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**Desert Brand**

# TECHNICAL BULLETIN

## Maintenance and Care of Desert Brand Sealers/Deck Coatings

The Desert Brand family of sealers are designed for the look you want and the lasting protection you need. However, timeless beauty and durability can only be achieved by properly maintaining the sealed surface.

The following guidelines will help in achieving this goal:

### **For interior concrete, tile, and masonry floors:**

For improved surface beauty and additional slip resistance, apply two or more coats of a high-quality floor polish, such as Desert Brand Top Finish, over the newly sealed, dry floor. Top Finish provides a scuff resistant, hard gloss finish and can add years of life to your sealed floor. Allow one hour between coats.

### **Cleaning of newly sealed surfaces:**

Sweep, dust mop, or vacuum the sealed surface to remove dust, loose dirt, grit, and sand. It is important to keep the floor as clean as possible. Spot clean any spills immediately with a damp sponge or mop.

### **General cleaning as needed:**

Mop with clean tap water. Spot clean stains with a diluted mild detergent such as Dawn dish-soap. For conditions that require a stronger detergent, use a diluted neutral cleaner such as Ajax Expert Surface Cleaner or Simple Green. Use a soft bristle brush or broom on stubborn areas. If automatic floor scrubbers are used, follow manufacturer's instructions using extreme caution not to damage the sealed surface. Rinse well to remove all soap residues, and let surface dry.

### **Periodically:**

Renew the Desert Brand sealer by cleaning the surface thoroughly and removing any floor polish, dirt, and stains. Allow to dry completely, and re-apply Desert Brand sealer to the clean substrate.

Please see additional recommendations for maintenance on reverse side.

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## Additional recommendations for maintenance:

### **For deck furniture on a sealed surface:**

Proper care should be taken so that all bottoms (or legs) of deck furniture have proper protection so that the furniture does not dig in to the surface of the deck.

### **For potted plants and plant racks on a sealed surface:**

All potted plants and plant racks should have trays underneath to catch water that could stain the deck surface. Minerals in tap water, soil fertilizer, and additives put fertilizer to help plant growth can cause stains on the sealed surface.

### **For dish or cable TV installation:**

Any penetrations to a sealed deck surface will compromise the waterproof characteristic of the deck coating. Penetration of the deck surface is not allowed and will void warranties.

### **For door mats and carpets on a sealed surface:**

Breathable products are best for doormats; rubber doormats are not recommended. Deck surfaces should never be completely covered with carpet. If used, small area carpets should be removed when rain is imminent.

Any questions concerning maintenance recommendations should be directed to the contractor that installed the deck coating, or to the local Hill Brothers/Desert Brand district representative.