

OFFICIAL INSTALLATION GUIDE

IMPORTANT | SUGGESTED ADHESIVES

To install Deck-Top properly and maintain your investment for years to come, we strongly recommend using our listed Bostik adhesive that has been weather tested:

HYBRI-SIL® Polyurethane Adhesive

NOTE: One standard size tube of adhesive will generally secure up to 12 ft. of Deck-Top. HYBRI-SIL adhesive can be ordered on HomeDepot.com or at the Home Depot PRO desk.

PRIOR TO PURCHASING DECK-TOP: Order a sample from Home depot on-line before ordering!

- 1. First determine how many planks of Deck-Top are needed on your dock or deck and measure their lengths. Deck-Top is currently produced in 8 ft standard lengths. Other lengths are available by special order. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.
- 2. Determine how many edges will be exposed and require $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $1 \frac{3}{4}$ " PVC edge trim covering. Trim pieces are available in 8 ft. lengths. Note: $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $1 \frac{3}{4}$ " PVC trim is installed using the same adhesive used on Deck-Top planks.
- 3. To allow proper drainage, it is recommended to have a minimum 3/16" space between deck boards before starting to install Deck-Top.

DECK-TOP INSTALLATION PREPARATION:

- 1. Make sure that the existing structure is free from grease and/or loose debris prior to Deck-Top application. Deck-Top will conform to the shape of your existing decking, so distressed and/or warped boards should be removed and replaced prior to installation.
- If dock/deck boards (composite or wood) are not securely nailed down to floor joists, it is strongly recommended to screw each board down at all points of contact with the floor joists (stainless steel screws are recommended). This will help ensure that there are no loose boards after Deck-Top is installed. If possible, we also advise the removal and reattachment of all existing fasteners and cleats after the adhesive has cured.
- 3. If the existing gap between your deck boards is 1/4" or more, but it has been filled in by paint or other debris, additional steps should be taken. Apply a 1/4" router bit or circular saw run between the board, at least 1/2" deep to provide enough room for Deck-Top to fit over the original planks. If your existing deck boards were installed too close together and are less than 1/4" apart, it is recommended that you remove the planks and re-space them accordingly. This process will ensure that your existing decking is securely attached prior to installing Deck-Top. Ordering a sample can help you determine if Deck-Top fits properly and there is enough spacing between boards before ordering.



DECK-TOP ADHESIVE INSTALLATION:

- Select our Deck-Top approved adhesive, Hybri-sil for your installation. <u>Hybril-sil</u> adhesive has been vigorously tested by Bostik with Deck-Top to hold up against the elements. *Note: Regular non-polyurethane and other polyurethane adhesives are not recommended adhesives as they did not perform to our satisfaction during testing.*
- 2. Apply a bead of adhesive on each inside vertical lip on the right and left sides of Deck-Top. Our Deck-Top YouTube page has videos showing this application.
- 3. On the underside of the Deck-Top plank, run a back-and-forth bead of adhesive (in a z-like motion) from end-to-end over the full length of the plank. This will ensure proper coverage when Deck-Top is placed on top of your decking. One 9.5 oz. tube of approved adhesive should be used for every 12 linear feet of Deck-Top.
 - If any excess glue is applied to any other surface, clean the area immediately. Any uncured sealant needs to be removed by using the manufacturers' recommended cleaners. Bostik Specialty Sealant Remover™ or Mineral Spirits are the recommended cleaning agents. Cured sealant is usually very difficult to remove without altering or damaging the surface to which the sealant has been misapplied.
- 4. Place the adhesive-covered Deck-Top plank on top of a decking board with the adhesive-covered side touching the decking board.
- 5. Once Deck-Top is placed on top of the decking board, immediately apply pressure to the top surface from end to end. Once applied to Deck-Top it should immediately be placed on the floorboard. Excessive exposure to the sun prior to installing Deck-Top can cause the Hybri-sil to start to cure causing the adhesive to not bond properly.
- **6.** Follow the adhesive manufacturer's instructions and recommendation on drying time before walking on your new deck surface.
- 7. We do not recommend that you butt Deck-Top end to end. There are other installation methods for longer runs.

YouTube installation videos found on our Deck-Top page. https://www.youtube.com/@deck-top1100/about

CLEANING

Deck-Top is stain-resistant. Common dirt, scuffs, or stains on the flooring can appear over a period of time, but they can be easily cleaned away with soap and water.

• For stains such as rust or other similar marks on the Deck-Top surface, acetone can be used to clean the area. Be sure to clean the area with soap and water immediately after using acetone.

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? JUST NEED SOME HELP? CONTACT CUSTOMER SUPPORT:

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