



## Instructions for Deck Medic's Pro Strip

When there is an existing stain or sealant product that needs to be removed from the wood's surface, use Deck Medic's Pro Strip. Depending on how heavy the product is on the surface and what type of product it is (water-based acrylic or an oil-based semitransparent stain) will determine how many stripper pouches to use and how long the solution needs to dwell prior to rinsing it off with a pressure washer.

Use the following guidelines to determine stripper strength.

- **Extra Heavy Strip** (For removal of water based semitransparent stains, failing semi-solid stains, or heavily coated oil-based stains):
  - Use 2 Pouches of Deck Medic's Pro Strip per gallon of water. Do not open the pouch but immerse the pouch in the water and stir until the chemical dissolves and the pouch is empty.
  - Add Deck Medic's concentrated Pro Wash to Pro Strip solution to act as a foaming agent to allow the stripper to stick to the wood for the proper dwell time. For horizontal surfaces such as decks use 1 ounce per gallon of Pro Wash. For vertical surfaces, such as fences, use 2 ounces of Pro Wash per gallon.
  - Use a low volume liquid sprayer to apply Deck Medic's Pro Strip solution (pump up sprayer, battery powered sprayer or electric sprayer). Apply Pro Strip solution thoroughly and evenly to all portions of wood that require stripping.
  - After applying Pro Strip solution to the wood surface, perform a scratch test. Used with a tool or the end of the applicator, the scratch test will show that the stain is loosened up enough to be rinsed off. A successful scratch test scratches down to the bare wood. If the scratch test is not successful, allow for more dwell time or apply another coat of the stripper. It may take up to 30 minutes for the stripper to break down the existing product before it passes the scratch test.
  - Once the old product has passed the scratch test it is ready to be removed. Gently and evenly rinse off the product using a pressure washer with a 25-degree tip. Don't get too close to the wood with the pressure washer tip and do not try to "power wash" off the old product. If it does not come off with normal pressure apply another round of stripper or allow for more dwell time. Pressure washing is about patience, and not about power. If the Pro Strip is allowed to dry it will no longer work. Mist with

water to reactivate stripper before rinsing off the product. For large surfaces, work in sections so the stripper does not have time to dry on the wood.

PRO TIP: To remove a solid acrylic stain, semi-solid acrylic stain, or a water-based stain with multiple coats, thoroughly pre-sand the surfaces to knock the coating down to a level it can be stripped using Deck Medic's Pro Strip.

- **Heavy Strip** (For removal of light water-based semitransparent stains and moderately heavy oil-based semitransparent stains):
  - Use 1 Pouch of Deck Medic's Pro Strip per gallon water. Same procedure as above.
- **Medium Strip** (For removal of very worn away water-based stains and faded oil-based stains). May also be used on very moldy weathered decks that need to have the mold stripped off.
  - Use 1 Pouch of Deck Medic's Pro Strip for 2 gallons of water. Same procedure as above.
- **Light Strip, Weathered, or New Wood:** Use Deck Medic's Eco Strip. See Eco Strip Instructions.

NEXT STEP: After applying and rinsing Deck Medic's Pro Strip, neutralize the stripper by applying Deck Medic's Pro Bright to the wood surfaces. Chemically, strippers are a base product, so the wood requires the acid of the Pro Bright to equal out the pH. See Deck Medic's Pro Bright Instructions (separate instruction sheet).

NOTE: To prevent damage to painted surfaces, siding, doors, window frames, plants, grass, etc., pre-rinse with water prior to application of Pro Strip solution, and/or cover with plastic. Post rinse. After removing plastic from plants and grass, spray with water to cool the plant. Post rinse.

\*Important: Do not get wood surfaces wet prior to applying Pro Strip solution, as it will dilute the stripping effects of the solution.

*CAUTION. Chemical strippers and brighteners have the potential to burn human skin and cause eye damage. Always wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when opening, mixing, applying, and removing any of the included chemicals. PPE may include, but not be limited to long sleeves, long pants, waterproof boots, gloves, protective glasses, and face mask. Consult the included Safety Data Sheets for more information.*

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