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Storage and Yard Care

Composite decking from the timber experts

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Storage and yard care guide

- ⇒ Like all external building materials, Alchemy composite decking will need some upkeep to ensure it remains in pristine condition in your store or yard. Through normal outdoor environmental exposure Alchemy wood composite deck boards may become open to mould and mildew build up on the surface (edges only)* (*on any surface dirt or debris) but proper care can ensure that your composite decking is safe and enjoyable to use.
- ⇒ Wherever possible it is recommended to cover the deck boards with the plastic covering/ packaging as supplied. This will minimise the ingress of any dust, dirt or debris which can reduce the attractiveness of the product to the contractor/consumer and foster mould growth on those materials.
- ⇒ Avoid dragging one pallet of composite decking across another as the weight and pallet may damage/scratch the product. Alchemy composite decking is generally scratch resistant but common sense must be applied when moving anything across its surface as it is not scratch proof.
- ⇒ Stains and spillages should be cleaned immediately to ensure the decking does not stain, (Alchemy composite decking is highly stain resistant, but it still needs to be cleaned promptly) a warm soapy water solution should be used.

General Dirt and Debris - Spray with a hose to remove surface debris. Use warm soapy water and a soft bristled brush to clear dirt and/or debris from grooves/contours. Pressure wash to remove more stubborn stains.

Oil/Grease - Remove and mop as soon as possible - spray with a hose and use warm soapy water and a soft bristled brush. Pressure wash for more stubborn stains (If you must pressure wash, just remember to use a household pressure washer with "spray nozzle", keep it at the lowest pressure possible and no closer than 25 cm from the surface).

Spillages/Water Spots - Tannins will naturally be released from long lying material/vegetation, wine spillage etc. This should be sprayed with a hose and brushed off using a soft bristled brush and soapy water. Pressure wash for more stubborn stains (If you

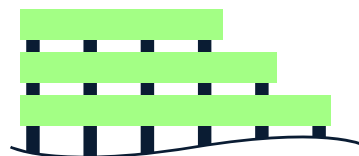
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Rust Stains and Engrained Dirt - Do not bleach, as this may damage the surface of the product. With any cleaning product, test it on a small inconspicuous area first, following manufacturer's instructions.

Ice & Snow - Use a plastic shovel or broom to remove snow. Use modest amounts rock salt or calcium chloride to melt frozen precipitation/ice.

- ⇒ As long as the above techniques are adhered to this should ensure a trouble-free pristine looking composite deck product which will look as good in your store/yard as the day it was made.
- ⇒ Wood composite decking must be stored on a flat and level surface.
- ⇒ Decking bundles must be supported on suitable load bearers/dunnage.
- ⇒ When stacking composite decking, ensure that there are supports at each end, that they are spaced no further apart than 600mm, and that they line up vertically.
- ⇒ Do not stack composite decking bundles any more than four bundles high.
- ⇒ When storing composite decking packs on cantilever racking, ensure that the pack is fully supported at no more than 600mm centres.

Composite decking on uneven ground:



Composite decking on level ground:

