

# CLEAN AND MAINTAIN A COMPOSITE WOOD DECK



How to clean a composite wood deck? Neither completely wood nor completely recycled plastic, alternative to exotic wood, composite wood consists of 65% wood, 30% recycled plastic and 5% additives. Because of its similar appearance to wood, its great resistance to climatic conditions and aging, more ecological, more economical, composite wood and especially a deck of composite wood boards gain more and more success.

## 1. CLEAN THE TERRACE IN THE MORNING OR IN THE EVENING.

Do not clean the terrace under direct sun; enjoy the morning or the evening, so that the cleaners do not “burn” the terrace.

## 2. DO NOT CLEAN THE COMPOSITE WOOD WITH ABRASIVE SPONGES OR POWDERS.

These products can scratch the terrace.

## 3. DO NOT USE ACETONE OR SOLVENTS.

These products may discolour composite wood.

## 4. DO NOT USE SOLVENT-BASED STAIN REMOVERS

These stain removers can damage composite wood.

## 5. DO NOT USE HIGHLY CONCENTRATED CLEANERS.

Always use them diluted otherwise the composite wood will lose its shine.

## 6. AVOID REPEATED CLEANING WITH A STEAM CLEANER.

Do not tarnish composite boards.

## 7. DO NOT DYE COMPOSITE WOOD BOARDS.

Do not apply varnish on composite boards.

## 8. REMOVE STAINS ON THE BOARDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Oil, grease, vinegar, urine and other acidic products may discolor or damage them if you do not remove them immediately.

## 9. NO RUBBER ON COMPOSITE WOOD

In contact with rubber or vinyl the terrace can be covered with stains, impossible to clean.

### To avoid these problems:

- Do not drag your feet if you wear shoes with black rubber soles;
- Do not ride a bicycle, cart or stroller on composite wood.
- Do not have carpets or mats with rubber backing.
- Replace tips or black casters furniture.

## 10. DO NOT SCRATCH YOUR COMPOSITE BOARDS.

Never use sandpaper on the boards.



# 4 EASY CLEANING TIPS

1. Remove dust and dead leaves: Before cleaning with water, use a soft-bristled broom to rid the deck of dead leaves, debris and dust.
2. Once a year, put a rod between the boards: To rid the terrace of dead leaves or other debris.
3. Regularly clean the composite boards: Routine maintenance is carried out using a microfiber broom impregnated with water and a little mild soap.
4. High pressure cleaning: Point the high-pressure machine in the direction of the length of the boards, keeping the handle of the machine at a high angle of about 30 °. Make only one pass as cross spraying can damage the surface.

## REMOVING STAINS FROM COMPOSITE WOOD

1. Stain of alcoholic beverages or tea or coffee: Pass on the stained area a wet sponge with a few drops of lemon juice. Rinse with a sponge soaked in water. Dry with a cloth.
2. Candle stain: Carefully remove the candle with the rounded side of a spoon, then remove the greasy stains with a sponge moistened with white vinegar diluted by half.
3. Polish stain or black stain: Remove stains with a sponge soaked in hot, soapy water. If the stains persist, rub with a cloth impregnated with a little oil and alcohol at 70 °. Rinse immediately. Dry.
4. TGlue stain or label: Pass a cloth soaked in 70 ° alcohol. Rinse immediately after stain removal.
5. Ink stain, felt or ballpoint pen: Dab the stains with a cloth soaked in 70 ° alcohol. Rinse immediately.
6. Snow stain: Remove these whitish traces with a sponge impregnated with hot water and white vinegar equal parts + a drop of dishwashing detergent.
7. Tar stain: Remove the excess of tar with the side of a tablespoon. Then rub the stains with absorbent paper soaked in table oil. Clean with a sponge soaked in soapy water. Rinse. Dry.
8. Oil stain: Remove these stains with absorbent paper or sprinkle the still wet spot with talcum powder or flour. Allow the talcum powder or flour to absorb the oil then dust and finally clean with a sponge moistened with soapy water. If the stains resist, place a cloth dampened with half white vinegar on the floor.
9. Stain of blood, urine, excrement or vomit: Clean these stains with a sponge soaked in hot water, a drop of dishwashing liquid and a drop of alcohol at 70 °. Rinse and dry with a cloth. The UV of the sun and the rain will blur the remaining marks.

## REMOVE SCRATCHES ON COMPOSITE WOOD

1. Superficial scratches: Under the effect of UV and bad weather, superficial scratches fade. It is better not to intervene.
2. Deep scratches: If deep scratches appear it is possible to make them less visible with a soldering iron, the technique used by professionals is to push the rounded tip of the heated iron in the stripe.

