

Pravol Composite Decking - Basics Series

All exterior building materials require cleaning. Pravol recommends periodic cleaning with soap and water (for general dirt and debris) or a commercially available deck cleaner twice a year (for stains or mold/mildew). Pravol recommends always testing cleaners or other chemicals on a small, inconspicuous area to determine if they will effect the decking materials adversely. Such damage will not be covered under the warranty. For additional information, see below.

Dirt and Debris

Clean deck to remove dirt and debris. Soap and hot water is all that is needed.

Oil/Grease/Food

Rinse the stain with hot water as soon as possible. Tough stains can be treated by widely available outdoor decking stain removers. An inconspicuous area should always be tested to check for any discoloration or other damage stemming from the use of any chemical cleaners or treatments.

Water Spots, Leaf Staining and Wood Tannins

Tannin leaching occurs naturally in Pravol and all wood-based products. Allow for at least 12 weeks of normal weathering. This process may be hastened through the use of a product containing oxalic or phosphoric acid, commonly known as deck brightener.

Scuffs and Abrasions

Scuffs and abrasions can fade or disappear naturally after 12 - 16 weeks of weathering. This can also be accelerated through use of deck brighteners.

Rust Stains, Ground-In Dirt and Grime and Pigment Staining

Rust and ground-in dirt can also be lightened or removed through the use of deck brighteners. Product may need to sit on the stain for 10 - 15 minutes before rinsing. Pravol recommends testing this method on a small or obscure area first.

Mold and Mildew

Semi-annual (spring and fall) cleaning of your deck is important to prevent the buildup of pollen and other debris that can support the growth of mold. Use conventional deck washes or cleaners that contain sodium hypochlorite.

Using a Pressure Washer

Pravol does not recommend the use of a pressure washer. The use of a pressure washer on deck surface could damage the decking surface and will void the warranty with respect to any condition or damage caused by the pressure washing.

Ice and Snow

Calcium chloride or rock salt, available in many home centers, will melt ice on Pravol decking. Rinse off when first practical. Use caution when removing snow or ice with a snow shovel, and never use a metal snow shovel on an Pravol deck. A shovel may scratch the deck, which is not covered under warranty.

Sanding

Pravol does not recommend sanding. Sanding will change the appearance of the surface of Pravol material and will void the warranty with respect to any condition or damage caused by such sanding.

Note: Pravol does not recommend the placement of rubber or vinyl materials such as those in grill mats, rubber-backed welcome mats, vinyl or PVC potted containers, etc., on the surface of Pravol products for extended periods of time. Over time, additives in the rubber and PVC products have a tendency to migrate from these materials to Pravol products, resulting in discoloration of the surface.

Additional Pravol care guidelines include:

Storage

Store Pravol products under cover to maintain a clean surface. If stored outdoors, they must be covered with a non-translucent material. All products should be stored flat and on a dry surface.

Handling

Although all Pravol planks are made with low-maintenance materials, each plank's unique features require special care and handling, ensuring lasting beauty. To maintain the beauty of Pravol products please follow these important guidelines when moving and working with Pravol:

- Never dump Pravol materials when unloading.
- When carrying Pravol planks; carry on edge for better support.
- Do not slide planks against each other when moving them. When removing them from the unit, lift the planks and set them down.
- Do not slide tools or drag equipment across the top of the planks during construction.
- Keep the surface of the planks free of construction waste to prevent damage to the planks.

Disposal

Pravol decking and railing products should be disposed of with normal construction debris or household waste. Do not burn Pravol products.