

Thermowood® Decking

MAINTENANCE GUIDE

SURFACE MAINTENANCE

Thermowood® will naturally age to a silver/grey over time. This process will start immediately and, depending on the amount of UV exposure, will take anywhere from several months to a year. This does not make the wood any less resistant to decay.

Regular care and maintenance will make your decking last longer. We recommend cleaning and maintaining your deck in springtime, before summer starts. To minimise colour changes or restore the dark colour, Thermowood® decking can be protected by applying WOCA Exterior Wood Oil. Natural oils are not recommended as they contain substances that are a food source for biological organisms such as bacteria, mould, etc.



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Oil can only be applied to clean even dust-free surfaces. Apply a small amount of oil to a small piece of wood to test the colour before coating the entire board. Oil all sides of the boards before installation for optimal protection. We recommend following the oil manufacturer's guidelines for the treatment. A light sanding will also remove the surface silvering and restore the original wood tones.

Thermowood® decking may show small stress cracks. These are normally not wider than 2mm and are not limited in length. Surface hairline cracks are a natural occurrence with wood and are no reason to file a claim. The surface of correctly installed boards will always swell and shrink faster than its core causing the hairline cracks during the shrinking process.

Due to the growing conditions of the wood, some boards will experience more surface-checking than others. Regular application of WOCA Exterior Wood Oil can help minimise the occurrence of surface hairline cracks. End checking can be lessened by applying a decking oil to the ends of the boards prior to installation. Use caution that excess oil is not applied to the face of the decking as this may discolour that area of the surface.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

These guidelines are purely informative, based on the best knowledge currently available, and should be used accordingly. Should the general recommendations of this brochure vary from the ones valid in your country, we advise you to follow your country's regulations.



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