

# Ekodeck<sup>®</sup> Decking

Classic / Care & Maintenance Guide







No oiling, staining or sealing

Easily repaired by sanding

10-year warranty ekodeck.com.au

# OVERVIEW

Ekodeck Classic is not a self cleaning product.

It will require periodic cleaning especially in undercover or alfresco areas.

Cleaning requirements of your Ekodeck Classic product will vary depending on product use and weather exposure.

Ekodeck Classic is a semi-porous product which can stain, especially if not cleaned regularly.

This guide will give you some basic principles that will help you maintain the natural beauty of your Ekodeck.

## SURFACE PROTECTION

It is recommended to use surface protection on furniture and objects to avoid scratching or marking your Ekodeck.

## GENERAL CLEAN

A **General Clean** is essential immediately after installation to remove surface debris from transport and installation, and periodically as you see fit:

1. Scrub the deck with hot water and dishwashing liquid using a stiff bristle brush.

2. Rinse your deck thoroughly - a high pressure hose is recommended.

We recommend a **General Clean** is performed at least annually to minimise potential surface oxidation.

## **STUBBORN STAINS**

If a General Clean fails to remove stubborn stains on your deck, using a stain remover may be necessary. We recommend the use of an aerosol car/engine degreaser to remove oil-based stains. Spray the affected area and lightly scrub with a microfibre cloth to remove the stain.

Be sure to follow with a General Clean to wash away the degreaser.

# MOULD

Mould is often caused by a surrounding environment of constant moisture and shade. A dirty deck will also promote the growth and spread of mould.

If mould grows on your Ekodeck Classic Deck, we recommend the use of **30 Seconds Mould Off** to remove it.

It is recommended to clean your deck more regularly if mould reoccurs.

### SCRATCHES & MARKS

In the event your Ekodeck is scratched, it can easily be repaired by lightly sanding in he direction of the grain using 40g sandpaper.

Ekodeck Classic's colour is consistent all the way through the board.

### WATER MARKS & TANNINS

Tannins are naturally found in timber which accounts for 45% of Ekodeck Classic's composition. These tannins will excrete from the boards over time. This may create water marks following an episode of rain.

A General Clean will remove these water marks and help to accelerate the removal of tannins.

### **DIRT MARKS**

Exposed dirt in surrounding areas can lead to foot and pet traffic bringing unwanted dirt on your deck. This dirt can become embedded in the textured grain of your Ekodeck.

In the event this occurs, we recommend soaking the area with hot soapy water to loosen the debris then give the boards a thorough clean with a pressure washer.

Ensure you pressure wash the deck in a consistent manner to avoid stripes or swirls.

We recommend using a fan spray nozzle no more than 2000psi.

### SLIP RATING

Ekodeck Decking boards are supplied with a certified anti-slip rating as per AS4586:2013.

Over time, dependent on traffic, environment and other external factors, the surface may wear.

It is the responsibility of the owner to periodically test the boards to ensure anti-slip rating requirements are being met.



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