



## **Evoca Decking Care and Maintenance**

If left uncoated, Evoca will weather to a natural driftwood grey. This is considered attractive by many but if the original colour is required to be retained, it will be necessary to apply a stain or sealer as with an ordinary timber deck. We suggest the use of products with synthetic resins rather than natural oils due to Evoca having a much harder surface than many timbers.

Any deck can be prone to mould or mildew if the climatic conditions are right. Artificial environments like buildings, homes or any physical structure with solid surfaces can show signs of mould if the ambient temperature and humidity reach the right combination. Because of this, exterior surfaces like decks often require some degree of maintenance and cleaning, and Evoca decking is no exception. Mild surface mould or mildew that may occur should be considered as a natural occurrence and not a defect of the product.

### **Suggested steps in preventative care and maintenance of your Evoca deck:**

- Install properly with gaps between boards and correct pitch away from building to assist with drainage and drying.
- Avoid the use of bark or mulch around, on or under the deck.
- Keep the area under the deck well ventilated and free from materials that retain moisture.
- Avoid overspray of plant fertilizers.
- Place BBQs and grills over a large mat so that splashes and spills can be avoided.

### **Recommended cleaning methods:**

- Regularly sweep to remove dust and organic matter.
- We do not recommend high-pressure washing or water blasting. If it is absolutely necessary to use this method, use modest pressure with a 35-degree tip. Use for final rinse only.
- Chlorine based cleaning products such as 30 seconds can be used to clean Evoca decking but they may effect the colour of the deck.