

MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF THE DECKING

Maintenance right after the installation

• Right after the installation rinse the decking with water, you can use the high pressure cleaner (max. 80 bars, spray from a constant distance of 400 mm and do not use rotating nozzle). It is important to get all the dust from the decking to significantly reduce effect of water-dust spots (see Properties of the Material).

Preventive precautions

- We recommend washing the decking twice a year (in spring and autumn) with water. Use a hard brush (brush the boards gently in the longitudinal direction) followed by rinsing the entire surface of the decking with a stream of clean water (you can also use the pressure washer).
- Keep the gaps between the boards clean, to ensure proper water drainage of the decking. Remove the dust, leaves, needles and other debris.
- · Avoid the formation of dirt, scratches and stains. Grease and oil stains must be removed as soon as possible.
- Avoid contact of the decking with direct fire and protect it from embers. For location of a fireplace or grill on the decking, we recommend installing a non-flammable surface.

Removing the dirt and stains

• Avoid using aggressive solvents and thinners. Do not paint TERAFEST® products with stains, paint, wax, oil, varnish or other similar products, if they are not approved by the manufacturer.

Tab. 1 – Removing common dirt and stains from TERAFEST® decking.

Type of dirt	The cause and reason	The method of removal
Normal dirt	Dust and ash in the air, mold, pollen, etc.	Use common household cleaners (or special product for WPC decking) with scrub brush or pressure washer and after rinse.
Color stains	Red wine, concentrated fruit juices, soft drinks, etc.	Immediately rinse the surface of the boards with fresh water, then brush lengthwise and rinse again.
Greasy spots	Oils, fats, sunscreen products, grilled foods, etc.	Immediately rinse with clean water, then use a degreaser (soap or a special product for WPC decking) and scrub brush or pressure wash the stain and then rinse with clean water. The remainder of the stain (if some exist) will disappear within a few weeks when exposed to UV light and rain.
Resistant stains	Stains from mold, fungus, moss, leaves and other organic material.	Use cleaners containing chlorine (SAVO, Cilit Bang etc.). Before using cleaning products, rinse the decking. Apply the cleaner and let it work, then rinse the treated area with clean water. Always follow the instructions and precautions on the cleaner packaging.
Water-dust spots	Slowly evaporating water keeps dust or pollen on the surface of the decking mostly in the partially sheltered areas (like around and under patio furniture, planters, eaves, etc.)	Rinse with clean water then use common household cleaners. Scrub and brush lengthwise and rinse again. These areas need to be cleaned on a regular basis to avoid staining.
Yellow shade of board surface	Maturation of the wood component	This is a natural process of board surface maturation after exposure to sunlight and water. Yellow shade of the surface gradually disappears. The process can be partially accelerated by frequent rinsing.
Surface scratches	Movement of the furniture, rocks, etc.	Clean the surface with scrub brush lengthwise and rinse. If the scratches are visible you can use very light grade sandpaper sponge (for GROOVE) or scotch brush (FOREST, RUSTIC and NATUR designs) to gently remove the scratches lengthwise and rinse.
Burned areas	Embers from the grill, cigareties	Clean the surface with scrub brush lengthwise and rinse with fresh water.