



## New precast concrete Dekstones™ take practicality and pizzazz to the next level



wood from moisture in the concrete and from rainwater.

After the deck structure is built, simply lay the Dekstones butted together starting from one corner, and contain them around the perimeter with a skirt board. Dekstones can be cut as necessary with a diamond blade masonry saw, provided all cutting slurry is cleaned immediately to prevent staining. Special restrictions apply to Dekstones smaller than 12”.

As an option, all Dekstones have the ability to be fastened to the joists with the threaded inserts cast into the bottom of the Dekstone. A concrete sealer is also recommended if so desired, as the Dekstones are shipped unsealed.

As with any product, the design of the structure and compliance with local building codes are the responsibility of the consumer. For complete detailed installation instructions please visit [www.dekstone.com](http://www.dekstone.com).

### Where to find Dekstone

Dekstone is a product of Stepstone, Inc., a California-based supplier of high-quality precast concrete products for over 40 years. Dekstones carry a 10-year warranty. Dekstone is now available nationwide and at distribution centers throughout California. For more information or to find a distribution center near you, visit [www.dekstone.com](http://www.dekstone.com) or call (800) 572-9029.

### Aesthetics, durability and easy installation are a winning combination for new deck product

Over the last decade or so, the “personal oasis” movement, with its elaborate pools and patios, has delivered hundreds of new products for aesthetics and convenience in our outdoor environments, at least on the ground floor. Forward-thinking industry experts have begun to apply those innovations elsewhere, literally taking them to the next level — today’s decks and balconies.

Leading the charge is Dekstone, a new precast concrete product designed specifically for raised decks. It is already making waves across California and the rest of the country for both its practicality and its aesthetic appeal — San Diego Magazine called it “a surefire way to add bling to your balcony.”

Dekstones are made from a mixture of 4,000 psi concrete and color, then reinforced with a specially designed welded wire mesh. They are custom-poured, which

provides a handcrafted look, and due to their natural ingredients, slight variations in color help make each deck unique.

They are available in four distinct colors (Wheat, Agave Verde, Sterling Gray, and Tuscan Amber). Dekstones are designed for use in both commercial and residential applications, and already grace the prestigious Getty Center in addition to an increasing number of homes in urban and rural locales.

### A new alternative to traditional wood and composites

Among the variety of decking options already on the market, Dekstone is carving its own niche with unique features that set it apart from other deck products such as composite decking and wood. Unlike wood, Dekstone requires little upkeep and presents negligible fire danger due to its non-combustible properties. And its sleek, sophisticated look offers a fresh alternative to standard composites.

“Unlike composite decking, made of petroleum by-

products and wood chips, Dekstone provides a long-lasting, durable surface that is aesthetically pleasing,” said Bruce McWilliams, product manager for Dekstone. “Our clients are incredibly satisfied with the look of their new decks, with the peace of mind that comes from having a fire-resistant barrier around their homes, and with the freedom from routine maintenance.”

### Easy installation adds to the appeal

Although the specific installation requirements are unique to Dekstone, the method is similar to any standard deck installation process.

The steel-reinforced Dekstones require 4” joists set to 23 and seven-eighths inch centers in the field, and 23 and seven-eighths inches from the outside edge to the center of the next joist for the edge pieces. The depth of the joist should be determined by the span and be engineered according to anticipated loads.

A moisture barrier is required between Dekstone and the wood joist to protect the



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