



Sea-Dek Hints and tips for surface preparation

General

Sea-Dek products are made from a flexible PVC material and the installation process requires the deck to be rolled onto the adhesive covering the substrate and so will follow the contours of the deck surface. Therefore any undulations will likely be evident if not treated prior to laying the deck.

Deck surface material

GRP

If there is no deck covering then these are the easiest to prepare as it is simply a case of cleaning, de-greasing and then using the supplied wipes immediately prior to installation to activate the adhesive. If you have an anti-slip pattern to the deck then generally it will be OK to bond directly. If this finish is particularly 'high or deep' then it may be necessary to sand it down first.

Treadmaster or similar

The treadmaster is best removed with a multi tool such as Fein or Bosch PMF180 with a stiff scraper blade attachment. If this is not available then a stiff hand scraper and heat gun may prove to be effective. A hammer and chisel will also work to remove this covering but is the most labour intensive.

Teak decking

There is no really easy way to remove teak decks. The majority of the time it is simply hammer and sharp chisel and work carefully around the area. If a large area then it may help to use a mini circular saw, set to the appropriate depth, to cut the timber into smaller sections that will be easier to get the chisel under.

Painted

It is possible to bond our panels to a painted surface but please remember that the adhesion will be between the deck and the paint rather than a solid substrate. If the paint lets go of the substrate then the panel will no longer be suitably bonded. If taking this route then make sure you are confident in the bond between the paint and the substrate, naturally removing all flaky and loose paint prior to installation. We do not recommend using acetone as a cleaning agent prior to installation, use the supplied wipes to clean.

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Timber

All timber substrates will need sealing with a suitable epoxy covering prior to installing your new deck panels. The epoxy coating will also need to be sanded to key it for adhesion and cleaned properly before applying the adhesive.

Steel Hulls

It is essential all areas of rust are treated prior to an installation. Once this has been done the bare steel deck will need to be primed with an epoxy based primer and the deck fitted once this has cured fully. This is best completed before the newly painted surface is exposed to the elements.

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