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### 3M SAFETY WALK STRIPS FOR DURAFLEX DIVING BOARD

The following information pertains to use of the 3M Safety Walk Slip Resistant Strips to be used on Duraflex Diving Boards that have become slippery and are in need of factory refinishing. These Safety Walk Strips are NOT a cure for a slippery board – rather they are a "bandage" to get through the end of the diving season after which you should contact Springboards and More to have your diving board shipped to the Duraflex Factory for factory resurfacing. These Safety Walk Strips are only for temporary use and should not be considered as a permanent means to "fix" a slippery board.

# Important for Proper Application and Service Life

- 1. All surfaces must be clean, dry, smooth, and above recommended temperature before applying product.
- 2. Rough or porous surfaces must be primed with 3M Safety-Walk Primer for proper adhesion.
- 3. 3M Safety-Walk Rubber Hand Roller should be used to assure a firm bond when applying all 3M Safety-Walk Slip Resistant Materials.
- 4. For extra protection from excessive moisture or liquids, use 3M Safety-Walk Edge Sealing Compound. Safety-Walk slip resistant materials are not recommended for continuous immersion.
- 5. Safety-Walk material can be applied on most painted surfaces, which are in good condition. Safety-Walk material will adhere only as well as the base paint. Painted surfaces must be thoroughly dry before application of Safety-Walk material.
- 6. Treated or untreated wood must be painted prior to application of Safety-Walk material.
- 7. Do not apply Safety-Walk material over surfaces with constant water or moisture seepage.
- 8. Do not apply Safety-Walk material over tile grouting. Also, avoid cracks in concrete and breaks in all surfaces.
- 9. 3M Safety-Walk Slip-Resistant Treads are not recommended for quarry tile in commercial kitchens.

#### **Maintenance Instructions**

- To maintain product effectiveness, the application should be inspected periodically to ensure serviceability.
- To ensure that 3M Safety-Walk Slip-Resistant Treads are kept free of dirt and other residue that might impair functionality:
  - -General Purpose and Conformable Treads should be deck brushed regularly.
  - -Fine and Medium Resilient Treads and Easy Clean Treads should be **mopped or deck brushed** regularly.



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# **Maintenance Instructions (Continued)**

- Use appropriate degreaser/cleaner as a general maintenance liquid to keep material and surrounding surfaces dirt and grease free.
- To remove and replace worn or torn material:
  - -Start by pulling up old material. Use of a heat gun may assist in this process.
  - -After removal of old material, use 3M Citrus Base Industrial Cleaner or an equivalent product to soften adhesive residue and allow scraping of surface in preparation for product replacement.

## **Surface Preparation Instructions**

- 1. Make sure surface is clean, dry, smooth, and above minimum application temperature when applying 3M Safety-Walk Slip-Resistant Material. Repair or replace any broken or damaged surface.
- 2. Remove chipped, cracked or peeled paint prior to applying Safety-Walk material.
- 3. Remove loose residue from surface.
- 4. Remove floor finish from floor prior to application.
- 5. Referring to the SURFACE PREPARATION TABLE, use appropriate cleaner or solvent wipe to clean surface. After cleaning, allow to dry thoroughly.

# **Priming Instructions**

- 1. Prime clean, dry porous surfaces with 3M Safety-Walk Primer, especially:
  - Uncoated concrete surfaces.
  - b. Coated, painted, or porous concrete if surface is excessively rough.
- 2. Priming Instructions:
  - a. Properly clean the surface following "Surface Preparation" procedures.
  - b. Use a paintbrush to apply a thin coat of Safety-Walk primer where the treads are to be placed. Typical coverage area for a quart is 30 square feet.
  - c. Allow the primed area to dry thoroughly (no evidence of stickiness or tackiness) before applying Safety-Walk slip-resistant material. Approximate drying time is 15 minutes.

### **Application Instructions**

**Tools Needed:** 

3M Safety-Walk Rubber Hand Roller **Rubber Mallet** 



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# **Application Instructions (Continued)**

- 1. Individual treads should be spaced a minimum of ½" apart and maximum of 2" apart.
- 2. Round the corners of any treads cut from rolls.
- 3. Peel protective liner back about 2" from one end and position piece on surface.
- 4. Continue to remove liner. Press firmly in place as liner is removed.
- 5. For small treads: Peel liner off tread. Holding tread by its edges, curve it gently with the adhesive side out. Align the middle of the piece over the middle of the target surface and press down.
- 6. Finally, press into firm contact with diving board surface using rubber hand roller by starting in middle and rolling out towards edges.
- 7. On steps, apply Safety-Walk material 1/2:" from stair edge to prevent edge curl and premature wear.

#### **VERY IMPORTANT!**

Minimize touching adhesive with fingers.