

# Sealers for DekTek Tile

DekTek Tile ONLY applies sealer to sample tiles. **We do not ship deck orders sealed.** It is the responsibility of the client to seal the tiles.

We recommend using a good solvent-based sealer that is for acid stained or stamped concrete. **We do not recommend any specific brand.** There are many brands of concrete sealers on the market that are high quality. Please feel free to consult your local concrete expert. The brand that we stock is "Super Diamond Clear," made by Euclid Chemical Company.

**\*\*\*DO NOT USE WATER-BASED SEALERS because they tend to peel. We also do not recommend using penetrating sealers as our tiles are too dense and it does not protect the tile surface.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Apply sealer using a 1/2" roller nap and roller pan before you install the tiles, which allows you to coat the edges of the tile for better protection. Paint brushes are not recommended. DO NOT SEAL BOTTOM of the tiles as this will trap moisture in the tile and interfere with adhesion.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Only apply sealer in temperatures recommended by the manufacturer. Sealing warm/hot tiles is not recommended, may cause bubbling. Please note, many sealers cannot be applied in cold temperatures. Be sure to seal indoors in a well ventilated area if there are cold temperatures outside.**

**\*\*\*Tiles must be sealed within 21 days upon delivery. See DekTek's Storage Policy for more information.\*\*\***

**DekTek Tiles need to be sealed every 3 years, especially in cold climates, to protect against freeze/thaw and other elements.** By sealing your tiles every 3 years, this will give you the maximum longevity of the product.

For the very first application of sealer, use a high quality solvent-based sealer as listed above. Apply one coat of sealer. The brand we stock is:

❖ **Super Diamond Clear**

## **Re-Sealing Your DekTek Tile Deck:**

When resealing your DekTek Tile deck with Super Diamond Clear products, the sealer must be diluted with Xylene (approximately 50/50) so the sealer will not get too thick. If you were to apply numerous layers of concrete sealer without using Xylene, it could cause a cloudy or milky appearance on the tile, due to moisture being trapped within the tile.

When using another brand of sealer, you must get the manufacturer's recommendation for resealing.

\*DekTek, Inc. shall have no liability for defects or damage resulting from application of concrete sealer or surface treatments.\* See DekTek Tile warranty.

## Remove Cloudiness:

It is common for some sealers to form a cloudy or foggy look after a period of time. DO NOT BE ALARMED, this is a normal occurrence and it is easily fixed by using:

### ❖ Xylene (or Xylol) – For Solvent-Based Sealer ONLY

Use Xylene (sometimes called xylol), and roll it on just as you would roll on another layer of sealer. We recommend one person rolling it on and having a second person back rolling with a dry roller nap to soak up the excess xylene. Another option, if two people are not available, is for you to roll on the xylene in a smaller area, and then back roll before the xylene evaporates. This method works well for the brand, Super Diamond Clear.

If using a different brand of sealer, please check with the manufacturer to see if this system is approved. You can purchase Xylene from your local paint or hardware store.

## Make Your Deck Non-Skid

Here are the simple steps to give your deck a slip-resistant surface:

- ❖ Add a specially designed slip-resistant additive to the sealer. DekTek Tile carries Shark Grip by Sherwin Williams.
- ❖ 1 bottle of Shark Grip (3.2oz) will be sufficient for 2 to 3 gallons of sealer.
- ❖ First, add sealer to the roller pan.
- ❖ Next, sprinkle in 1/2 of a cap of Shark Grip into the roller pan along with sealer. Mix well.
- ❖ Repeat each time you refill the roller pan with sealer. Be sure to stir occasionally and don't forget to stir the Shark Grip with each new batch.
- ❖ Enjoy your Non-Skid deck!

## How To Give Your Deck An Extra Non-Skid Surface:

We recommended adding an extra slip-resistant surface on these applications:

- ❖ Stairs and Steps
  - ❖ Pool Decks
  - ❖ Decks that get snow and winter traffic
  - ❖ Or if you want to take extra precautions
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- ❖ While you add Shark Grip and follow the instructions listed above, you will also sprinkle a large pinch of fine sand grit across the roller pan (washboard area).
  - ❖ As you roll the roller nap with sealer and Shark Grip on it, it will also pick up the sand grit and deposit it on the tile when sealing, giving the tiles extra non-skid.
  - ❖ Sprinkling the grit into roller pan must be done quite frequently (at least every other time you reload your roller with sealer).
  - ❖ Enjoy your Non-Skid deck!