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Life is composite

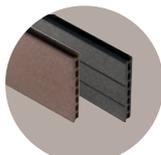


## Our maintenance advice for the Elegance and Emotion boards

### Elegance board



Decking



Fencing



Sun shades

### Emotion board



Decking

### > ELEGANCE AND EMOTION BOARDS

It is essential to wash your decking once a year, and fencing twice a year, ideally in spring, using a **long-handled broom** and soapy water, which should be warm, for optimum action.

Composite boards are mostly made of wood and are therefore liable to staining, dependent on the product's environment, its use and your regional climate. Stains are always on the surface of the board and never alter the structure of the product. Most stains wash off easily with soapy water and a broom. Household stains (greasy) fade naturally if they are exposed frequently to UV and the weather.



#### TIP:

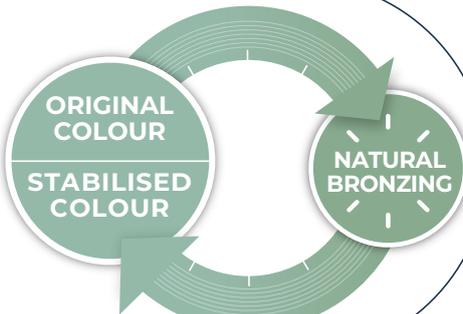
Scatter sodium-bicarbonate-based laundry detergent powder (e.g. "Le Chat Expert®") on the boards, wet the cleaning utensil with warm water, rub the surface, leave to work and rinse with plenty of water.



TEMPORARY BRONZING OF THE BOARDS

BEFORE EXPOSURE TO UV RAYS	AFTER A FEW HOURS IN THE SUN	AFTER A FEW WEEKS OF EXPOSURE TO THE WEATHER
ORIGINAL COLOUR	NATURAL BRONZING	STABILISED COLOUR

As timber is a natural material, the colours shown are not contractual.



The Elegance and Emotion boards **yellow temporarily during the first few weeks after installation**. This natural phenomenon disappears after exposure to the sun and to the weather, at which point the boards will revert to almost their original colour! This bronzing may last longer if the boards are installed in semi-sheltered or sheltered areas. In this case, if water spots persist, it is possible to speed up their disappearance by using a jet of water and a broom to brush along the length of the boards.

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## WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF...

Type of mark	Cause	Action(s) to take
<b>GREASE STAINS</b>	<b>Mainly food stains: barbecue, oil, ice cream, etc.</b>	It is advisable to take action immediately after the stain appears, with a natural clay powder cleanser. For stubborn stains, use an aliphatic hydrocarbons-based stain remover (e.g. Starwax®) suitable for composite products, and apply on top of the natural clay powder cleanser ~12hrs. This treatment may slightly lighten the board, but the colour will become more uniform with time.
<b>STUBBORN DIRT STAINS, BLACK DRIPS ON FENCING</b>	<b>Caused by atmospheric pollution, the dirt is deposited on the surface.</b>	Clean by hand with a long-handled brush or a sponge with a scraper, and warm soapy water. Some products containing natural acids (oxalic acid, vinegar, citric acid,...) can be very effective sometimes. Always run trials on a small and discreet surface when testing a new product on your decking, some damages could be irreversible.
<b>SCRATCHES</b>	<b>Gravel, sharp objects, etc.</b>	A scratched surface can be sanded to eliminate the scratch. The area will be a slightly lighter shade after sanding, but this colour difference will disappear after UV/weather exposure. <b>This method is unsuitable for embossed boards (sanding removes the wood grain pattern on the surface).</b>
<b>MOSS / LICHEN</b>	<b>Inadequate maintenance of the boards creates an environment very conducive to moss growth</b>	Use a green mould and algae remover without bleach. Testing it in an inconspicuous area before use.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER DO

- Do not use high-pressure cleaning equipment
- Do not use solvent
- Do not apply staining oil, paint or protective/restorer products.

