

MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® Outdoor Decking

maintenance & cleaning

maintenance

The surface of decking gets weathered under influence of wind, rain, frost and sunshine (UV). As a result, the surface turns grey, dirty and cracks/ splinters will appear. The best moment for initial maintenance is a few months (3-4) after installation because then the grains have opened up somewhat and allow a better absorption of the finish.

maintenance of smooth surface

Please be aware of the fact that on the flat surface, irregularities in the surface (e.g. cracks, splinters) may be more visible than on the grooved surface. With regular maintenance with Messmer's MOSO® Bamboo Finish Oil, this will be reduced.



Gradual greying of MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® over time:

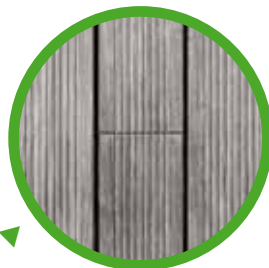
new, non-weathered decking



after 3 months of weathering



after 36 months of weathering



Surface of MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® with different maintenance and cleaning scenarios:

weathered, dirty decking



weathered, cleaned decking



refinished decking



cleaning

- If you want to maintain the unfinished look MOSO recommends cleaning the deck with the Messmer Deck Cleaner and Messmer Brightener and apply a clear finish. This will keep the MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® in the best condition for its longest best life.
- Annual cleaning of your MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® Decking is recommended.
- Sweep with a broom or blow off with a leaf blower any loose debris first.
- Soak MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® with plenty of water. If possible use a garden hose. Do not use high-pressure cleaners.
- Clean the decking using warm water, mild deck cleaner and a non-metallic stiff bristle brush.
- Scrub the soaked material lengthwise following the bamboo grain until the material appears clean. If the decking has a smooth surface, first scrub under an angle of 45 degrees before scrubbing in the length direction. When using a machine disk this is not necessary. Repeat the cleaning if necessary. Clean the surface carefully with water.
- Leave MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® to dry for approx. 24 hours. The material must be completely dry before refinishing can be done.

snow conditions

- 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.
- Never use rock salt or other de-icers. Use only products that are pet safe, urea free and salt free.

application of exterior finish

- After you have purchased and installed our unfinished decking and choose to apply a finish, please let the deck boards acclimate to the environment 6-8 weeks. Please clean your deck with a deck cleaner (Messmer), allow to dry completely and apply your finish.
- Ask your dealer which brands of exterior finish are recommended. MOSO recommends:
 - www.messmers.com/messmers-uvplus-deck-stain
- Apply in dry weather only. Avoid direct sunlight and high temperatures.
- Follow all the manufacturer's instructions before applying the exterior finish. If you still have questions please call the customer service number provided.