

Flexiteek 2G decking has been designed to require the minimum of maintenance, leaving you more time to enjoy your boating!

Like most surfaces, it benefits from a little care and maintenance from time to time. The following information will assist you in getting the most out of your new deck for many years.

If you have any questions regarding the maintenance of your Flexiteek 2G deck or would like to order any Flexiteek 2G cleaning products, please get in touch with us at [service@flexiteek.com](mailto:service@flexiteek.com).

## **CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE**

### **Occasional Cleaning**

Do clean occasionally with just a nylon brush and water or one of our Flexiteek 2G general cleaners. Please be careful to scrub across the grain.

### **Pressure Washing**

Do pressure wash! A great way to get a deep clean with less of the "scrub". Most domestic pressure washers can be used. Work along the planks in the direction of the grain for best results. A working height of around 20 to 30cms should be sufficient, and a maximum pressure of 135 bar.

### **Stubborn Stains**

Try our Flexiteek 2G spot cleaner with a brush or a synthetic scouring pad for stubborn stains. If it's still not gone, sand with 60 grit sandpaper, sand in the direction of the grain. This will lighten the surface, which will gradually blend back in with the surrounding decking.

### **Deck Colouring**

Your Flexiteek 2G deck may gradually darken with age and may lose some of its graining structure, don't worry! This is easily rectified as Flexiteek 2G can be re-sanded like a teak deck. Use 60 grit sandpaper and sand in line with the grain to bring back the colour and the grain; in no time, your deck will look like new.

We can also offer you this service; please get in touch with your nearest Flexiteek expert about having this service done for you.

### **Oils, Chemicals and Acids**

Do not apply any teak oils, deck brightening chemicals, or any other product designed for use on a teak or a wooden deck.

Do not use any acids, such as oxalic, phosphoric, sulphuric, hydrochloride, acetic or citric, to name just some of the ones found in cleaners. Also, be wary of general deck cleaners offered in chandleries, many of which contain a variety of ingredients which may bleach or discolour your Flexiteek 2G deck, even when diluted correctly.

Do not use any chemicals, solvents, natural solvents or strong alkalis on Flexiteek 2G.

## **Other Cleaning Materials**

Do not allow cleaners used on your decking or the other surfaces on your vessel to evaporate on the surface of Flexiteek 2G. Check contents and ingredients of all cleaners; increasingly, these contain chemicals, solvents and acids that are aggressive and may damage Flexiteek 2G, especially in hotter temperatures; always wash your deck with copious amounts of freshwater if you think any residue has contaminated the surface.

Do follow the instructions on the cleaner you use. The temperature for using some products refers to the temperature of the deck rather than the air.

Cleaners that we are currently aware of that could cause issues are: Awlwash, Dawn Washing Liquid, Starbrite, Simple Green, OrPine, Deck Cleaner by The Natural way of Cleaning, Marine Boat Wash by Meguiars, CSM by Orlichem, Nano Wash by Nanotech, Armor All Wash and Wax and Citru-Solve. Cleaners containing Sodium Lauryl Sulphaate can also damage any caulking compounds used around decking.

## **Sanding**

Do not use power sanders on Flexiteek 2G. This is a skilled job and requires someone trained to perform.

## **SPILLAGES**

### **Everyday Spillages**

Do clean up spills promptly to save you time later. Flexiteek 2G is ever so slightly porous, which gives it the texture of wood and the look when it's wet. The longer you leave spillages on the surface, the more difficult it will be to remove. Use warm soapy water, methylated spirit or baby wipes.

### **Oil, Diesel and Petrol Spillages**

Do leave detergents to "sink" into the Flexiteek 2G deck for a few hours on oily, diesel and petrol stains so they can work and help to "lift" the stain out. A good scrub should leave the surface like new.

## **GENERAL**

### **Foot Protection**

Wear foot protection in very hot climates; Flexiteek 2G like Teak, and most deck coverings will get hot underfoot.

### **Shoes**

Do not wear marking or high heeled shoes on your Flexiteek 2G deck.

### **Hot Objects**

Do not place hot objects, pans, BBQs etc., directly on your Flexiteek 2G deck, as these will mark the surface or cause permanent damage.

### **Heavy or Pointed Objects**

Do not place heavy objects with narrow or pointed legs, such as furniture, on your Flexiteek 2G deck without a pad or coaster underneath. Such objects will leave small indentations or darker marks on the deck or cause permanent damage. Dragging objects across the decking may cause marking, which may need to be sanded out; try using a scotch-brite first in line with the grain.