



WOOD SURFACE PREPARATION

Moisture Test, Detail Application

It is especially important to make sure your wood is not too wet or already sealed, before applying your Liquid Rubber solution. Wood may feel completely dry on the surface but could still contain enough water to cause problems with your coating.

While it is recommended, and better, to use a moisture meter to detect moisture, there is also a rudimentary test you can use if you have no other way to test (*better than nothing*).

**When using a moisture meter, the wood should contain less than 15% moisture content*

Drip a couple of drops of water onto the surface.

1. If the water absorbs (*rather quickly for soft woods and a little slower for hard woods*) into the deck you should be good to apply.
2. If the water beads up it is sealed or too wet.

If the wood has already had lots of opportunity to dry, then you likely have wood that is sealed and you will need to strip the sealer.