



# Decking Care & Maintenance Guide

## General Cleaning:

Keep it clean and your BiForm Deck with reward you with years of low maintenance pleasure. General cleaning with a broom or mop will suffice for most situations, however if you want to give a better clean, please use BiForm Deck Cleaner and scrubbing brush, at least annually.

## Weathering:

Initially the deck will appear to be leaching and water staining. This is a weathering process which takes around 6 to 12 months to settle down depending on rainfall and the environment. To accelerate this process, scrub the deck down with BiForm Deck Cleaner, after the first summer the colour will have lightened up 10% to 20% and then will remain stable. Being a recycled product, colour variation of up to 8% from board to board can be expected.

## Protecting:

We suggest a mat under your BBQ to protect from grease stains, and felt protectors under plastic or metal furniture to prevent scratching, gouging and potential rust stains. Avoid dragging heavy items over the deck as it will scratch. Scratches can be dealt with by giving a light sand, following the grain of the wood as described over.

## Mould and Mildew:

If damp leaves are allowed to build up or the deck is in a shaded damp site mould or mildew may develop. This can be treated with 30 Seconds Outdoor Cleaner – new generation (blue label) following the manufacturer's instructions. For lighter colours situated in damp areas we suggest 6 monthly or annual spraying with 30 seconds Spray and Walk Away (green label) following the manufacturer's instructions. This will help prevent surface mould from forming.

## Stains:

BiForm Decks, like wood, are susceptible to stains from BBQ grease, oil, and the tannin in some vegetation. Best results are achieved if the stain is treated immediately with absorbent cloths, then apply a degreaser as per the manufacturer's instructions. Follow up the degreaser with a general clean using BiForm Deck Cleaner or hot soapy water.

## Scratches:

Scratches can be removed with a light sand using 60 grit sandpaper, following the length of the plank. The colour and texture changes which occur after this will recede with weathering.

## Testing:

Test any treatment, cleaning products or sanding on a spare or obscured piece of decking to check for changes first.

## Rinse and Dry:

After any cleaning, hose off and use an old towel wrapped around your deck scrub or a rubber scraper to remove the excess water. On a warm day the deck should dry with no water marks in a few moments.

## Further Advice:

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