should be re-sealed every 3 to 5 years (based on the type of sealer used) for best results, or per the schedule listed on the warranty issued. Documentation of performed maintenance is required for all decks warranted in writing by Mer-Ko at the time of scheduled maintenance listed on the issued warranty.

Do not re-seal Mer-Ko Decorative Coatings if ambient temperature is below or above the appropriate sealers temperatures limitations. Do not apply sealers during inclement weather, when precipitation is occurring or expected within 24 hours. For best results, always apply the sealer to a cool surface in the shade.

Where Mer-Ko Antiquing Gel has been used as an accent colorant, Mer-Ko Clear Seal WBV should be used to seal the surface.

Do not use Mer-Thane clear sealers over Antiquing Gel.

1. The deck surface must be clean, dry and free of any debris, dirt, dust oil, grease, paint or other contaminants.
2. Wash the deck as indicated in the previous Standard Care & Maintenance Instructions. Allow the deck surface to dry completely before continuing.
3. When resealing, be sure to use the correct sealer, appropriate for the conditions. Refer to the applicable Mer-Ko Product Data Sheet for application instructions.

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