



Maintenance notice

Just like any product exposed to the outdoors, FIBERDECK products require a minimum amount of routine maintenance to preserve their original beauty.

5 IMPORTANT POINTS TO COMPLY WITH

1. It is recommended to use a scrubbing brush to clean deck boards, but it is also possible to use a high-pressure washer. In the latter case, please limit the pressure to 1,500 psi (100 bar) and maintain the cleaning nozzle at least 30 cm away from the board surface.
2. Remember to regularly clean your deck at least 3 to 4 times a year to prevent accumulation of plant debris or mineral dust on the surface of boards and so avoiding the formation of surface stains or mould. Furthermore oil, grease and food must be cleaned within a reasonable time to prevent the blades from becoming deeply encrusted with dirt.
3. Never use a metal shovel to remove ice or snow from your deck.
4. It is essential to protect your deck boards with a tarpaulin during work sites to prevent lime, cement and plaster dust from splashing onto them. These minerals mixed with water leave white deposits that can be difficult to remove. At the end of the work, the terrace should be thoroughly cleaned.
5. Pay attention to areas directly exposed to the sun. Surface temperature of boards may reach 60°C. In that case, the use of shoes, slides or flip-flops is recommended.

RECOMMENDED TOOLS: scrubbing brush, HP washer, bucket, water nozzle, sponge, cleaning cloth

Several factors may be detrimental to the beauty and use of your deck. We have summarized an exhaustive list of scenarios to which you may be confronted, along with appropriate solutions. Before applying any cleaning product on your own initiative, we advise you to test it on an isolated area of your deck.

Dirt and Debris

Debris must be regularly removed by spraying with a water nozzle. If organic material gets stuck in the gaps between boards, use a spatula or a duster brush to remove it. Always keep the deck surface clean, this will reduce the risk of mould formation on the surface.

In case of moss or mould formation, use hot soapy water (household detergent) with a soft non-metal brush or a high-pressure washer to remove stains. It is preferable to scrub at all times in the direction of the boards.

Snow and Ice

Use de-icing salt to melt the snow and ice. Never use a metal shovel, since it could seriously damage the surface of your deck. When ice melts, an accumulation of calcium chloride may appear, leaving a white residue which may easily be removed with hot soapy water and a soft non-metal brush.

Oil, Grease and Food

Oil, grease or food stains must be quickly removed. To clean, use a mix of hot soapy water (household detergent) and a soft non-metal brush. Grease and oil may require the use of a household alcohol-type cleaner if hot soapy water and a soft non-metal brush do not work. As a last resort, you may test more aggressive white spirit-type cleaners.

Mould and Moss

Depending on the exposure of your deck or fence, the appearance of mould or moss periodically occurs according to the seasons. If decomposing organic matter (wood, pollen, leaves) is present, mould can quickly appear, encouraged by water and humidity. There is no way to fully eliminate mould from the surface ; consequently, we can only recommend that you regularly clean it. Use hot soapy water and a non-metal brush.

Heat and Fire

Braziers and grills may damage the surface of Fiberdeck deck boards through direct exposure to fire or intense radiating heat. Adequate precautions must be taken during design, installation and use of these structures in order to prevent damage. Place an anti-splash protective mat under your grill.

Cement and Mineral Deposits

During a work situation, it is essential to protect your Fiberdeck deck or cladding from potential cement, lime or plaster dust projections by using a tarpaulin. These minerals mixed with water leave white deposits on the surface of boards, which may be difficult to clean. To avoid this problem, make sure house construction is completed before installing the deck or the cladding.

Lime scale may also appear on the surface of the deck, depending on the outdoor environment. Rain precipitates ambient mineral dust, which deposits over time on the surface of boards to form a white film. In this situation, a regular boards cleaning is advising at least every month.

In the event of stubborn mineral deposits due to lack of regular maintenance, we suggest 3 solutions to try in order: household detergent, white vinegar (diluted 50%) and bathroom descaler. For each product, leave to work for 5 minutes before scrubbing with a brush in the direction of the floorboards. Rinse and dry the cleaned surface. Test an isolated area beforehand.

Note:

In certain environments, mineral deposits may appear more rapidly and more abundantly. We thus recommend cleaning the surface of deck boards at least once a month.

If cleaning has not been conducted regularly, and depending on the degree of incrustation and the tenacity of these stains, we suggest the following solution:

- 1. Household cleaner**
- 2. White vinegar (diluted to 50%)**
- 3. Bathroom cleaner/descaler**

Use recommended products in order, depending on level of stain incrustation. For each product listed above, allow to act for at least 5 min. before scrubbing with a scrubbing brush in the direction of boards. Wash and dry the cleaned surface.