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EXTERIOR DECKS

NEW OR YOUNG DECKS

PREP & CLEANING:

1. New wood should weather for at least 6 weeks and then washed with a Mill Glaze remover or lightly sanded with 60 or 80 grit sandpaper to open the wood pores.
2. Existing wood decks should be Washed with an exterior wood cleaner (Simplewash).
3. If the deck has turned grey, a cleaner with Oxalic Acid (preferably bio-degradable such as Dekswood or Woodwash) should be used to restore it to it's natural colour.
4. Allow the deck to dry for 3 days as moisture present in the wood will compromise the life of the coating.

APPLICATION:

1. Using a wide Brush or Stain pad apply 1 coat only of Semi-Transparent, penetrating stain (Storm Stain, Sikkens SRD) to protect but also to avoid a build up of film on the surface (which could result in peeling).
2. This system using a Semi-Transparent stain will last as long as any other product with minimal prep work and labour but the real advantage is that it wears off instead of peeling so it doesn't look as rough when it breaks down.
3. The advantage of using a top quality Semi-Transparent penetrating stain like California Storm Stain or Sikkens SRD is that they not only repel water but they also absorb UV rays that damage the wood as well as containing a mildicide/fungicide not found in many other deck products.

OLDER DECKS IN POOR CONDITION

PREP & CLEANING:

1. Follow same procedures as above.
2. Remove and fill, or replace rotten wood as necessary.
3. Solid latex stain (C2 or Enduradeck-only!) can be used to achieve a consistent look as most Semi-Transparent stains will not hide the imperfections of an older deck.

This system will last from 2-5 years if followed properly and depending on the age and construction of the deck. Semi-Transparent stain can be used on older decks as well but it usually needs to be heavily pigmented to produce an even finish.

FACTORS THAT AFFECT THE SUCCESS IN COATING DECKS:

- Too much moisture in the wood at the time of application.
- Temperature must be at least 10°C at the time of application (preferably for 24 hours)
- Construction of the deck:
 - a) At least 18" from the ground-higher the better.
 - b) Do not box in the bottom of the deck or it will restrict airflow underneath, use lattice if a skirt is desired.
 - c) Rubber membranes beneath the deck cause major problems as you need good drainage below to reduce moisture.
- Do not apply in direct sunlight as the product will dry before it has time to penetrate properly.
- A pool or hot tub will usually result in premature wear in the area immediately surrounding it.
- Stairs, doorways and other high-traffic areas tend to wear prematurely.
- The more porous the surface of the deck is the better the product will penetrate and therefore less likely to peel.