

# GENERAL MAINTENANCE MANUAL

## ECOTEAK DECKING

TO ENJOY YOUR HERCULAN ECOTEAK DECK AS MUCH AND FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, WE HAVE LISTED A NUMBER OF TIPS FOR YOU. THESE DO'S AND DONT'S GIVE YOU A CLEAR PICTURE OF HOW TO KEEP THE DECK IN PERFECT CONDITION.

### MAINTENANCE

- Use the cleaning products recommended by Herculan, Herculan Cleaner and Herculan Stripper, to extend the service life of your EcoTeak deck.
- Immediately remove any spilled products that may damage the deck.
- Regularly removing any sand, dust and other dirt has a positive effect on the life span of your Herculan deck and reduces the risk of scratching.
- The use of a high-quality dust mat limits the spreading of sand and dust over the deck.

### INCORRECT MAINTENANCE

- Do not use any corrosive products for persistent stains; these may severely damage your deck.
- Do not use any abrasives or cleaning products that may damage the top layer of your Eco deck.
- Do not use any cloths impregnated with oil. These leave a residue behind on the deck, making it slippery. This residue also attracts dirt and retains it.

### POINTS OF ATTENTION

- Covering areas of severe mechanical damage with tape prevents further damage. During cleaning work, water will not be able to get underneath the deck.
- Avoid sliding heavy objects along the deck.
- Avoid the use of rubber items on the deck. These may contain softeners, which result in discoloration and could even damage your EcoTeak deck.
- Make sure that your shoes are clean.
- Avoid smoking, open fires and glassware

*IF YOU HAVE  
ANY QUESTIONS,  
PLEASE CONTACT*

# GENERAL MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS FOR HERCULAN ECOTEAK DECKING

Herculan EcoTeak decks are seamless and very wear-resistant. These decks are designed to perform without having to make concessions in terms of safety. To keep these decks clean, safe and durable, it is important to know how you should maintain these decks. Below are instructions and recommendations for standard cleaning of your deck, as well as information about maintenance between cleaning. We would also like to present a few tips that will allow you to make optimum use of the deck.

**CLEANING FOR THE FIRST TIME** When cleaning the deck for the first couple of times, we do not recommend using any hard, coarse and/or aggressive pads and cleaning cloths (this may cause excessive polishing of the surface).

**WET CLEANING** If you clean the deck with Cleaner, this will ensure that soap residues are not left behind on your deck. This keeps the deck safe and hygienic.

**DRY CLEANING** If your deck is used intensively, traces of use will be left behind. Examples are dust, sand, etc. These traces of use can cause scratches in your deck and 'worn off' patches. To prevent damage as much as possible we recommend keeping your deck well cleaned. We advise using a synthetic mop cover. The static effect of the mop cover makes sure that dust attaches to the mop and no mopped-up dirt is lost.

## ATTENTION!

When purchasing synthetic and dust-binding mop covers, we recommend:

- Purchasing products not containing any oil-based materials.
- Regularly washing your mop covers to retain the static effect.

## TIPS

- The use of a dust mat is recommended before stepping onto the deck.
- Cleaning machines should only be used at low speed (150 rpm max.).

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## MANUAL CLEANING

To clean your deck, you should use the following mixing ratio: 1 part Cleaner to 100 parts water (1:100). For example 10 ml Cleaner to 1 litre of water. However, if you have the impression that after using this mixing ratio the deck could also be cleaned with a lower concentration, you can adjust the mixing ratio to 1 part Cleaner to 200 parts water. The correct concentration is determined by the use, the cleaning frequency, the type of brush/pad and the age of the deck. The actual cleaning of the deck can be done manually or with a machine. If you opt for manual cleaning, it is important that you do not allow the dirty water to be absorbed after mopping the deck! During drying the dirt is pulled into the deck, causing your deck to get more dirty instead of cleaner. You can use a vacuum water cleaner, squeegee or an absorbent microfibre cloth to remove the dirty water. We recommend keeping your deck well cleaned to ensure that the surface remains hygienic and clean. If your deck is dirtier than usual, leave the cleaning product to work in a bit longer (obviously without allowing it to dry up!). This gives the dirt time to loosen up, allowing it to be removed more easily. Should not everything be collected when removing the dirty water, you may decide to scrub the deck again or slightly increase the concentration of the cleaning product in the water the next time you clean the deck. In case of severe contamination or overdue maintenance, the deck can be cleaned with Stripper. This is a highly effective cleaning agent based on a higher concentration (1:50 to 1:100). When using Stripper, the same rules apply as for your regular Cleaner liquid. However, in this case it is important to scrub the deck afterwards again using clear, clean water!

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Use a scrubbing brush for daily maintenance.
- Once every 3 months\* indirect scrubbing with Cleaner and a red pad. This means covering the deck first with the product, allowing the chemistry to do its work (10 minutes) and then mopping up and vacuuming. Do not allow it to dry!
- Once a year\* indirect scrubbing with Stripper and a red pad. This means covering the deck first with the product, allowing the chemistry to do its work (10 minutes) and then mopping up and vacuuming. Rinse well! Do not allow it to dry!

**CLEANER AND  
STRIPPER ARE  
MARPOL APPROVED**

\* this time schedule strongly depends on the intensity of use