

Elist Discussion on Pool Decking Material

10-25-12 from Valerie:

We are replacing the flooring we have surrounding our therapy pool and are looking for a better product. Currently we have a glue-down rubberized flooring that is nonslip, but is not very durable or ideal for the high humidity environment in our pool area. Does anybody have a suggestion for what you would use for your ideal decking material or for companies that you would recommend? I am in the Michigan area. Thank you in advance!

From Mick:

I suggest you contact:

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From Debbie:

We finally put down "dri dek" [dry deck is a brand name] over our ceramic tiles and it works really well. It is slightly uncomfortable on bare feet, but clients should be wearing shoes so won't be affected by this.

<http://www.dri-dek.com>

10-29 from Janaea:

I am the director for a CORF in Clinton Township, Michigan. We have a therapeutic pool and are looking for flooring options for our pool deck and locker rooms. Can you tell me what you currently have so that I don't "go that route" [purchase something similar], especially if you aren't happy with it? We are just starting the process of looking for a good solution. I can let you know what we come up with here, if you want to brainstorm together!

10-29 from Liz:

Semco Modern Seamless Surface is a great product if you can find an installer. The slip coefficient rating is excellent and I don't know another product that has been used all over the world for twenty years that can make the same claims. The website is www.semcomfg.com. It could probably be applied seamlessly to the entire deck and into the locker room. No seams means less areas for stagnant water or bacteria to be trapped. The product is also non-porous so it is basically anti-microbial. It is rated for use in restaurants and hospitals.

It can look very plain or very fancy depending on your taste and the needs of your center. It comes in a bunch of colors and has three standard finishes, but can be installed so the business logo or another emblem is part of the design. Also this can be applied over

almost any surface without the need for current flooring to be torn out. It lasts for a long time and only has to be resealed periodically. This is the stuff that the Bellagio fountain in Las Vegas is coated with and is an ideal surface for pools, pool decks, and locker rooms.

If you want more information contact the manufacturer or email me off the elist at liz_ot_kd@yahoo.com. My husband is a certified installer for the product here in South Carolina so we're a little far away from you, but I can help you find out who is in your area if you want a quote. It's not the cheapest option up front (compared to gunnite, tile, or plain concrete) but is typically worth it over the life time of the facility due to the low maintenance needs.

10-30 from Valerie:

Thank you everybody for the suggestions!

Janaea, we originally had an almost linoleum type flooring that was extremely slippery when it got wet. We put dri dek over the flooring and then eventually replaced that because of the discomfort of walking on it for our patients. We replaced it with a rubber flooring that I unfortunately do not know the name of the company or the product. Although this flooring is comfortable and non-slip it is more porous and prone to mold and it doesn't stand up well to normal wear and tear. The floor is less than five years old and has several spots that are "gouged" out. Our struggle includes difficulty with the humidity level in the pool area which doesn't help however there is no easy fix to that either. I will let you know what we decide on.