

Care Instructions

HardieDeck™ system

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HardieDeck™ boards finished with a clear coat

To minimise wear and tear, and keep your deck looking good for years to come, follow these recommendations:

Coating

Ensure your **HardieDeck™ system** is coated within 60 days with a full trafficable paint exterior system in accordance with paint manufacturers instructions.

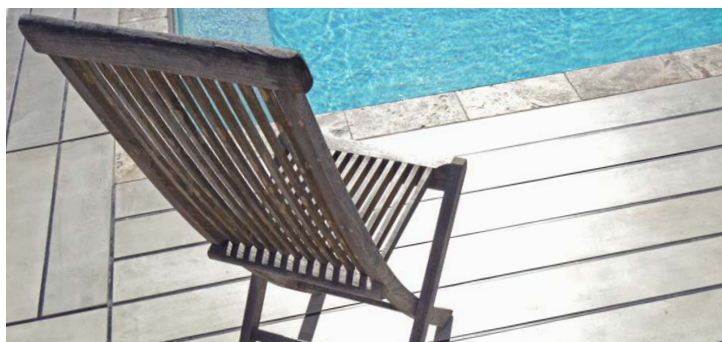
In general, best results are achieved with water-based paving paints with optional slip resistance additives.

Follow the application instructions from the paint or sealer manufacturer's. You must ensure that that selected coating system is tested, compatible and warranted for use with HardieDeck™. The following coating systems have been tested with HardieDeck™ boards:

- White Knight Ultra Pave Quick Dry
- Crommelin DiamondCoat Tintable Sealer
- Haymes Quickpave Paving Paint

Clear sealing options are also available. Refer to HardieDeck™ system Clear Seal Instructions for more information.

If using alternative brands, contact the manufacturer to ensure that the product is compatible with HardieDeck™ and is suitable for the intended application.



When re-painting the deck:

- The deck surface must be cleaned with accordance to the paint manufacturer's specification.
- Apply masking tape over the snap-in cover strips. As paints may not be compatible with the powder coating on the strips, it is not recommended they be painted over.
- Alternately, the snap-in cover strips may be removed and replaced with new cover strips after re-painting. The snap-in cover strips may be purchased separately.

Cleaning

Cleaning will maintain the beauty of your HardieDeck™. HardieDeck™ should be washed with a soft broom and warm soapy water regularly. The frequency of cleaning is dependent on the geographical location and exposure of the building:

1. at least every 6-12 months in rural or normal urban environments;
2. at least every 1-3 months in areas subject to high pollution such as coastal environments and swimming pool surrounds;
3. at least once a month in particularly harsh environments such as beachfronts, severe marine environments or areas of high industrial pollution; or
4. as recommended by the manufacturer of the third party coating system applied, if the recommended frequency is higher than that set out above.

Any damaged HardieDeck™ system components must be fixed immediately.

NOTE: In particularly dirty environments dry sweep regularly to avoid scratching from dirt and debris.

Furniture

We recommend protective mats or furniture pads are used to protect against contact from sources such as furniture legs, BBQ's or planter stands.

Minimise dragging furniture & heavy objects along the deck. Consider adding rubber stops to furniture legs, as you would do to reduce the likelihood of scratching a wooden deck.

These instructions should be read in conjunction with the current technical product literature.

For more information about performance, installation, warranties and warnings call 13 83 53 or visit HardieDeck.com.au.

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