



# BAMBOO WAREHOUSE

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Bamboo Warehouse Product Guide Series:

## Maintenance & Care Guidelines



National Wood Flooring Association



# Maintenance & Care of Bamboo Composite Decking:

Periodic cleaning of our bamboo composite decking is suggested, even if it appears clean, it is important to prevent the build-up of pollen/debris that can cause mould. If unsure about the product being used to clean/remove stains from your deck, it is recommended that you test a small area in an inconspicuous place to determine if the product will cause any unwanted discoloration. Using a spray nozzle may use commercial pressure washers to remove stains, ground in dirt, or mould. Do not use a steam nozzle. Use cold water and keep the spray nozzle at least one foot away from the deck. The use of a pressure washer with a greater than 1500 PSI and / or applied closer than 10 from the deck surface could damage the decking surface and result in a loss of warranty coverage.

## Possible Questions and Solutions suggested as follows:

### **Dirt or Debris**

Clean the decking to remove dirt or debris by using soap, hot water and a stiff bristle brush.

### **Mould**

Use conventional wood washes or cleaners that contain bleach and detergent.

### **Chalk Markings**

All coloured chalk lines are permanent except white. Scrubbing the area with hot soapy water with bleach may dislodge some of the chalk.

### **Ice and Snow**

Calcium chloride or rock salt, available in many home shops, will melt ice on decking. Rinse off when first practical.

### **Rust Stains, Ground-In**

Use a cleaning product containing oxalic or phosphoric acid base to lighten or remove the rust or dirt. Product may need to sit on stain for 10-15 minutes.

### **Oil and Grease Stains**

Scrub in a household-degreasing agent as soon as the stain occurs. Rinse with hot water.

### **Berries and Wine Stains**

Mix bleach into hot water according to the bleach-packing label. Scrub the stain lightly and rinse thoroughly. The stain may not disappear entirely and rinse thoroughly.

### **Ink Stains**

Inks may be permanent. However, scrubbing with hot soapy water may lighten the stain. Rinse thoroughly.