



EXTERIOR COATINGS

Westcoat exterior coating systems (including such systems as: ALX, ALX Pro, MACoat, Texture-Crete, etc.) offer durable, high-performance, long lasting surfaces, that are designed to provide years of service against normal wear and usage. To extend the service life of your Westcoat system, it is recommended to implement a routine cleaning regimen and have periodic deck inspections. This information is a basic guideline only.

Routine Cleaning

All coating systems require maintenance and upkeep to ensure continued performance and to maximize the life of the system. Maintenance methods may vary depending on the system, texture, topcoat or sealer, environment conditions, slope, drainage, volume and type of traffic, and use of space.

Ensure that the coating surface is free from debris, such as sand, gravel, metals, or other abrasives that can result in premature wear of the topcoat or sealer. Grease, oils, and other contaminants should be removed regularly to maintain the surface.

Be sure to test all cleaning agents in an unnoticeable area to ensure compatibility. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions and dilution rates for all cleaning agents. Routine cleaning can be achieved by using a mild cleaning solution, such as "Simple Green" or mild soap. Utilize a brush or broom to help agitate and loosen up dirt and debris. Ensure that the surface is rinsed with clean water thoroughly. Do not allow cleaning agents to dry on the surface.

A low psi pressure washer (do not exceed 1000 psi) equipped with fan tip, and/or a soft bristle, floor scrubber brush on a floor machine may be used to help aid in cleaning. Do not use metal-based or coarse brushes, as they may damage the surface.

To remove water stains from calcium or lime build up, 100 grain vinegar can be used. Start by diluting the vinegar, eight parts water to one part vinegar. If needed, you can use the vinegar diluted one to one with water. Avoid using neat or full strength 100 grain vinegar. Scrub the diluted vinegar mixture over the surface. Be sure to completely rinse any residue thoroughly with clean water. Avoid using vinegar mixture or any cleaner in direct sunlight, as direct sun may evaporate cleaning solution and may leave a film or residue on the surface.

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Maintenance and Inspections

All exterior coating systems should be periodically inspected and regularly maintained by a Westcoat Qualified Contractor Applicator (QCA). Inspections are required one year after installation and every two years thereafter by a factory authorized representative. After 3-5 years, a "reseal" (thorough cleaning and reapplication of Westcoat topcoat/sealer) may be required. Existing sealer or coating should be lightly abraded before application of topcoat or sealer. Some topcoats and sealers may require additional preparation, prior to recoating. Should damage occur, be sure to contact the original Westcoat applicator to inspect and repair the coating system immediately.

Best Practices

- Do not expose the coating surface to traffic, moisture or chemical agents until system is fully cured.
- Outdoor carpet or other matting materials are not recommended, as they may trap moisture, contribute to mildew, mold and may damage the topcoat or sealer.
- Potted plants and/or planter boxes should be elevated off the surface and moved monthly to allow the coating to dry properly. Planter drainage may cause staining due to fertilizers and growing mediums. Drip pans or saucers should be utilized.
- Outdoor furniture should have coasters or pads to prevent indentations and damage to the coating.
- If barbecues are to be used, it is recommended to place a protective pan down to prevent damage from hot grease or coals.
- Do not cut, slice, or puncture the coating system. This is especially true for all waterproofing systems, such as ALX, ALX Pro and MACoat.
- Avoid dragging bulky metal, concrete, or other types of objects over the surface.
- Fire pits are not recommended for use with Westcoat coating systems.
- Do not expose the coating system to solvents, harsh chemicals, or acids.
- Avoid subjecting the coating system to repeated heavy rolling loads.
- Tape or other adhesives should not be applied to finished surfaces.

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