



dassoXTR Bamboo Decking Maintenance

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With some simple maintenance your dassoXTR Fused Bamboo® will be looking great

In addition to its durability and natural resistance to decay, dassoXTR Fused Bamboo® Decking is a beautiful, sustainable, bamboo product. Once you have installed your decking boards, you may wish to leave your deck to weather naturally or maintain the color with a UV inhibiting finish. It is really up to you!

Keeping Your Decking Looking Great

No matter what kind of decking material you have on your deck, an annual cleaning is always an excellent idea. All of the naturally occurring outdoor elements; molds, pollen, leaves, tree tannins, mildew, dirt, acid rain residue, etc. will settle and accumulate on your deck surface. As molds, mildews and fungus thrive on moisture and a food source to grow, removing this accumulation of debris is a sensible idea on any and all deck surfaces to keep them sanitary and looking their best.

Cleaning

For your premium Fused Bamboo® decking, an annual cleaning with warm water, mild dish soap and a non-metallic stiff bristle brush will remove most of these uninvited guests. Sweep with a broom or blow off with a leaf blower any loose debris first. Then apply water and a mild deck cleaner mixture and scrub the remaining debris off. Rinse it off using generous amounts of water when you are finished. For cleaning exceptionally soiled areas of your deck, many wood cleaning professionals use deck cleaning products that contain Sodium Percarbonate or Potassium Hydroxide (Pro-Tech Wood Cleaner by Penofin® and Messmer's Wood & Deck Cleaner are two of several options). These oxygenating agents will effectively kill mold spores and remove almost all types of debris. The oxygenating power of these chemicals will also bring dirt to the surface, where it can be rinsed off. Next, a

true wood professional will pH balance the deck with a slightly acidic deck brightener (Pro-Tech Brightener by Penofin® or Messmer's Wood & Deck Brightener are two examples). After this cleaning and pH balancing is complete, your deck is ready to either leave as is to weather naturally or re-seal.

The most important step of the process is next. Wait. Let your deck dry completely. Forty-eight hours is a good rule but not if it has been cloudy and overcast. Your deck has to be dry to go to the next step.

Finishing The Deck

Your deck came from the factory with a primer coat of penetrating oil applied to it. After several months the bamboo will open up and this is a good time to apply your first coat of penetrating oil. We suggest Messmer's or Penofin Deck oil products for use with our decks however most penetrating deck oils work. Following the manufacturer's instructions is strongly recommended.

The re coating of your deck will depend on many environmental issues like the amount of direct and indirect sunlight, temperature, humidity, moisture and all other conditions of the micro-climate of your deck area will factor into the time and shading of your new deck.

A few other tips:

- We do not recommend the use of a power washer to clean dassoXTR.
- You can use a soft bristle brush for snow. For heavier snows use a hard plastic snow shovel with rounded corners to prevent scratches to your deck. Never use a power piece of equipment to remove snow.
- Always shovel along the length of the boards never across. Be gentle.
- Never use Rock salt or other de-icers. Use only products that are pet safe, urea free and salt free.