

# Deck Defend



## APPLICATION GUIDE

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN APPLICATION...

- 1. Test Area & Test Peel** – You must always apply Skudo Deck Defend to a small area to test the substrate's suitability. You must ensure that all substrates are covered. Allow the product to dry for 48 hours, and then check that the product will peel away from each substrate.  
  
**NOTE** - Do **not** apply Skudo Deck Defend to Acrylic surfaces. It will bond permanently.
- 2. Masking** – Mask all areas that you don't intend to coat with Deck Defend. Items such as locks, handles and vents should always be masked with a suitable tape. Always remove the tape once the product has been applied and is still wet.
- 3. Weather** – Deck Defend cannot be applied if the temperature is below freezing or in rainfall. If the surface is likely to be exposed to direct rainfall before the product has dried, do not apply.
- 4. Stir Product** – Remove the lid and stir the product thoroughly before use. A skin may have formed when the lid is removed for the second time. Simply cut the skin away and then stir the Skudo product. Do not stir the skin into the product. Deck Defend has a 12 month shelf life - see product's label for Batch Date.
- 5. Wet Film Thickness** – Ensure you have a wet film gauge. Deck Defend requires a minimum wet film thickness (WFT) of 10 Mils.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

We recommend that you use a 3/8 Nap roller for application. Ensure that you have followed the "Before you Begin Application" section.



**1.** Once you have masked off the area, apply a base coat of Deck Defend to the substrate, paying particular attention to vulnerable areas such as corners. Allow to dry for 15 minutes or until coating is tacky.



**2.** Apply a second, coat perpendicular to the first, paying particular attention to corners. If the coating is too thin in these areas it will be difficult to remove.



**3.** Use a wet film gauge to check the coating's wet film thickness (WFT) is at least 10 Mils.



**4.** Remove the masking tape while the product is still wet. This helps to achieve a good thick edge that is easier to peel when the product is no longer required.



**5.** Leave to dry in a rain free environment and allow at least 2 hours to dry at room temperature. The product will gain maximum strength after 5 days.



**6.** After application, rollers and any other equipment should be washed thoroughly in cold water.



**7.** When required, Deck Defend is removed by hand peeling. Do not remove in freezing conditions - the product will be brittle and will not peel properly.



**Repair:** If the coating is damaged at a later date, a new coating of Deck Defend can be applied over the damaged area. It will bond to itself and provide seamless protection.



**SPRAY:** Skudo Deck Defend can be applied with an airless sprayer. Make sure to properly mask other areas from overspray. This method is ideal for coating Molds.

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