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## SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

### WP

**WATERPROOF**  
RELIABLE MOISTURE BARRIERS

### ALX™

**Standard Finish**

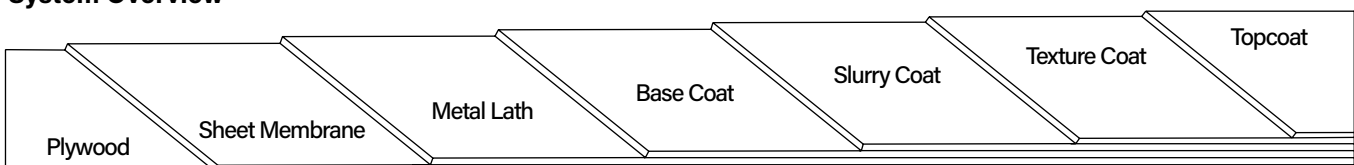
### Description

Westcoat ALX™ Standard is a waterproof walking deck system. It is reinforced with metal lath and is installed with a series of three separate polymer-modified cementitious applications and sealed with Westcoat's SC-10 Acrylic Topcoat. The finished product weighs approximately 2½ lbs per square foot. This system gives plywood the look and feel of concrete with a decorative appeal.

### Uses

ALX™ is designed for use on plywood. It is recommended for the discriminating architect, contractor or building owner that demands the finest in design, strength and durability. ALX™ is ideal for areas with heavy traffic or in cases where elimination of the appearance of plywood seams is essential. ALX™ has been designed for balconies, corridors, stairs and landings. It is regularly specified for hotels, condominiums, apartments and office buildings. ALX™ can be stapled through most old deck systems to provide an excellent method for the rehabilitation of problem surfaces.

### System Overview



### System Data

| Coverages | Base Coat        | Slurry Coat           | Texture Coat          | Top Coat               |
|-----------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
|           | 40 ft² per batch | 100-150 ft² per batch | 150-200 ft² per batch | 200-300 ft² per gallon |

|                   |                                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Components</b> | <a href="#">WP-10 Staples</a>         |
|                   | <a href="#">WP-25 Metal Lath</a>      |
|                   | <a href="#">WP-40 Sheet Membrane</a>  |
|                   | <a href="#">WP-53 Hybrid Sealant</a>  |
|                   | <a href="#">WP-81 Cement Modifier</a> |
|                   | <a href="#">SC-10 Acrylic Topcoat</a> |
|                   | <a href="#">TC-1 Basecoat Cement</a>  |

#### Shelf Life

|              |
|--------------|
| N/A          |
| N/A          |
| 1 year       |
| 12-18 months |
| 2 years      |
| 2 years      |
| 1 year       |



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| <b>Certifications</b> | IAPMO ER-587   |
|                       | Meets Class A Fire Test ASTM E-108   |
|                       | Meets One-Hour Fire Rating ASTM E-119  |
|                       | Meets Class I Vapor Retarder ASTM E96 (when WP-40 is installed over entire deck) |
|                       | Meets 2020 City of Los Angeles Building and Residential Code (LABC & LARC)       |
|                       | Meets Wildland Urban Interface (W.U.I) Requirements                              |
|                       | Meets the Requirements of Decking SFM 12-7A-4 Parts A & B                        |

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### Advantages

Fast Access After Installation • Available Manufacturer's Warranty • Excellent Sound Reduction Qualities • Tough Final Coat is UV Resistant • Covers Rough Plywood and Seams • Skid Resistant Textured Finish • Decorative Finishes Available • Unmatched Strength and Durability

### Inspection

For installation of the ALX™ system, plywood must be minimum  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch ( $\frac{3}{4}$  inch preferred) CDX or exterior grade. For applications over pressure-treated lumber, please contact your Westcoat Representative prior to application. Slope must be a minimum of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch per linear foot and shall provide for proper drainage. Decks should meet local building codes. The deck shall be tongue and groove, properly blocked and nailed (glued and screwed is best). Plywood shall have a maximum joist span of 16 inches. Deflection should be less than L/360. OSB is not a suitable substrate for this material. Moisture vapor commonly collects in areas below a vapor barrier, such as the waterproofing membrane of the deck covering system. Venting must be added to help relieve moisture vapor transmission. Please refer to all local building codes regarding venting requirements.

### Preparation

Be sure the surface is clean, dry and free of grease, paint, oil, dust or any foreign material that may prevent proper adhesion. "Dry" plywood is typically defined as having less than a 10% moisture reading or by showing no moisture with a plastic sheeting test. Applicator is responsible for ensuring that the substrate is acceptable for application. Do not apply to wet plywood.

### Sheet Membrane

Westcoat requires the installation of 6 inch WP-40 Sheet Membrane to all plywood seams for reinforcement. For maximum protection, WP-40 36 inch, can be applied to the entire deck. WP-40 may also be installed behind or on top of the flashing as a backup waterproofing measure. For increased adhesion, WP-43 Sheet Membrane Primer may be used prior to applying the Sheet Membrane. WP-40 may not be left exposed to the sun for more than 7 days. See WP-40 Sheet Membrane and WP-43 Sheet Membrane Primer Product Specification Sheets for additional information.

### Flashing

Westcoat requires a minimum of 26-gauge bonderized sheet metal. Use 4 x 6 inch 'L' flashing at the junction of the wall and deck. Use 2 x 4 inch drip edge flashing for fascia edge. Overlap all ends at least four inches. Apply two beads of WP-53 Hybrid Sealant to all seams. Nail flashing every 4-6 inches. (Note: If the flashing is not bonderized, it must be prepared in accordance with SSPC-SP11 surface preparation standards, in order for the coating to adhere properly).

### Metal Lath

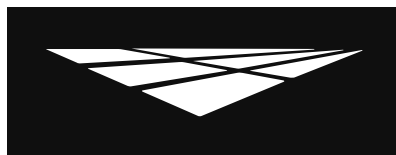
Place the ALX Metal Lath on the plywood and cut it to fit the area, making sure the edge of the lath is offset two inches from any parallel plywood seams. The lath should run across the grain of the plywood (across the long seams). The lath has a grain and it should be placed so that it curves down at the edge of the deck. The lath should be held back  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from all edges. This will allow the coating material to be feathered with a brush. With the lath in place, start in the center working your way out, stapling the lath using 16-20 staples per square foot (minimum 1 inch crown x  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch long, 16-gauge non-corrosive Senco P10). Overlap the lath 1-2 inches and staple every 1-2 inches along the seam. With a hammer, pound down any seams or staples that are higher than the lath.

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Pour 1¼ gallons of WP-81 Cement Modifier and desired water (up to one quart) into a clean mixing bucket and then add one bag of TC-1 Basecoat Cement. Mix until uniform with a mechanical mixer at a low rpm. Pour the mixture (4½ gallons total) onto the lath and with trowel on edge, smooth to the top of the lath at the rate of 40 square feet per batch. Trowel and brush the base coat up to the seam tape edge, leaving ½ inch of flashing exposed. For best results, tape off the flashing. Use a paintbrush to spread the base coat into all corners. Tap the deck with a hammer to help in smoothing out trowel ridges. As soon as it is dry, usually 1 to 2 hours at 70 degrees, scrape off any high spots or ridges that may prevent a smooth slurry coat.

**WP Wrap (Optional)**

For additional reinforced, waterproofing protection and to extend the life of the flashing, Westcoat's WP Wrap can be applied along the perimeter of the deck. Please refer to the WP Wrap System Specification Sheet and architectural detail for additional information.

**Slurry Coat**

Create the slurry coat by adding one gallon of WP-81 Cement Modifier and up to ½ gallon of water into a clean mixing bucket and add one bag of TC-1 Basecoat Cement. Mix until uniform with a mechanical mixer at a low rpm. Trowel the slurry mix over the surface to achieve a smooth finish. Coverage of the slurry coat is between 100-150 square feet per batch. The Slurry Coat will be applied right up to all of the deck's edges. Using a brush, wet with water, feather all outside edges. After surface is dry (usually 30 minutes to 2 hours at 70 degrees), scrape or grind off any ridges or trowel marks.

**Texture Coat**

The Texture Coat can be achieved by using a variety of Westcoat cements. For a finer finish, TC-2 Smooth Texture Cement or TC-5 Grout Texture Cement can be utilized. For a coarser finish, TC-1 Basecoat Cement or TC-3 Medium Texture Cement can be utilized. After selecting the desired cement, pour one gallon of WP-81 Cement Modifier in a clean mixing bucket and add one bag of cement. Mix thoroughly with a mechanical mixer at a low rpm. Add up to ½ gallon of water to achieve the desired consistency. The Texture Coat can be troweled, sprayed or broomed over the Slurry Coat at a rate of 150 to 200 square feet per mix. After the texture has dried (30 minutes to 1 hour at 70F degrees), lightly scrape any trowel marks and vacuum the surface prior to sealing.

**Topcoat**

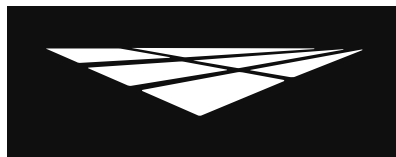
Do not apply if rain is forecast within 48 hours or heavy dew within 24 hours. If multiple batches of SC-10 are present, box all materials prior to use, to ensure color consistency. Use a mechanical mixer at a slow speed and mix material until a homogeneous mixture and color is obtained. The material may be thinned by adding up to a maximum of one quart of water per gallon, for the first coat. For best results, it is not recommended to thin the final coat. Roll two thin applications of SC-10 using a ¾ inch roller at a rate of 200-300 square feet per gallon. Roll the material in two directions to achieve a uniform finish. Coverage will vary according to texture. For best results, allow SC-10 4-6 hours drying time at 70 degrees before permitting light pedestrian traffic or additional coats are applied. Allow 24 hours to cure before heavy traffic is permitted. Allow 48 hours before heavy objects are placed on the surface and allow 72 hours for vehicular traffic. Allow 5 days prior to any abrasion or chemical exposure.

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### Optional Materials

#### Sheet Membrane

- WP-40 36 inch can be installed to the entire deck when maximum protection is required.
- WP-43 Sheet Membrane Primer may be used when increased adhesion is desired.

#### Cements

- For the Texture Coat, if a finer finish is required, TC-2 Smooth Texture Cement or TC-5 Grout Texture Cement can be used. For a coarser finish, TC-1 Basecoat Cement or TC-3 Medium Texture Cement can be used.

#### Cement Additives

- CA-15 Cement Accelerator can be added to Westcoat cements to help reduce dry times.
- CA-16 Cement Decelerator can be added to Westcoat cements to increase working time during periods of hot weather.

#### Skid Resistance

- CA-29 Mini Safe Grip, CA-30 Small Safe Grip or CA-31 Large Safe Grip can be added to the SC-10 Acrylic Topcoat for added skid resistance.

#### WP Wrap

- Westcoat's WP Wrap can be used with the ALX System to provide additional waterproofing with reinforcement, along the perimeter of the deck.

#### Deck Drain

- If a drain is required, Westcoat's WP-35 ALX™ Deck Drain may be installed between the Sheet Membrane and Metal Lath steps in the application instructions. Please read the WP-35 ALX™ Deck Drain Product Specification Sheet for detailed instructions.

#### Sloping

- Westcoat Slope Technique may be used if additional sloping is required. Slope Technique should be applied after the Base Coat and prior to the Slurry Coat.

\* Please refer to Product and System Specification Sheets for additional information.

### Clean Up

Uncured material can be removed with soap and warm water. If cured, material can be removed mechanically or with an environmentally-safe solvent.

### Maintenance

Exterior surfaces can be swept daily with water and a broom. For tougher dirt or grease, use degreaser diluted with water 20:1 and a soft bristle brush or broom. Be sure to rinse well. To remove calcium or lime build up, brush diluted 100 grain vinegar onto the surface; be sure to rinse any residue.

The ALX™ System should be inspected for wear every 2 to 4 years. The system should be resealed with the appropriate Westcoat sealer every 3 to 5 years depending upon traffic and UV exposure. Contact the original installer of Westcoat for complete re-coating instructions.

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### Health Precautions

Inhalation of vapor or mist can cause headache, nausea, irritation of nose, throat and lungs. Prolonged or repeated skin contact can cause slight skin irritation. Cements contain silicas; dust mask or respirator should be used when mixing, sanding or grinding.

Solvent based products are extremely flammable, extinguish all pilot lights and sources of ignition such as electrical motors. Be sure to have adequate cross ventilation prior to installing.

### Limitations

- This system is designed for professional use only.
- Read Product Specification Sheets for every product you will be using before beginning the project.
- Do not apply at temperatures below 50°F or above 90°F.
- Rain will wash away uncured Westcoat acrylic products.
- If inclement weather threatens, cover deck to protect new application.
- Sealers will make the surface slippery, please be aware the texture of the surface and how the sealer will affect the look, feel and skid resistance.
- Approval and verification of proposed colors, textures and slip resistance is recommended.
- Do not allow Westcoat products to freeze.
- Moisture vapor commonly collects in areas below a vapor barrier, such as the waterproofing membrane of the deck covering system. Venting must be added to help relieve moisture vapor transmission. Please refer to all local building codes regarding venting requirements.

### Slip Precaution

Westcoat Specialty Coatings Systems highly recommends the use of a slip-resistant additive to all coatings/systems that may be exposed to wet, oily, greasy or slippery conditions. It is the end user's responsibility to provide a flooring system that meets current safety standards. Westcoat and its distributors will not be responsible for injury incurred during a slip and fall incident. For the current coefficient of friction requirements, please consult your local building codes.

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### Test Data

| Test  | ALX™ Standard<br>WP-40 On Seams | ALX™ Standard<br>WP-40 Full Coverage      |
|---|---------------------------------|---|
| Accelerated Aging ASTM D-756  | Pass                            | Pass                                      |
| Fire-Retardant Roof Covering ASTM E-108                               | Class A                         | Class A                                   |
| One-Hour Fire Test ASTM E-119   | Pass                            | Pass                                      |
| Flame Spread ASTM E-84  | NFPA Class B                    | NFPA Class B                              |
| Fire-Test-Response of Deck Structures to Burning Brands ASTM 2726-12a | Pass                            | Pass                                      |
| Under-Deck Fire Test Response of Deck Materials ASTM E2632            | Pass                            | Pass                                      |
| Water Vapor Transmission of Materials ASTM E96                        | --                              | Class I Vapor Retarder (0.1 perm or less) |
| Bond Strength (Control) ASTM C-297                                    | 143 psi                         | Pass                                      |
| Bond Strength (Accel. Aging) ASTM-C297                                | Pass                            | Pass                                      |
| Bond Strength (Freeze-Thaw) ASTM C-297                                | Pass                            | Pass                                      |
| Abrasion ASTM D-1242  | .023 inches                     | .023 inches                               |
| Water Absorption ASTM D-570   | 7.5%                            | 7.5%                                      |
| Chemical Resistance ASTM D-2299                                       | Pass                            | Pass                                      |
| Freeze-Thaw ASTM C-67   | .5%                             | .5%                                       |
| Concentrated Load AC-39 Section 4.12                                  | Pass                            | Pass                                      |
| Wind Uplift FM 1-52   | Pass                            | Pass                                      |
| Impact Resistance ASTM D-3746   | Pass                            | Pass                                      |

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