

Cetol® DEK FINISH APPLICATION

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■ Preparation Procedures

New, Uncoated Deck Surfaces

Prepare wood surfaces by mechanically sanding with 60 – 80 grit sandpaper.

Weathered, Uncoated Deck Surfaces

1. Spray the surface with clean water, wetting the wood.
2. Clean the surface with a solution of 4 ounces of 100% powdered Tri-Sodium Phosphate (TSP) or phosphate-free substitute plus 1 quart of liquid bleach in 3 quarts of water. Apply this solution generously to the wood with a garden pump sprayer.
3. Let the solution sit on the wood for 15-20 minutes. During this period, scrub the surface with a hard bristle brush to help remove mill glaze and/or weathering. Do not let the solution dry on the wood. Keep it wet.
4. Power wash the cleaning solution from the wood with clean water. To prevent damaging the wood, do not exceed 500 psi. The nozzle must be a maximum of 1 foot from the surface for full effectiveness.
5. Let surface dry for 3 dry days before application (i.e. the moisture content is below 18%).
- 6. All horizontal surfaces must be mechanically sanded using 60-80 grit sandpaper after cleaning.**
7. Cetol DEK Finish should be applied within one week of preparation.

Tips

- *It is always recommended to perform a two coat color test on a sample of the wood.*
- *For application on hardwoods immediately prior to applying coating wipe surface with acetone.*
- *Weathered wood affected with blue fungi or rust from nails may be treated after the surface preparation by applying a solution of 4 ounces of oxalic acid crystals in a gallon of warm water. This solution should be allowed to sit on the affected areas for 15-20 minutes before the final rinse with clean water. Let dry 3 days before coating.*
- ***Previous coatings must be removed prior to the application of Cetol DEK Finish.***

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■ Application Procedures

New/Bare Wood Applications

1. Follow the preparation procedures
2. Apply 1st coat of Cetol DEK Finish (6 sides)
3. Let surface dry for minimum of 24 hours
4. Apply 2nd coat of Cetol DEK Finish
5. Clean tools with paint thinner or mineral spirits

Application Do's...

- *First coat must be applied to all 6 sides*
- *Apply when the surface and air temp is 50°F/10°C to 95°F/35°C*
- *Saturate all end grains, nail holes and cracks in the wood*
- *Apply an even coat using a long haired natural bristle brush*
- *Maintain a wet edge to prevent lap marks*
- *Apply in the direction of the wood grain*
- *Stir well before using*

Application Don'ts...

- *Do not apply when the surface is hot to touch*
- *Do not apply when dew or frost is present*
- *Do not apply in wet weather*
- *Do not apply on unventilated/skirted decks or areas subjected to high moisture*
- *Do not apply on decks less than 2ft clearance from the ground*
- *Do not apply on covered porches*
- *Do not apply when moisture content of the wood is greater than 18%*
- *Do not thin*
- *Do not apply by rolling or spraying*

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■ Maintenance Procedures

Proper maintenance starts with visual inspection. One coat of Cetol DEK Finish must be applied every 18 months. For hardwoods one coat of Cetol DEK Finish must be applied every 12 to 18 months. However, as weathering and exposure conditions can vary widely, maintenance may be needed sooner and should be performed when visually necessary regardless of timeframe.

1. Follow the preparation procedures using the above cleaning solution reducing it to 2 ounces of 100% powdered Tri-Sodium Phosphate or phosphate-free substitute. Let surface dry 3 days.
2. Apply one coat of Cetol DEK Finish