

# Sealers for DekTek Tile

We recommend using a good solvent-based sealer that is for acid stained or stamped concrete. **We do not recommend any specific brand.** There are many brands of concrete sealers on the market that are high quality. Please feel free to consult your local concrete expert. One brand that we have used with success is “Gator Seal,” made by Alliance.

**\*\*\*Water-based sealers are not recommended because they tend to peel. We also do not recommend using penetrating sealers as our tiles are too dense and it does not protect the tile surface.\*\*\***

**\*\*\*We recommend rolling on a layer of the sealer before you install the tiles, which allows you to coat the edges of the tile for better protection.\*\*\***

**DekTek Tiles need to be sealed every 3 years, especially in cold climates to protect against freeze thaw and other elements.** By sealing your tiles every 3 years, this will give you the maximum longevity out of the product.

## **Gator Seal Sealers:**

These sealers are used for the very first application.

- ❖ **Satin Look Finish - Low Gloss**
- ❖ **Wet Look Finish - High Gloss**

## **Re-Sealing Your DekTek Tile Deck:**

- ❖ **Gator Seal “Resealer”**

Whether you use Satin Look or Wet Look sealer on your first initial sealcoat, it is recommended that you **use Alliance’s Gator Seal “Resealer” on all future sealcoats.**

It is common for some sealers to form a cloudy or foggy look after a period of time. DO NOT BE ALARMED, this is a normal occurrence and it is easily fixed:

## **Remove Cloudiness**

### **❖ Xylene (or Xylol) – For Solvent-Based Sealer ONLY**

Use Xylene (sometimes called xylol), and roll it on just as you would roll on another layer of sealer. We recommend one person rolling it on and having a second person back rolling with a dry roller nap to soak up the excess xylene. Another option, if two people are not available, is for you to roll on the xylene in a smaller area, and then back roll before the xylene evaporates. This method works well for the brand Gator Seal.

If using a different brand of sealer, please check with the manufacturer to see if this system is approved. You can purchase Xylene from your local paint or hardware store.

## **Make Your Deck Extra Non-Skid**

Here are the simple steps to give your deck a non-skid surface. This is recommended for all decks, especially these applications below:

- Decks that get snow and winter traffic
- Decks exposed to a fair amount of water
- Stairs and Steps
- Pool Decks
- Want to take extra precautions

### **❖ Steps to Give Your Deck a Non-Skid Surface:**

1. Add a specially designed sand-grit to the sealer, i.e. “Shark Grip”. Use the proper amount recommended by the manufacturer.
2. Stir sealer and sand-grit together until evenly mixed.
3. Apply sand-grit sealer to tile.
4. Keep the sealer agitated so the sand doesn’t settle to the bottom.
5. Enjoy your Non-Skid deck!