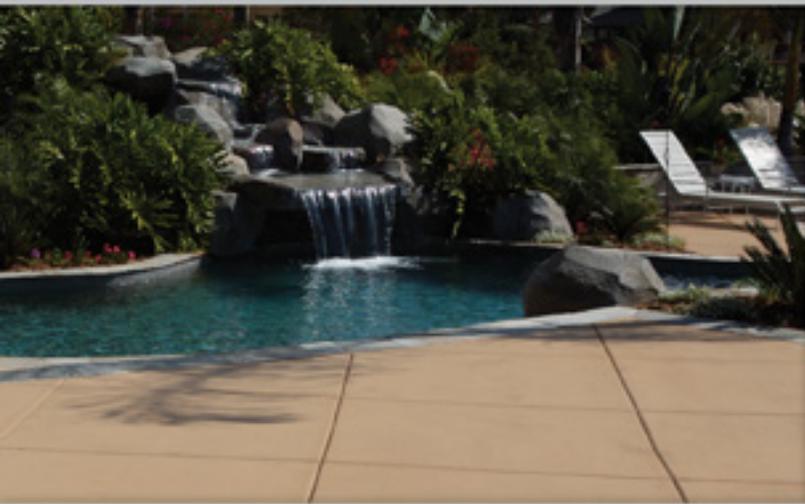
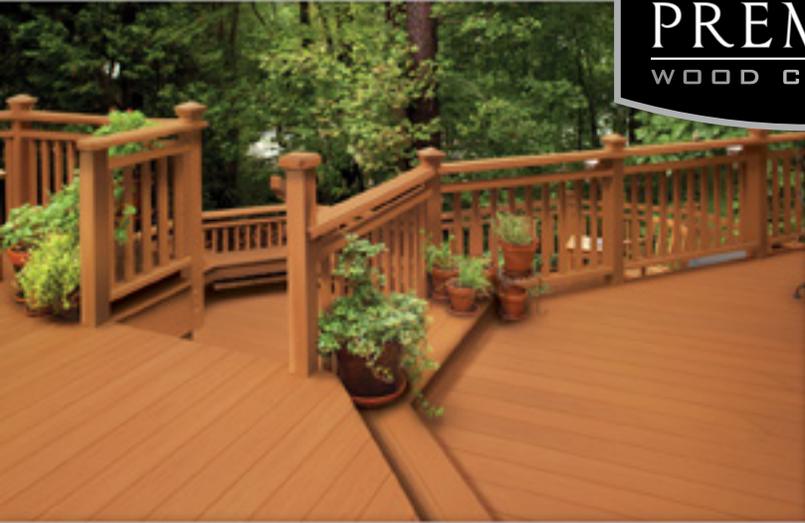


**BEHR**  
**PREMIUM**  
WOOD COATINGS



# DECKOVER®

BRINGS NEW LIFE TO  
OLD WOOD & CONCRETE

Find answers to your questions on BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER® in our FAQs below.

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# Surface Preparation and Maintenance

## Why do I need to prepare the surface before applying BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER®?

Proper surface preparation is the key to attaining a beautiful appearance and achieving long-lasting durability.

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## Can a pressure washer be used to properly prepare my surface before coating it with BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating?

After using the proper cleaner/stripper, rinse thoroughly with a garden hose or pressure washer. When rinsing with a pressure washer, use the broadest spray pattern while keeping the nozzle at least 61cm away from the surface. Allow the area to dry at least 24 hours before coating. Lightly sand to remove remaining wood fibers/fuzz. Please refer to the pressure washer manufacturer instructions for more details.

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## Do I need to strip previously coated wood with a product such as BEHR PREMIUM® No. 64 Wood Stain & Finish Stripper before applying BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating?

Preparing wood with a product such as BEHR PREMIUM® NO. 64 Wood Stain & Finish Stripper is necessary if the previously coated surface is peeling or has loose wood fibers. Use a stiff bristle broom to remove any loose or peeling coating from the surface prior to using No. 64. Applying and removing a strip of tape on the wood surface (to see if any coating comes up) will help evaluate the integrity of the surface. If the previous coating is in sound condition, you may proceed by cleaning the surface with a product such as BEHR PREMIUM NO. 63 All-In-One Wood Cleaner before applying BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating. Follow all label instructions.

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## When filling 6mm cracks, how can I tell if too much product was applied?

When filling cracks and holes with BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating, completely fill in the area with enough product so that the level of liquid is even with the surface of the wood. The coating will slightly shrink into the cracks after drying so another filling application may be necessary to level the surface.

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## How do I handle cracks larger than 6mm?

BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating is a high build, flexible coating that can withstand minor expansion & contraction of wood. For nail holes and cracks up to 6mm, completely fill in with DECKOVER Coating using a nylon/polyester brush and allow to dry prior to rolling. Deep nail holes and cracks may require additional filling. For cracks larger than 6mm, you may use commercially available patching compounds, wood fillers and caulks. Make sure the product states "paintable" for BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER compatibility.

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## How much dry time is recommended before a full coat is applied after filling cracks?

Follow the label directions of 4-6 hour recoat time. Additional dry time may be needed in cooler temperatures and higher humidity.

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## **Will a product such as BEHR PREMIUM® NO. 64 Wood Stain & Finish Stripper remove BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER® Coating?**

Yes, but unlike traditional stains, BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating is approximately four times thicker. Multiple applications of a product such as BEHR PREMIUM® NO. 64 Wood Stain & Finish Stripper and using tools such as a scrubber, scraper, power washer & sander might be necessary to completely remove the BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating.

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## **Where to Use**

### **Can I use BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating on interior surfaces?**

Yes, as long as the surface is properly prepared according to label instructions.

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### **Can I apply BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating on plywood/compressed wood?**

No.

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### **Can BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating be applied on Pressure Treated wood?**

Yes, BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating can be used on pressure treated wood as long as the surface is properly prepared according to the label instructions.

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### **Can BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating be applied over architectural plastics (conduit, pool deck drain strips, vinyl siding)?**

No.

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## **Application**

### **Can BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating be applied to a damp surface?**

No. The surface must be clean and completely dry before coating. Avoid painting in conditions of low temperature and high humidity (or presence of moisture, condensation, dew, etc.). Do not paint if rain is expected within 24 hours.

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### **What is the recommended roller size to apply BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating?**

We recommend using a 6mm nap roller. For a smoother texture, use a brush or thinner nap roller (i.e. 6mm). For Extra Textured DECKOVER, we strongly recommend using the special DECKOVER Extra Textured Roller Cover.

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### **Can I use a thicker roller?**

Yes, you can use a thicker roller (i.e. 13mm-19mm nap) only when applying BEHR PREMIUM Smooth or Textured DECKOVER Coating (not Extra Textured DECKOVER).

Please keep in mind that by using a thicker nap roller, you will increase the texture of the dried film and may possibly decrease the spread rate of the product. Follow the label directions of 4-6 hour recoat time. Additional dry time may be needed in cooler temperatures and higher humidity.

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### **Can I use an airless sprayer to apply BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating?**

Airless spray is recommended for experienced applicators only. Follow all label instructions and use the correct tip size as described on the label. When spraying vertical surfaces, apply a very thin coat (one pass only per coat) and do not back brush/roll.

Please note that airless spray cannot be used with Textured DECKOVER® and Extra Textured DECKOVER®.

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### **Does slip-resistance performance change if I use a brush vs. roller?**

No. Although applying with a roller may give you a more textured surface, we have tested the coating for slip resistance with both application methods and they both meet the requirements to pass the anti-slip test.

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### **Why are the spread rates so different when applying BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating on horizontal and vertical surfaces?**

Horizontal surfaces require a thicker coating to achieve a much more durable finish than vertical surfaces. Vertical surfaces require two thin coats resulting in less mil thickness.

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### **Can I apply only one coat of BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating?**

No. Two coats of BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating is required to create an even finish and to help ensure maximum durability.

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### **Can I apply more than two coats of BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating?**

No.

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## **Product Features and Performance**

### **Is BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating 100% acrylic?**

Yes, BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating uses 100% acrylic crosslinking resin.

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## **Will BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating bead water after the first coat if a storm passes thru?**

Water beading might not be as prominent as other BEHR Wood Coatings but BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating will sheet water and should resist water penetration as long as it is fully cured.

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## **Does BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating offer waterproofing protection?**

Yes, the BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating helps protect the substrate from water and moisture but will not protect the wood from moisture absorption on sides not coated with DECKOVER.

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## **Is BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating resistant to mudcracking?**

Yes, BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating can resist mudcracking and shrinking up to 50 mils thick.

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## **Why do some dark colours (like Chocolate) look chalky after drying?**

Darker colours tend to show traces of dirt, oil, skin residue (from touching), etc. more prominently than lighter colours. This phenomenon is not inherent to BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating specifically; it occurs regardless if you use a paint or wood stain.

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## **Will BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating resist hot tire pickup?**

No. Do not use DECKOVER Coating on drivable surfaces such as garage floors or driveways.

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## **Will BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating resist stains from red clay and other household stains?**

Yes, BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating has been tested with red clay and various substances such as ketchup, mustard and wine and the product should resist these stains under normal circumstances. Spills should be cleaned up immediately to help ensure long term satisfaction.

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## **How does BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating perform in terms of water resistance around pool areas?**

BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating has been tested around pool areas and under normal circumstances, water resistance is excellent.

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## **How does BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating handle UV/sun exposure? Will the colour fade?**

The 100% acrylic binder helps resist UV and can normally withstand the damaging effects of sun exposure. Colour may naturally fade over time depending on the colour you choose. You may notice that colour fade is not as prominent on light/mid tone colours.

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## **Will pet claws damage the BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating?**

BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating should resist pet claw damage under normal situations.

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## **Using DECKOVER Coating with other BEHR Products**

### **Can BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating be applied over BEHR PREMIUM® NO. 870 Concrete & Masonry Waterproofer? What about other exterior coatings?**

No, DECKOVER Coating cannot be applied over No. 870 or other similar waterproofing products.

BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating can be applied over most exterior wood stains and floor coatings as long as the previous coating is sound and properly prepared. Follow all label instructions.

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### **Can BEHR PREMIUM® NO. 985 Wet-Look Sealer or BEHR PREMIUM® NO. 986 Low-Lustre Sealer be applied over BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating?**

Yes, as long as the DECKOVER coated concrete surface is properly prepared and sound.

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### **Why should I choose BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating instead of a Solid Colour Wood Stain?**

BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating is an innovative solid colour coating that is designed specifically for old, weathered wood and concrete. BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating offers advantages over solid colour wood stain by having a 4 times thicker film that covers splinters and cracks up to 6mm and creates a slightly textured, slip resistant finish.

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### **Can I change the colour or retouch a wood surface that has been previously coated with BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating? How about concrete surfaces?**

Yes! If the BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating is sound and properly prepared (i.e. any peeled or flaked coating is removed and surface cleaned), a new colour of BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating or Solid Colour Wood Stain can be applied right over the existing BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating. In addition, any areas that have been damaged or marred can be retouched with the same BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating as long as those areas have been properly prepared. For concrete surfaces, you can change the colour using BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating, BEHR PREMIUM® Porch & Patio Floor Paint, BEHR PREMIUM® 1-Part Epoxy Concrete & Garage Floor Paint, and BEHR PREMIUM® Solid Colour Concrete Stain.

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### **Can Non-Skid be added to BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating for increased slip resistance?**

Yes. Keep in mind that with a thicker coating such as BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating, it may be more difficult to evenly mix in the non-skid particles.

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## Colour

### **Can I do my own colour matching using the BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating base?**

No, we do not recommend adjusting the colour after the product has been tinted.

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### **Will BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER coated surfaces retain heat?**

Regardless of the coating used, darker colour paints and stains will generally retain heat more than lighter colours. If you are concerned with heat retention, then we recommend choosing a lighter colour for your project.

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## Maintenance

### **If I need to properly clean a surface that is coated with BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating, what cleaner should I use?**

Make sure the coated surface has cured for 30 days prior to cleaning. Clean with soap and water and agitate the surface with a stiff bristle brush and allow to dry.

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### **How do you remove old boards that have been coated with BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating?**

Since the BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating will conceal any screw heads, you will need to locate these areas and carefully remove the coating to uncover the screws.

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## Miscellaneous

### **What is the warranty on BEHR PREMIUM DECKOVER Coating?**

LIMITED WARRANTY If this product is found to be defective upon inspection by an expert, Behr Process Corporation will, at its option, and upon presentation of proof-of-purchase (the original receipt), either furnish an equivalent amount of new product or refund the original purchase price of this product to you. This warranty is not transferable. If you believe this product is defective, contact Behr Process Corporation at 2750 Centre Avenue N.E., Calgary, AB T2A 2L3. The cost of transportation or shipping, if any, are to be assumed by the consumer. The clause of limitation of liability which follows is inapplicable in Quebec: This warranty excludes (1) labour and costs of labour for the application or removal of any product, and (2) any incidental or consequential damages, whether based on breach of express or implied warranty, negligence, strict liability or any other legal theory. The above provisions are not intended to operate where prohibited by law. This limited warranty is the only warranty provided by Behr Process Corporation unless extended by a provincial consumer statute.

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