FLEXITEEK

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF YOUR FLEXITEEK 2G DECKING

Flexiteek 2G decking has been designed to require the minimum of maintenance, leaving you more time to enjoy your boating!

Like most surfaces, it does benefit from a little care and maintenance from time to time. The following information will assist you in getting the most out of your new deck for many years.

If you have any questions regarding the maintenance of your Flexiteek 2G deck or would like to order any Flexiteek 2G cleaning products, please contact us at <u>service@flexiteek.com</u>.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Occasional Cleaning

Do clean occasionally with just a nylon brush and water, or one of our Flexiteek 2G general cleaners. Please be careful to scrub across the grain.

Pressure Washing

Do pressure wash! A great way to get a deep clean with less of the "scrub". Most domestic pressure washers can be used. Work along the planks in the direction of the grain for best results. A working height of around 20 to 30cms should be sufficient and a maximum pressure of 135 bar.

Stubborn Stains

Do, for stubborn stains try our Flexiteek 2G spot cleaner with a brush or a synthetic scouring pad. If it's still not gone sand with 60 grit sandpaper, sand in the direction of the grain. This will lighten the surface, which will gradually blend back in with the surrounding decking.

Deck Colouring

Your Flexiteek 2G deck may gradually darken with age and may lose some of its graining structure, don't worry! This is easily rectified as Flexiteek 2G can be re-sanded just like a teak deck. Use 60 grit sandpaper and sand in line with the grain to bring back the colour and the grain, in no time your deck will look like new. We can also offer you this service; please contact your nearest Flexiteek expert about having this service done for you.

Oils, Chemicals and Acids

Do not apply any teak oils, deck brightening chemicals, or any other product designed for use on a teak or a wooden deck.

Do not use any acids, such as oxalis, phosphoric, sulphuric, hydrochloride, acetic or citric, to name just some of the ones found in cleaners. Be wary of general deck cleaners offered in chandleries, many of which contain a variety of ingredients which may bleach or discolour your Flexiteek 2G deck, even when diluted correctly.

Do not use any chemicals, solvents, natural solvents or strong alkalis on Flexiteek 2G.

Other Cleaning Materials

Do not allow cleaners used on your decking or the other surfaces on your vessel to evaporate on the surface of Flexiteek 2G. Check contents and ingredients of all cleaners; increasingly these contain chemicals, solvents and acids that are aggressive and may damage Flexiteek 2G especially in hotter temperatures, always wash your deck with copious amounts of freshwater if you think any residue has contaminated the surface.

Do follow the instructions on the cleaner you use. The temperature for using some products refers to the temperature of the deck rather than the air.

Sanding

Do not use power sanders on Flexiteek 2G. This is a skilled job and requires someone trained to perform.

SPILLAGES

Everyday Spillages

Do clean up spills promptly to save you time later. Flexiteek 2G is ever so slightly porous which is what gives it the texture of wood and the look when it's wet. The longer you leave spillages on the surface the more difficult it will be to remove. Use warm soapy water, methylated spirit or baby wipes.

Oil, Diesel and Petrol Spillages

Do leave detergents to "sink" into the Flexiteek 2G deck for a few hours on oily, diesel and petrol stains so they can work and help to "lift" the stain out. A good scrub should leave the surface like new.

GENERAL

Foot Protection

Do wear foot protection in very hot climates, Flexiteek 2G like Teak and most deck coverings will get hot underfoot.

Shoes

Do not wear marking or high heeled shoes on your Flexiteek 2G deck.

Hot Objects

Do not place hot objects, pans, BBQs etc. directly on your Flexiteek 2G deck, as these will mark the surface or cause permanent damage.

Heavy or Pointed Objects

Do not place heavy objects with narrow or pointed legs such as furniture on your Flexiteek 2G deck without a pad or coaster underneath. Such objects will leave small indentations or darker marks on the deck or cause permanent damage.