

TARIMATEC DECKING · CANADA

Care & Cleaning

Routine maintenance and stain removal

Tarimatec does not require maintenance, but periodic cleaning keeps the installation in good condition. Keep the space between the slats free of organic matter so that drainage and ventilation work properly. No special preservation treatment is needed, though Finish may be applied.

BEFORE YOU CLEAN

Except for the soapy cleaner, always carry out a cleaning test in a non-visible area of the deck to check the result. Follow the cleaning instructions strictly. The use of other cleaning products, or inappropriate use, is the sole responsibility of the client.

Tarimatec is not resistant to acetone, strong acids, silicones and paints.

If Finish has been applied, use only the cleaning method for that product – any other method may affect the surface finish.

Act quickly

Tarimatec is installed outdoors and is therefore exposed to a range of stains. Act as quickly as possible on any stain to prevent the surface absorbing it. The most common stains and their methods follow.

Water stains

Appearance. Water stains can be caused by splashing from swimming pools, irrigation, gutter discharge and rooftops, or even by morning dew. If the installation does not have the proper inclination, puddles can form; when they evaporate they leave a visible ring made up of the substances dissolved in the water, including the juices drawn from the vegetable fibres in the platform itself. These stains are not a defect of Tarimatec. They are normal in this type of material and do not affect the quality of the profile.

- Wet the deck and go over it with a clean mop or broom, making sure no puddles remain. Let it dry.
- If a stain persists, repeat, using a soapy mix of wood cleaner and water in a bucket. Wet the broom and rub the surface to create foam. Remove leftover water with a broom so that no puddles remain.
- For persistent lime marks, moisten the area with water first, then apply a vinegar-based cleaner directly on the slat. Scrub the stain gently and rinse with water, leaving no puddles.

Soda, wine and coffee stains

- Remove with a soapy wood cleaner.
- If the stain persists, repeat, or clean with bleach diluted in water.

— Do not leave the bleach on the deck for a prolonged period. Rinse with plenty of water.

Grease, sunscreen and oil stains

Clean the stain as soon as possible. Remove the oil, cream or surface grease first with absorbent paper or a wipe. Once the stain can no longer be absorbed, apply Tarimatec degreaser, following its instructions for use.

1. Clean while ensuring proper ventilation in the area.
2. Follow the safety instructions of the product.
3. Remove excess oil with absorbent paper, taking special care not to spread the stain.
4. Apply the degreaser on the stain and rub with a broom or cloth in all directions, making sure the product has penetrated. Repeat twice.
5. Leave it on for 1 minute and rinse thoroughly with water.
6. Place a few drops of dishwashing soap on the wet cleaning area and rub with a clean brush or broom in all directions until it is covered with foam.
7. Leave it on for a few minutes and rinse with plenty of water. Clear any water puddles. Let it dry.

THE SURFACE MUST BE DRY

In order for the Tarimatec degreaser to be effective, the deck surface must be completely dry at the time of application.

Tree resin stains

- Clean using a rag dampened with ethyl alcohol.
- Do not apply ethyl alcohol directly to the deck — it can stain it.

Rust stains

- Apply 'Ferrokit' on the stain.
- Leave it on until the stain is dissolved, then rinse.

Decomposing organic matter stains

- Use bleach diluted in water and rub with a brush, then rinse thoroughly.

Difficult stains, or stains of unknown nature

Work through the following steps in order, stopping as soon as the stain lifts.

1. Water.
2. Soapy cleaner.
3. Diluted bleach — rinse with water afterwards.
4. Concentrated bleach — rinse with water afterwards.

5. Diluted hydrochloric acid – rinse with water immediately afterwards.

Superficial burns or damage on the deck

For alterations or damage to the deck surface – burns, discolouration by external agents – clean with a scotch pad or a metallic brush (bristled, or toothbrush-like).

- For small fouling you can also use a cutter, running the tool in the direction of the brushed finish or along the deck.
- If the damage persists, sand with a fine abrasive. There will be a slight change in tone on the sanded surface, which will match the rest of the deck over time.

Snow

- Apply coarse salt and let the snow melt.
- If you clear the snow with a shovel, make sure the tip is protected with rubber or a similar material so that the deck is not damaged.

Regular cleaning, every 3 to 6 months

Even where the installation has no noticeable stain and needs no maintenance, a general clean every 3 or 6 months – depending on use and location – keeps the deck looking its best.

- Use a pressurised water jet machine at 80 bar maximum, with the fully open or flat fan jet, and let the water run in the direction of the deck grooves. Avoid circular movements – they can leave marks on the deck. This lifts embedded dirt and powder.
- Mix soapy cleaner and bleach with water in a bucket and rub vigorously in different directions with a clean broom, creating foam. Leave it for a few minutes, rinse with plenty of water, and make sure all puddles are cleared. Let it dry.

Depending on the size of the installation, do this all at once or divide the area and work in sections.

If your installation has Finish applied

- Clean using water and soapy cleaner only. Bleach may be used on a persistent stain. No other product should be necessary with this finish.
- Do not use a pressure washer on an installation with this finish – it can significantly reduce the finish's durability and its effectiveness against stains.
- You can extend the working life of the Finish application by cleaning the deck with a mop and bucket using a 1:10 dilution of Finish in water. The installation must be perfectly clean before this is done; otherwise existing stains will be locked in for several months.

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Questions about a specific stain? Contact Zinodeck at info@zinodeck.com or +1 647-558-0018 before trying anything not listed above.