

# DekTek Tile

## Important Installation Tips & Tricks For a Smooth DekTek Tile Installation!

### FOR ELEVATED DECKS INSTALLS (Sister Joist & Sleeper System)

#### INSTALL TIPS & TRICKS

- ✓ **Edge Trim** - How do you plan on locking the tiles in on the outside perimeter of your deck? DekTek Tiles are only adhered with adhesive, so we require a mechanically fastened edge trim to lock the tiles in. There are many options. Here are a few of the most popular:
  - Composite
  - Wood
  - Anodized Aluminum
  - Raising the fascia board up 1" to lock tiles in.
  
- ✓ **Must add extra bracing/framed support under tiles for cut pieces 10" or less.** This is especially important on the small pieces cut to 45-degree angles. Tiles cut to 10" or less are NOT engineered to hold the weight of a human so need the additional framing support under them.
  
- ✓ **Joint Spacing** – how far apart do you plan on spacing the DekTek Tiles from one another? DekTek Tile are 15-15/16" in size, allowing for a 1/16" joint spacing when setting the tiles. However, if you prefer to space the tiles farther apart than this, please know that a modified joist spacing may be required when framing your deck. Here is the Joists & Joint Spacing Breakdown and how far apart to space your joists & joints:

#### FRAMED JOISTS SPACING:

16" o.c.  
16 - 1/16" o.c.  
16 - 1/8" o.c.

#### TILE JOINT SPACING NEEDED:

1/16"  
1/8"  
1/4"

- ✓ **When setting the tile, be sure to mix the tile colors really well.** The tiles come at random on the pallets and may not be mixed well. So when installing, make sure to lay out a handful of tiles at a time and mix them nicely when setting them, to vary the colors properly. You'll want to avoid clumps of dark or light ones in a small area.
- ✓ **Shimming Tile** - When setting the tiles, if a tile sits lower than another tile you may need to add a shim under the lower area so it's even.
- ✓ **Don't skimp on adhesive.** This can lead to the tiles not being adhered properly.
- ✓ **Do not walk on tiles for 24 hours after installation.** This will squish down the adhesive causing the tiles not to properly bond to the framing, in turn could cause loose or rocking tiles.
- ✓ **Stairs** - Do you have any stairs & what material do you plan on using on them? There are many ways to install stairs. If you plan on using DekTek Tile on the stairs, they will need to be locked in as well. Visit this link for more information on stair options:  
<http://dektektile.com/dektek-tile-stair-installations>
- ✓ **Sealer – DekTek Tiles DO NOT COME SEALED unless arranged in advance for an up-charge. See DekTek Tile's Sealer Brochure** for sealing requirements. We recommend sealing the tiles prior to installation as this will be the only time the edges will be sealed.
- ✓ When you receive your shipment, **don't worry about the tiles looking a little dusty or milky before they are sealed.** The sealer will bring out the beautiful colors and make them pop!

**For installation questions, please call or email DekTek Tile's technical team at:**

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**Our team is here to help through the entire process!**

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