



## RubberDeck SuperTile

### INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL

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## PART 1 – BASE PREPARATION

### 1.1 RECOMMENDED INSTALLATION METHODS

| INTERIOR INSTALLATION |                |            |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------|
|                       | 24" X 24" X 1' |            |
| SURFACE               | DOWELS         | FULL GLUE  |
| Concrete              | Recommended    | Acceptable |
| Asphalt               | Recommended    | Acceptable |
| Plywood               | Recommended    | Acceptable |
| Compact Gravel        | N/A            | N/A        |
| Wood or Tile          | Recommended    | N/A        |
| Resilient Flooring    | Recommended    | N/A        |
| Carpet                | Recommended    | N/A        |

For RubberDeck SuperTile **outdoor** installation, please contact Signature's technical support team at 800-705-1544.

### 1.2 TOOLS / MATERIALS REQUIRED

1. Two tape measures - 25' and 50'
2. Chalk line
3. Saber saw (Jig saw) or band saw
4. Blades for saber saw - (7-10 teeth per inch, wood type)
5. Utility knife with heavy-duty blades
6. Framing square/metal straightedge
7. Silver or gold color paint pencils
8. Standard size caulk gun
9. 4" slot blade screwdriver
10. Notched trowels -1/16" square notch; 2 minimum plus 1 for each additional 400 sq. ft.
11. Safety glasses
12. 1-1/2" flexible putty knife
13. Coveralls
14. Kneepads
15. Solvent safe rubber gloves, long cuff style
16. Rags
17. Trash bags
18. Push broom or shop vacuum
19. Mineral spirits
20. Installation instructions
21. String line
22. Cutting table (shipping pallet)
23. Dustpan
24. 2-3 lb. hand sledge hammer or rubber mallet
25. 2'x 4' to use as tapping block



### 1.3 SITE WORK

**NOTE:** Dimensional tolerance for tiles is +/- 1/8". From time to time during installation, it may be necessary to measure and hand select tiles to ensure course lines remain straight. Additionally, color tone and shading may vary to the extent that some hand selection is required to maintain maximum uniformity throughout the site.

#### A. Site Elevation

1. On grade installation - The finished installed height of the SuperTile surface will be equal to or slightly higher than the perimeter grade but not more than 1" higher unless approved by the project engineer.
2. Above grade installation - The installation of SuperTile over existing decks or slabs is referred to as "above grade installation" and will usually require the use of reducers around the perimeters of the area to transition smoothly back to the floor elevation, unless the site terminates at a wall or other vertical surface.

#### B. Site Slope/Drainage

1. When preparing a new hard base, a minimum slope equal to 1" per 10' of run shall be applied to the finished surface with slope toward the drain basin, drain trough or down grade side of the site, whichever applies to your project.
2. An acceptable drainage system needs to be put in place to eliminate standing water.

### 1.4 BASE OPTIONS

#### A. Hard Base Construction

1. Concrete Base:
  - a. The base will be constructed of cast-in-place, non-structure, Class A concrete that will develop a minimum compressive strength of 3,000 PSI after 28 days cure (minimum thickness = 4"). Care should be taken to provide for the stated slope. The base should be free of depressions that would pond water. A light broom finish is best for maximum adhesion of the SuperTile tile. New concrete slabs should cure for a minimum of 28 days before installing SuperTile.
2. Paved Asphalt Base:
  - a. Course aggregate mixtures will provide a stable base. The aggregate size best suited for the adhered system is 3/8" to 1/2". Do not use asphalt mixtures that contain a high percentage of fines as they are not stable in hot weather and may become soft enough to allow the tiles to slide in high use areas.
  - b. The soil subgrade must be compacted with a minimum of two passes using a 10 ton vibratory roller with no soft or moving areas upon completion. The crushed stone base must also be compacted with a minimum of two passes using a 10 ton vibratory roller. The binder and wear courses of the asphalt must both meet 95% of the theoretical maximum density of the JMF (Job Mix Formula).



### Analysis of Asphalt Wear Course

| Total Passing Sieve | Percent by Weight |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1/2"                | 100               |
| 3/8"                | 80-100            |
| # 4                 | 45-90             |
| # 8                 | 30-65             |
| # 50                | 5-25              |
| # 200               | 2-8               |
| Asphalt Cement      | 6-8               |

- c. New asphalt surfaces should be allowed to cure for 28 days before the adhered SuperTile system is laid.

## PART 2 – RUBBERDECK SUPERTILE INTERIOR INSTALLATION

### 2.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. 1" SuperTile may be installed over most concrete, wood, tile, or carpeted floors. The floor over which 1" SuperTile is installed must be level, in good condition, and clear of dirt and loose debris.
- B. If 1" SuperTile is being installed wall-to-wall, the tile may be doveled together, with the walls serving to contain the outer rows of tile. Tiles which are not contained by walls, either at openings in the wall (i.e. doorways) or freestanding, should be contained by adhering the outer tiles and 1" SuperTile ramps around the outer perimeter. The adhered tile and ramps provide a transition from the 1" thick tile to the original floor level. The perimeter tiles and ramps should be adhered using SignaGrip adhesive with a 1/16" square-notched trowel indoors over substrate.
- C. Installation should not begin until after all other trades are finished in the area.
- D. Areas to receive flooring should be weather tight and maintained at a minimum uniform temperature of 65°F for 48 hours before, during and after the installation.
- E. Unpack tiles and allow them to sit in the area to be installed. Tiles and adhesive must be acclimated at a uniform room temperature for a minimum of 48 hours prior to installation.

**NOTE:** Dimensional tolerance for tiles is +/- 1/8". From time to time during installation, it may be necessary to measure and hand select tiles to ensure that course lines remain straight. Additionally, color tone and shading may vary to the extent that some hand selection is required to maintain maximum uniformity throughout the site.



## **2.2 SITE LAYOUT**

- A. Sweep area clear of all dust and loose debris.
- B. Determine a starting point for the first course of tile to best suit the site area. For irregular site configurations, the best starting point is often in the center. This will ensure a symmetrical finish for tiles that require trimming along the perimeter. Other installations are best started in the corner or along one edge that represents the length or width dimension of the site.
- C. Mark two points on the base surface at an equal distance from the edge of the installation. These points should be located near the opposite ends of the site in the length-wise direction.
- D. Snap a chalk line through the established points.
- E. Measure the length of the site along the chalk line. Mark a point at half the distance of the site.
- F. Using the 3-4-5 right triangle method, snap a chalk line to form a 90° angle to the previously established length-wise chalk line. These perpendicular reference lines will serve as a guide for laying the first course of tile.
- G. Dowel placement - Insert a dowel pin in each of the three dowel holes on two adjacent sides of the tile. Tap the dowel into the molded hole until the length of the dowel is showing beyond the edge of the tile or use a dowel setting tool available from Signature Sports Flooring. Install dowels in enough tiles in this manner to lay one course line.

## **2.3 LAYING TILE FOR STARTER COURSE**

- A. Place the first doweled tile at the intersection of the chalk lines with one doweled side facing inward along the course line.
- B. Join the next tile in the starter course to the original tile by pushing it against the original tile, engaging the dowel holes in the second tile with the dowels in the original tile.
- C. The assembly of tiles using dowels is a two-man job, with one man working always on top of the last tile laid to secure it while the other worker is applying force to the tile being laid.
- D. Continue to assemble tiles in this manner until the row has been completed across the entire course.
- E. A small 2-3 lb. hand sledge hammer may be used to aid assembly by striking the tile close to the doweling point while pressure is applied to the tile in the direction of the doweling by the second workman. A sledge and 2 x 4 may be used to tightly dowel several tiles. These techniques will allow the tile edges to be butted tight together.



## **2.4 LAYING THE SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT TILE COURSES**

- A. Place dowels in the tile to be used for the second course as done previously. Join the first tile in the second course to the first tile in the first course.
- B. The second tile in the second course is now ready for placement. This tile will be doweled on two sides. First, dowel the tile to the original tile in the second course, placing the dowels from the first course of tiles above the tile being doweled.
- C. Now dowel the second side of the tile by lifting the tiles to be joined together and inserting one dowel at a time with the appropriate dowel hole.
- D. Continue to assemble tiles in this manner until the row has been completed across the entire course. Complete the third and subsequent courses in a similar manner.

## **2.5 FITTING THE OUTER COURSE TILE**

- A. In most wall-to-wall installations, the tile in the outer course will have to be cut to fit. Tile may be cut using a heavy-duty utility or carpet knife and a straight edge. A saber saw utilizing a 7-10 TPI wood cutting blade also works well. A saw with a 3-3.5 amp rated motor having a 1" stroke with variable orbital settings will produce the best results. A cutting table used to support the work is required during cutting. A standard shipping pallet works well for this purpose for infield use.
- B. The outer course should then be installed as described in item C above, utilizing the remaining dowel holes. The cut edge should face the wall.

## **2.6 ADHERING THE OUTER COURSE AND RAMPS**

- A. If required, ramps can be cut in the same manner as tiles. If ramps are used at a corner, each ramp should be miter cut at a 45° angle.
- B. After ramps have been properly cut, ramps and outer tile, which are not contained by walls, should be adhered to the existing floor using SignaGrip adhesive with a 1/16" square notched trowel indoors over substrate. Set tiles and ramps in the adhesive bed. Tiles being set in the adhesive bed should be doweled to the next inner course of tiles, but need not be doweled to each other. Ramps need not be doweled.
- C. For areas where adhering a ramp is not an option, you may edge adhere the side heel of the reducer to the side of the tile and/or drill dowel holes in the side heel of the reducer to match the existing dowel holes in the tile.
  - 1. When drilling dowel holes, the holes should be 1/4" in diameter and 1.75" deep.
  - 2. Adhesive should be allowed to cure for 24 hours before walking on the tile.



- D. Your 1” SuperTile installation is now ready for use and will provide years of reliable, low maintenance performance. If you have questions about installation techniques or anything else regarding RubberDeck SuperTile, call Signature toll free at 1-800-755-1544.

## **PART 3 – MAINTENANCE**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE INSTALLER**

**Signature Sports Flooring recommends Johnson Diversey Maintenance Products and Procedures for Signature Sports Flooring surfaces.**

Proper protection and maintenance of 1” SuperTile post-installation should be specified by the architect/designer. RubberDeck SuperTile products are not pre-coated with a factory finish; therefore, they should not be subject to construction debris and potential damage caused from heavy-duty construction activities.

### **3.1 FLOOR PROTECTION**

- A. The specifier should include specification details to protect the floor post-installation and until job construction is complete, such as covering the entire floor with paper or other floor covering device (plastic, plywood, etc.) until construction is completed and thorough cleaning and maintenance can be implemented.

### **3.2 ASSIGNMENT OF CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE**

- A. The specifier should determine and assign the responsibility for the initial cleaning and finishing. This responsibility should be specifically assigned to either the flooring contractor, general contractor, maintenance contractor or owner.

### **3.3 PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

- A. TASKI® products available from JohnsonDiversey. Call 1-800-827-5427 or visit [www.johnsondiverse.com](http://www.johnsondiverse.com).

### **3.4 MAINTENANCE**

#### **A. TASKI® CLEANING PROCEDURES**

##### **1. Initial Cleaning**

- a. Remove all surface soil, debris, sand and grit by sweeping, dust mopping or vacuuming with a high CFM vacuum. For large areas, use auto scrubbers to clean floors.



- b. Scrub floor with a neutral pH (7-9) detergent, such as TASKI profi cleaner (10 oz./gal. of water), using buffer or auto scrubber with a soft nylon brush or a purple pad. Avoid flooding the floor.
  - c. Pick up solution with a wet vacuum. Rinse with clean water, picking up the rinse water with a wet vacuum, and allow to dry thoroughly (6-8 hours).
2. Daily/Regular Cleaning
- a. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum floor to remove surface soil, debris, sand and grit.
  - b. Damp mop with a microfiber mop or auto-scrub using TASKI purple pad with TASKI profi (6-10 oz./gal. of water) or equivalent pH neutral cleaner.
  - c. Mop again with clean water to remove residue.
3. Restorative Maintenance
- a. Sweep and dry vacuum floor thoroughly.
  - b. Heavy scrub floor with TASKI profi (10 oz./gal. of water) or TASKI ice-it. This cleaning may be performed with an auto-scrubber or rotary scrubber (TASKI purple or black pad).
  - c. Vacuum soiled solution with a wet/dry vacuum.
  - d. Rinse with clean water.
  - e. Pick up solution with wet vacuum.
  - f. Allow floor to dry thoroughly.
4. Heavy Soil
- a. Remove as much surface soil, debris, sand and grit as possible by sweeping, dust mopping or vacuuming.
  - b. Scrub floor with a neutral pH (7-9) detergent, such as TASKI profi cleaner or TASKI ice it strip-per, using a buffer or auto scrubber with a TASKI black pad.
  - c. Pick up solution with a wet vacuum, rinse with clean water and allow to dry thoroughly (6-8 hours).

The application rates and concentrations are based on TASKI recommendations. For rates and concentration of other products, consult the specific manufacturer's instructions.

| STEPS                               | CLEANING PRODUCT            | MIXTURE             | EQUIPMENT                                    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Initial Cleaning                    | TASKI profi                 | 10 oz./gal. water   | Purple pad or soft nylon brush               |
| Daily Cleaning                      | TASKI profi                 | 6-10 oz./gal. water | Mint pad, soft nylon brush or microfiber mop |
| Heavy Soil and Restorative Cleaning | TASKI profi or TASKI ice it | 10 oz./gal. water   | Purple pad or black pad                      |



## **PART 4 – WARRANTY**

- A. All Signature Sports RubberDeck Flooring is guaranteed by Signature Systems to be free from manufacturing defects on both material and workmanship. If such a defect is discovered, the customer must notify Signature either through the contracting installer, distributor or directly. If found to be defective within three years under normal non-abusive conditions, the sole remedy against the seller will be the replacement or repair of the defective goods, or at the seller's option, credit may be issued not exceeding the selling price of the defective goods.

RubberDeck warranty shall not cover dissatisfaction due to improper installation, damage from improper maintenance or usage or general misuse, including and without limitation: burns, cuts, tears, scratches, scuffs, damage from rolling loads, damage from cleaning products not recommended by Signature, shade variations due to exposure to direct sunlight or differences in color between samples or photographs and actual flooring.



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