



important news on coating or not coating of

After many years of practical experience in parts of the world with extreme climates, we have confirm that **MARINEDECK® exterior** performs best and requires the least maintenance when uncoated. All new installations are now uncoated. In addition, we recommend that all **MARINEDECK® exterior** customers around the world sand of the existing coating once it becomes worn.

The process entails sanding off the coating using 40 grit paper, keeping the sanding tool flat or at a very slight angle to the surface to prevent gouging the cork surface (the cork will sand easier than the caulk joints and so is susceptible to sanding marks if care isn't taken). Do not use a belt sander! Once the coating is removed, progress up to 80 grit. Cleaning procedures are available from this web site.

We always have offered coatings over the years for use with our **MARINEDECK® exterior**. These were always offered as an option. Our standard advise always was to keep the deck natural and uncoated. The reason on this advise was - and still is - that if one decides to coat the deck, one decides for unnecessary future maintenance at the same time too. There is no coating in the entire world that performs flawlessly. All coatings eventually brake down and require removal and re-application. Also no coating manufacturer warrants their products, as never can be proven if the right instructions have been followed and if the application was done under the right conditions. Besides coating takes time and money and could eventually decrease the life of the deck over the years because of the repeated sanding required.

An uncoated surface will be cooler under foot and body in the hot sun, warmer in cold conditions and have a far superior non-skid quality both wet and dry. If exposed to the ultraviolet light of the sun, the deck will begin to weather to sand colour appearance. When exposed to a high level pf sunlight and UV radiation the deck will return to its original colour. Mid European climate conditions will only turn the colour into a sand colour.

Sanding at any point there after just repeats this honey-brown to sand colour to honey-brown weathering process. The use of the coatings was to try to avoid this colour change. We now again are confirming it is wiser, much more less labour effective and as a result less cost effective, to allow it to take it's course.

All customers that we have spoken with, have been much happier with either their originally uncoated deck or with their original coatings removed. We spoke with owners of all over the world we kept track of and who have an uncoated deck. All were reporting that their decks were performing well and looking great some after almost 20 years of service.

Important announcement

We herewith specifically announce that we will not accept any responsibility for and as a result do not warrant any coatings, coating systems, or other products, not being manufactured by our company and/or being delivered either by our company or a third party.

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