

CLEANING A DECK WITH INITIAL EFFLORESCENCE

(TRAPPED MOISTURE)

STEP 1 - YOU WILL NEED:

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| ☐ Enough muriatic acid to clean the deck. | ☐ Safety glasses. |
| ☐ Floor brush. | ☐ Rubber gloves. |
| ☐ Plastic watering can. | ☐ Dawn liquid soap. |

STEP 2 – TESTING ONE PAVER OF THE DECK

Note: If the problem is picture framing or initial efflorescence, test/clean ½ paver first. If no issue occurs, use rest of the treatment solution on a portion of the deck.

Treating the sample piece:

- ☐ Prepare the cleaning solution inside the watering can.
85% Water + 15% Muriatic acid + Dawn liquid Soap.
- ☐ First pour the water inside the watering can, and then pour the muriatic acid. Add Dawn liquid soap (squirt for 3 seconds).
- ☐ Wet sample piece with the garden hose.
- ☐ Apply cleaning solution to one half of the sample piece with the watering can.
- ☐ Scrub with the floor brush lightly. Brush one half of the paver with the solution.
- ☐ Allow solution to sit for 1 to 3 minutes.
- ☐ Rinse thoroughly with lots of water.
- ☐ Wait until the sample piece dries completely. Check the results. If the sample paver is clean and not too rough, proceed and use the rest of the solution made to show a larger treated area.
- ☐ If sample paver is too rough: Repeat the test on a second sample piece. Lessen the percentage of acid used or lessen the time the solution is on the sample paver before it is removed. Let the second sample piece dry completely. Check the results. If the second sample paver is clean and not too rough, proceed and use the rest of the solution made to show a larger treated area.
- ☐ Leave the deck clean after installation.

If after repeating the cleaning process twice the deck is still not clean, contact your sales representative.