

CLAD-DECK

Maintenance Guide

Regular Cleaning: To maintain the appearance of your composite decking, clean it periodically with a mixture of mild soap and water. Use a soft-bristle brush or sponge to gently scrub the surface, removing dirt, debris, and any stains. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

Preventive Measures: To minimize the risk of stains and damage, promptly clean up spills such as food, grease, oil, or chemicals. Avoid placing hot objects directly on the decking surface, as this can cause discoloration or melting. Use caution when using metal shovels or tools on the decking to prevent scratches.

Mould and Mildew: While composite decking is resistant to mould and mildew, it can still occur in damp or shaded areas. To prevent mould growth, ensure proper drainage and ventilation around the decking. If mould does appear, clean the affected area with a composite deck cleaner and a soft brush. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for cleaning products and techniques.

Pressure Washing: If your composite decking becomes heavily soiled or stained, you can use a pressure washer with a fan tip nozzle to clean the surface. Use a low-pressure setting (no more than 1500 psi) and maintain a safe distance to avoid damaging the decking. Test a small, inconspicuous area first to ensure compatibility and to determine the appropriate pressure.

Scratches and Scuffs: While composite decking is highly durable, it may still develop scratches and scuffs over time, especially in high-traffic areas. To minimize the appearance of scratches, use a soft abrasive pad or fine-grit sandpaper to gently buff the affected area. Follow up with a thorough cleaning to remove any debris.

Sealing and Staining: Unlike traditional wood decking, composite decking does not require staining or sealing to protect against moisture and UV damage. However, some homeowners may choose to apply a composite deck sealer or stain for added protection and colour enhancement. If desired, follow the manufacturer's recommendations for product selection and application.

Periodic Cleaning: While WPC decking needs low maintenance, periodic cleaning can help maintain its beauty. Power washing with proper cleaning agents may enhance the results. Spray in the direction of the grain pattern to avoid damaging it. Use caution not to damage the material and always take proper safety precautions when operating a power washer.

Initial Washing: Wash the WPC profiles every 3-4 days within the first month after installation to remove dirt. If the profiles are not washed and encounter light rain, stains may appear on the surface.

Colour Stability: The colour of WPC decking may undergo some minor changes, especially light colours fading faster than dark colours, in the first 4-6 months after installation. However, after this initial period, the colours will stabilize.

Seasonal Maintenance: Inspect your composite decking periodically for signs of wear, damage, or loose fasteners. Tighten any loose screws or nails and replace any damaged boards as needed. Trim back any overhanging vegetation to maintain proper airflow and prevent moisture build up.

Warranty Considerations: Be aware of any maintenance requirements outlined in the manufacturer's warranty. Failure to follow recommended maintenance procedures may void the warranty coverage.

The types of stains Solution

Dust and dirt - Use a hard brush dipped in warm soapy water to remove it.

Mildew - Scrub with ordinary wood mould class agents, or bleach to rinse or wipe it directly.

Chalk stains - In addition to the white chalk, other colours cannot be removed once the printing, you can use bleaching agent with hot soapy water to scratch it.

Ice or snow - Apply calcium chloride or rock salt, it can melt ice or snow. Then you can use hot soapy water to wash it.

Water Spots - Clean with a deck cleaner containing Oxalic Acid. It is always best to test the cleaner on an inconspicuous or scrap piece of deck to make sure the cleaner does not harm the deck surface.

Stain, soil and dirt's - Apply detergent, which contains oxalic acid or phosphoric acid. Wiping the stain for 10-15 minutes, you can remove stains.

Greasy and Oil-based Stains - Once a greasy stain, please immediately use household cleaning products with hot soapy water to wash it.

Juice and wine stains - Mix the bleach stains agents and hot soapy water to dilute the stain and then wipe the stain.

Ink stains - Ink stains may not be removed. Mix bleach stains agents and hot soapy water to dilute the stain.

Small scratches by high heel shoes, hard tools - On terrace surfaces can occur due to condensation of water and the accumulation of damp dirt or dust particles with subsequent drying to so-called water spots. Amplified this effect is partially under covered areas. Clean it contains a cleaning agent that oxalic acid. It is recommended that the cleaner on an inconspicuous area to apply to check in advance whether the cleaner does not damage the surface.

By following these maintenance guidelines, you can keep your composite decking looking beautiful and performing well for years to come, enhancing the enjoyment of your outdoor living space.