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TERRACOLOR

Dex-O-Tex Terracolor is a pigmented epoxy resin decking incorporating decorative marble aggregates. It is finished with clear epoxy resin grout and sealer coats. This material is manufactured to meet the requirements of MIL-PRF-24613 Type I, Class 3.

Cleaning

Sweep or mop deck as necessary to remove all loose dirt, litter, or foreign matter. Mop with a clean mop using a neutral liquid detergent solution in the strength recommended by the detergent manufacturer. Scrub any difficult to remove grease or soil spots with a brush and detergent cleaner. If possible, allow detergent cleaner solution to remain on deck for 5 to 10 minutes before mopping or brushing, as this will give more time to permit soil to be more easily emulsified and removed.

Use only clean mops and change cleaning solutions frequently. The use of dirty mops and dirty cleaning solutions are the biggest single cause of cleaning problems.

Maintenance

Periodically, as necessary, scrub the deck with floor maintenance machine or scrubber-vac. Machine should mount a soft brush or scrubbing pad. Use neutral liquid detergent solution in strength as recommended by the detergent manufacturer (for resilient tile maintenance). When cleaning solution becomes dirty, discard it and mix a fresh solution. Hard to remove dirt, black heel marks, etc. should be rubbed gently with scrubbing pad wetted with detergent solution. Scrub all bases and other difficult to clean areas with a hand brush. Deck areas subject to scratching by tracking grit carried in from outside areas should be swept frequently.

Promptly clean up all spillages of liquids including oil, grease, etc. Promptly neutralize all acid or strong alkaline liquid spillages as these may stain or physically damage decking under prolonged contact.

Common Problems to Avoid

Avoid hitting the deck with heavy objects or containers with sharp edges. Mount garbage cans on rolling racks to prevent dropping or scraping on the deck.

For a medium gloss maintenance finish, if desired, apply clear, water-based copolymer floor finish. We recommend Dex-O-Tex No. 16 Clear Finish* or a material conforming to MIL-S-24522 Sealer, Deck Covering.

In the event of physical damage or after a prolonged period of use, it may be necessary to refinish the deck.

Refinishing may consist of:

a. Stripping several coats of No. 16 Clear Finish from the surface

Stripping No. 16 Clear Finish is usually accomplished by washing the surface with a household ammonia solution (1/2 percent solution), agitating the solution on the deck with a deck brush or stripping pad mounted on a floor maintenance machine. Pick up the dirty solution then rinse with water. When the surface is thoroughly clean and dry, re-apply Clear Finish No. 16 in thin coats using a clean sponge or string mop, rung almost dry.

Two thin coats are usually sufficient but a third coat may be required in heavily trafficked areas. Allow approximately 20 to 30 minutes drying time between coats. More time may be required for drying during period of high humidity.

b. Refinishing the Terracolor grout and/or sealer coats

Refinishing the Terracolor grout/sealer requires removal of the maintenance finish as in a) above, light sanding of the surface with a #60 grit sanding disc, clean-up of sanding residue and applying an additional coat (or coats) of clear Terracolor grout/sealer. The surface must be thoroughly clean and dry before application of the Terracolor grout/sealer. If it becomes



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necessary to refinish the deck, including the Terracolor grout coat, the recommended method is to grind the surface with a small Terrazzo grinder. Small adding machines may be used in small, tight spaces such as shower stalls, in lieu of Terrazzo machines. After grinding to remove Terracolor grout and sealer coats, the surface should be thoroughly vacuumed free of all dust. Re-apply Terracolor grout and sealer in accordance with Crossfield Products Corp.'s printed Application Specification S-308M (Marine), Rev. November 1989.

- c. Patching the Terracolor pigmented matrix epoxy
If it becomes necessary to patch damaged Terracolor basecoat, the damaged area should be removed and replaced with new material. The edges of the area to be patched should be left irregular or jagged as possible so as not to resent a straight match line when the new material is placed and finished. The new Terracolor material should be installed following the procedures described in Crossfield Products Corp.'s Application Specification S-208M (Marine), Rev. November 1989. The new Terracolor should be troweled tight into the patch and against the irregular edges of the surrounding Terracolor decking. After curing, the Terracolor grout and sealer coat(s) should be applied following the Application Specification mentioned above.

No. 16 Clear Finish:

NSN 8030-00-007-8334*, 5 gallon pail
NSN 8030-00-007-8333, 1 gallon pail



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