

# TOP SECRET COATINGS

## DECADE (TS-190) APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS (9/20/10)

This information has been prepared for use with Decade Deck Paint on properly prepared surfaces. All surfaces must be thoroughly clean, dry, free of mold, mildew, algae and other contaminants. DO NOT apply Decade over water repellent stains and sealers which will prevent proper adhesion. When wood has been sealed use an oxalic acid-based cleaner to remove the sealer in its entirety. Sanding is recommended in all applications sufficient to remove oxidization in its entirety. Decade can be used over kiln dried and properly seasoned dimensional decking materials including Pine, Cedar, Redwood, Fir, Pressure Treated woods, synthetic decking materials without primer. Steel, fiberglass and aluminum must be primed with TS-664 Etching Primer; call us for details. Do not apply when rain is forecast within 48 hours. Recommend avoiding painting in hot direct sunlight, which can cause mud-cracking, or when humidity is forecasted to be 80% or higher. Best results will be obtained by roller-coat but Decade is brushable and sprayable.

1. REPAIRS: All repairs should be completed and allowed to cure prior to cleaning, sanding or the application of Decade paint. Be sure all repair materials are paintable before use.

2. STRIPPING & CLEANING: Peeling paint may be removed using TS-646 Triple Strength Paint Stripper according to label directions. Recommend sanding for best results (120-180 grit) which promotes adhesion. When applying over paint (in sound condition) we recommend using Decade Pre-paint & Yearly Cleaner (TS-685) as a pre-paint cleaner according to label directions. Pre-Paint & Yearly Cleaner removes dirt, grime, grease, wax and oil. Sand all surfaces thoroughly using 120-180 grit. Power-wash or rinse carefully removing all residue and allow it to dry before moving forward.

3. PRIMER: None required on wood as Decade is self priming in two coats on these surfaces. ALUMINUM, FIBERGLASS & STEEL: We recommend TS-664 Etching Primer for these applications. Contact us for information on this primer product. Mix and apply primer according to label directions.

4. ADD NON-SLIP ADDITIVE: This step is optional. Add TS-630 Pro-Tex for a non-slip finish. Pour in 8 ounces (one pack) to 1/gal of Decade Paint. Stir container for 1-2 minutes with a stir stick or for 30 seconds-1 minute with a high speed mixer.

5. APPLYING DECADE PAINT: Mix contents thoroughly. Two coats will be required to achieve recommended dry film Thickness of 15+ mils dry. Apply first coat evenly using a 5/8"-3/4" roller cover at a rate of approximately 150 square feet per gallon. Apply evenly avoiding puddling. The recoat window (time between coats) for Decade is 4-48 hours. Allow to dry a minimum of 4 hours before applying second coat. Apply second coat same as first coat. Do not allow traffic on the surface for 24-48 hours after application is complete.

NOTE: Recommend maintaining Decade by utilizing TS-685 Yearly Cleaner on a yearly basis, making repairs as needed according to above directions. Dry and cure times vary with the weather, temperature and color. Mass-Tint colors may require three coats to achieve full coverage and recommended dry film thickness. Failure to adhere to all recommendations voids the Decade 20 Year Limited Warranty so please be sure to follow Application Instructions, label directions, and standard industry practices carefully. We are available to answer questions at 360-651-9050 M-F 8 AM to 5 PM PST. See us online: [www.20yeardeckpaint.com](http://www.20yeardeckpaint.com), or [www.topsecretcoatings.com](http://www.topsecretcoatings.com).