

Care & Maintenance

OzDeck composite products require minimal maintenance, and enable you to have a seasonally great looking deck without the need for staining, oiling, painting, or any of the other costly and time consuming requirements of traditional wood decking. It will not crack, rot, warp or splinter, and is resistant to moisture and mildew.

The amount of maintenance and time required to keep your OzDeck products looking great, will depend on where your deck is positioned, and exposure to the surrounding environment. Foliage, dust, oil & sunlight are just some of the factors that will contribute to the level of attention your decking will require to keep it looking it's best.

GENERAL CLEANING

Like any surface, OzDeck looks best when kept clean. A simple sweep, done regularly, will prevent build up of dirt and grime. Be sure to clear the gaps of any debris or leaves, as these can cause unwanted stains or mould. Your OzDeck product will also respond well to an occasional mop or hose down. A high-pressure water cleaner (maximum 8Kpa (1200PSI)), is also highly effective.

MOULD & MILDEW

Occasionally mould or mildew might appear on your deck. This is generally due to the environment your deck resides in, and how often it is cleaned. Air-borne spores, foliage and continual damp and shade can all contribute to this. Applying Intergrain Reviva should remove any signs. Always follow the manufacturers recommendation for use, and spot test on a small sample piece or concealed area of your deck first.

STAINING

OzDeck is porous (like wood) and will stain if oil, grease, wax, red wine, foliage (tannins) or rust is allowed to settle and remain on the surface. A simple solution of detergent and hot water will remove most stains, if applied immediately, before it has a chance to penetrate the fibres of the OzDeck product.

For oil based stains, a diluted application of a degreaser such as 'Kenco' works well. Always follow the manufacturers recommendation for use, and spot test on a small sample piece or concealed area of your deck first.

If you use a BBQ on your deck, it is recommended to use a 'splat mat' around and under the BBQ area to catch fat spills and avoid staining.

INITIAL WEATHERING & WATER STAINS

Your OzDeck composite products will go through an initial 'weathering' period when first laid. This will usually last a couple of weeks, and depends on how exposed your deck is to the elements. During this period, water stain marks can appear. These are caused from wood tannins being released from the wood fibres in your OzDeck product, and will disappear once the board has been wet / dried several times. During this period, you will also notice a slight softening of the surface colour of your OzDeck product. This is a natural weathering effect of the product, and varies depending on the colour.

Water stains can also appear from pooling or dripping. In this case, the stain is caused by external elements such as dirt. See 'General Cleaning' to rectify.

SCRATCHING

The finish of OzDeck is designed to camouflage most minor scratches and transform naturally into it's 'worn' state. Do not drag furniture or heavy objects across your deck, and use a protective mat or pads on BBQ's, pots, legs on furniture and any other heavy objects, to protect from surface scratching. Large, unsightly scratches can be minimised using a very coarse sandpaper or a wire brush. The area will first appear agitated, but will quickly settle and fade back to conceal your repair.

