



## **RubberDecky®** Use and Application Guide

### **RubberDecky® Uses:**

RubberDecky is a simple, elegant coating system designed to resurface and/or waterproof wooden, concrete and metal surfaces while allowing for light pedestrian traffic.

Unlike concrete or tile, it flexes moves and waterproofs, while still allowing surfaces to "breathe"

RubberDecky® can be applied over virtually any clean, dry and tight surface including: Linoleum, VCT tile, asphalt flat roof membranes, painted interior or exterior floors, etc.

RubberDecky® is used to renew old materials, at a fraction of the cost of traditional remove and replace methods. Requiring no special tools or masonry skills, it resurfaces without odors, noise, mess, demolition or heavy equipment.

### **Substrates that can be resurfaced with RubberDecky® include:**

Flat Decks such as those made of wood planks or plywood. Metal decks. Concrete surfaces including pool areas, patios, pathways. Trellises, bricks, wooden fences etc

Use "Decky" as a waterproof, mold resistant, crack-proof stucco style finish to repair retaining walls, block buildings, or concrete foundations. Apply directly to old stucco and Acrylic EIFS systems to make them perform better than new.

Use it over sheetrock walls, or over wallpaper. Resurface interior floors on concrete in wet areas, or basements, sunrooms etc. Apply over any clean dry and sound surface, as specified on the bucket instructions.

**Note: If this is a RubberDecky® plus waterproofing membrane application: First, apply the PerfectMembrane® as per the instructions on the bucket label. Then proceed to step one.**



## **To make RubberDecky®**

*For more detailed instructions on PerfectMembrane installation, surface preparation, or crack repair, please download the PerfectPrimer® application guide from our web site.*

### **Cleaning the substrate:**

Mop, wire brush or water pressure-wash the surface to remove dirt, grease, wax and loose particles. Typical cleaners include Dishwashing hand soap, "Simple Green" or TSP. Allow substrates to completely dry to the touch, before applying Primer.\*

**Patching the substrate:** Fill cracks and gaps. You can use construction grout or similar material to raise or level low spots where puddles are deep enough to cover a quarter. For crack repairs, we recommend our PerfectCrack repair kit.

**RubberDecky, Step one:** Mix each gallon of PerfectPrimer® with one small bag of TrueGrit® (provided in the kits) If you have the large, five lb. bag, then you can add with 1-2, 16 oz cups of "Grit" for each gallon of Primer to desired texture. Add liquid color tint and blend in as desired to create a RubberDecky® solid color texture coating. Apply the first coat of material to the substrate using a brush, trowel or ½" rough textured roller. Let dry to the touch before proceeding to step two. You can thin slightly with water as needed when coating porous surfaces.

**Step Two:** Mix more TrueGrit® and/or color tint into the PerfectPrimer® if desired. Once first coat is fairly dry to the touch, apply this second coat by brush, roller or trowel

**Step Three:** Wait one day for deck to completely dry. Apply Specialty Solutions Top Sealer® using a ½" roller or micro fiber mop. Spread sealer as thick as possible but make sure coating is even and not puddled. Apply second coat of sealer as soon as possible. Allow 24 hours before allowing foot traffic.

Cured RubberDecky® is approx. 25 mils thick alone, 40 mils with membrane fabric.

**Notes:** Wear socks or booties while working and keep surface clean. Dirt will create bond breakers and affect coating adhesion. Substrate application temperature is between 40-90 degrees with a humidity level below 70%. Substrate should look dry and be dry to the touch prior to application.

RubberDecky does breathe and is permeable. For substrates with excessive out-gassing, (7-10 lbs psi) we suggest using our SlabTight® Primer over bare concrete prior to applying RubberDecky®



## **Tips and Tricks**

PerfectPrimer Coverage rates: Over substrate: 250-300 sq. ft per gallon.

PerfectMembrane: 40 square feet per gallon.

For special situations such as steep inclines, anti-slip additives purchased from a paint store, can be added to our TopSealer® to create a more slip resistant surface texture.

To insure that you use the right amount of materials to get the coverage rates, do not allow the primer to dry out in the pail or to puddle on the substrate or fabric.

You only need to add pigment or TrueGrit to the top layer, not the membrane layer.

Apply two, thin coats of Top Sealer. Do not allow sealer to puddle.

Keep PerfectPrimer® in the shade on a hot day and keep the lid on to avoid drying. You can add 4-6 oz of water per gallon and mix it in as needed during the application process to keep the material from drying in the pail.

### **Some Advanced application ideas.**

You can also spray or trowel-apply RubberDecky® to create different textures.

If you would like a marbled or blended color deck, try some of these techniques:

Technique A: You can wait until the coating dries. Then lightly sponge or roll some highlight color on prior to sealing it.

Technique B: After applying the first coat, put some tint onto the wet deck surface, then lightly trowel it in.

Technique C: After mixing one color thoroughly into the base coat, add some additional tint of the new color into the mix. Lightly stir it, then spill onto the deck and trowel it all in together. Be careful not to overwork the material so to keep the color separations looking right. You may also want to experiment with different rollers, trowels and the like for different deck textures.

Technique D: Add liquid color tint into the TopSealer® and roll on to create an acid stain effect. In addition to the suggestions above, you can use textured rollers and many faux panting techniques and tools to create unique designs and looks with RubberDecky®