

SLS DECKING CLEANING AND CARE

- Contact dealer for specific cleaner recommendations
- Nonabrasive cleaners
- Soft to medium bristles
- Fan tip pressure washer nozzle
- Do not drag metal or sharp objects across deck boards

Cement

Cement and cement like materials can be difficult to clean from SLS deck boards. If cement or similar materials come into contact with SLS deck boards, immediately wash the boards and rinse thoroughly. If cement or similar materials harden on SLS deck boards removal will be difficult without damaging or marring the deck boards.

Stains

SLS decking is virtually impervious to stains from most common staining agents. Most staining agents can be removed with common household cleaners and degreasers. For best results, immediately clean spilled materials that may stain. In rare cases, a staining agent can stain the deck if allowed to bake in the sun for extended periods of time. Do not allow staining agents to sit on the deck's surface for prolonged periods of time under direct sunlight. Grills, barbeques and similar cooking equipment are major sources of grease stains and burns. It is highly recommended that a splatter guard be placed under grills, barbeques and similar equipment to prevent grease from contacting the deck.

Washing

Periodically wash your SLS deck boards with soap and water to maintain a new and pristine look. Washing will remove and prevent the build-up of pollen, debris, and spores that can cause or accelerate natural mold growth. Build-up of loose dirt, pollens and other debris may lead to surface marring over time.

Pressure Washing

A pressure washer may be used to clean mold, mildew, soils or other loose debris from a deck surface. Care should be taken to not get the pressure washer so close to the deck surface that the water stream etches the deck board cap layer. A fan tip is recommended to minimize the chance of etching.

Soaps and Cleaners

Use non-abrasive soaps and cleaners only. Do not use petroleum based products or organic solvents. Follow all instructions supplied by the cleaner manufacturer. Some cleaning products and inhibitors may be more effective than others, depending on the environmental conditions. Test the cleaner in a small, inconspicuous area prior to applying it to the entire deck.

Mold Inhibitors

Mold inhibitors may be used to prevent long term mold and mildew growth. Some products are more effective than others depending on environmental factors. Follow the product manufacturer's directions.

Ice and Snow Removal

Do not use metal shovels to remove snow or ice. Metal may scratch or gouge SLS deck boards. Do not chip or scrape snow or ice away from the deck with any object. Chipping may leave gouges in the cap layer. Most retail deicers may be used on SLS deck boards. These products may leave a white residue that can be washed off with water.

Scratches

SLS deck boards can scratch, mar, or gouge similar to wood and wood-based decking materials. Do not attempt to modify normal wear marks. Normal wear marks will blend in as the deck weathers and ages.

To prevent excessive scratching, marring or gouging other than normal wear, the following steps may be taken:

- Keep deck clean of loose dirt and stone.
- Use soft or medium bristle brushes and brooms.
- Do not use metal shovels.
- Do not drag heavy or sharp objects across deck.