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**Valordek Vinyl Decking  
 Care & Cleaning Instructions**

**Valordek Maintenance - Inspection**

The only maintenance your deck requires besides cleaning is an annual inspection.

This includes 2 major steps:

- Check all areas where sealants have been applied to areas where the decking membrane is in junction with the building, posts, columns, vents and drains. Often the areas where this sealant is applied will expand/contract, shrink or shift causing the sealant to crack, thereby breaking the seal.
- Check all seams to make sure there are no openings. Although unusual, seams can open allowing water to penetrate the vinyl deck. When discovered early, repairing seams is an easy repair.

Contact your Valordek installer if repairs are required.

**General Cleaning**

In order to keep the Valordek Vinyl installed on your patio looking new it is recommended the deck is cleaned a minimum of four times per year. More often if acid rain or airborne pollution are a problem in your area. A general cleaning of your deck surface consists of some warm soapy water and a stiff broom. Scrub the deck in a circular motion to loosen off any dirt, then spray the deck clean with a standard garden hose. For tough stains please consult these cleaning recommendations:

<u>Steps</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Steps</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
Chewing Gum	D	A	B	Rust	F	A	
Motor Oil	B			Spray Paint	B	E	
Mildew or Wet Leaves	C	A	B	Shoe Polish	D	B	E
Oil Base Paint (dried)	D	A	B	Oil Base Paint (fresh)	D	B	E
Tar/Asphalt	D	B	E	Lipstick	A	B	
Latex Paint	A	B	E	Crayon	D	B	
Ketchup	A	B		Grease	D	B	E
Ballpoint Ink	A	B	E	Household Soil	A	B	
Permanent Marker	B	C	E	Coffee, Tea, Chocolate	B		
Cedar	B			Urethane Caulking	D	G	A

- A: Diluted soapy water, soft brush/water rinse/dry
- B: Fantastic spray cleaner or Cascade powdered dishwasher detergent/diluted (Only a few minutes) water rinse/dry
- C: One (1) tablespoon vinegar to one (1) quart water/water rinse/dry
- D: Wipe or scrape off excess (chitt gum with ice)
- E: Follow instructions of staining agent manufacturer
- F: Apply Naval Jetty/water rinse/dry
- G: Rub on citrus based hand cleaner, wait 3 to 5 minutes/ water rinse/dry

## **Snow and Ice**

Use a plastic shovel to remove snow and ice. 'Rock salt' or other snow melting chemicals are not recommended as snow or ice removal.

## **Notes**

1. Always test an unseen area of vinyl before cleaning stain.
2. All cleaning methods should be followed by a thorough rinse of water.
3. Avoid applying cleaners in direct hot sunshine.
4. Certain household cleaners, powdered abrasives, steel wool and industrial cleaners can cause damage and discolouration and are not recommended. These products will remove the top coat, UV inhibitors and printed pattern, thus damaging the sundeck.
5. Please be aware that some products such as suntan lotion and some permanent marker inks contain dyes that can cause permanent staining.

## **Caution & Warning**

Do not attempt to clean stains, paint or any blemish using any undiluted bleach, acetone, turpentine, lacquer thinner, ketone, acid or multipurpose stain or paint remover as you may cause removal of the vinyl print. Cleaning solutions must be dabbed, NOT rubbed. Clean well with cleanser and water, and then flush thoroughly with lots of clean water. Always test on an 'out of the way' place to ensure there will be no problems with the cleaning agent you've selected.

Damage to Valordek membranes during washing operations are not covered by the Limited Warranty. The building owner assumes all the risk for damage to the vinyl decking membrane during the cleaning process.

When cleaning the snow off your Valordek membrane, we do not recommend using snow shovel – excessive force could separate the seams. Please consider using a object without sharp edges.

We do not recommend the use of mats, throw rugs or cartets to be placed on the vinyl decking membrane, many different products are not compatible with the membrane – this could result in removing the colour from your decking membrane. Discolouration from these products is not covered under the Limited Warranty.

We do not recommend the use of a power washer on your deck – the force of the pressure being release could damage the mambrane. When washing decking membrane, we recommend using a standard garden hose. Any damage caused by a power washer to the membrane is not covered by the Limited Warranty.

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