



## Care of your HAYMAC Tanalised Timber Decking

Suitable exterior timber decking care products are available on the market with various tints/colours that are brushed or spray applied.

To ensure your deck has a long life span we recommend that you apply a good quality preservative which is water repellent and U.V stable to your new deck as soon as is possible after installation.

We recommend:



[OSMO Decking Oil Link](#)

**Osmo WR Base Coat**, a wood preservative for amateur use against wood rotting fungi, wood staining fungi and wood destroying insects on all outside wood which is out of direct ground contact and/or surface water.

- Extremely water repellent - Resistant to blue stain, rot and insect attack.
- Reduces wood swelling and shrinkage - No future application necessary.
- Ready to use wood protection for the exterior.
- Penetrates wood easily and thereby gets deep into inner layers.
- Provides an adhesive surface for subsequent treatment with finishing paints (top coat).

### **Osmo Decking Oil**

- A premium grade, solvent-based oil for all softwood and hardwood decking.
- Provides excellent weather and dirt resistance.
- Contains UV filters to protect the colour for longer\*.
- Enhances the natural character of the wood.
- Helps to prevent cracking, splitting and warping.
- Does not crack, flake, peel or blister.
- Dries to a smooth, satin finish.
- High V.O.C.

**Osmo Anti-Slip Decking Oil**, a clear slip-resistant top coat for exterior timber decking and stairs in outdoor areas already treated with coloured Osmo oils, for ribbed, grooved, and particularly for smooth decking surfaces.

- Natural wood character remains visible - Highly water and dirt resistant.
- Active ingredients protect the coating against mould, algae and fungal attack.
- Contains a special highly compressed organic non-slip additive, which is evenly distributed in the coating and reduces slips when dry.
- Microporous surface allows the wood to breathe and reduces swelling and shrinkage.
- Water-repellent natural oil based surface will not crack, peel, flake or blister.
- No sanding necessary, just simply recoat.



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### **Preparation**

Decking boards must be clean, dry, and frost-free prior to oiling.

- Old paints, varnishes and other coatings must be removed by sanding or stripping back to clean, bare wood.
- Old oil-based treatments or stains need to be lightly sanded or cleaned with Osmo Decking Cleaner (8025).
- If sanding, use a 120-150 grit sandpaper and remove all traces of sanding dust before oiling.
- Resinous woods such as Larch or Douglas Fir, should be allowed to weather for at least 6 weeks.
- Old, grey decking can be restored with Osmo Wood Reviver Gel (6609) which will help to remove the greying and restore the woods natural colour prior to oiling.
- For additional protection against blue stain, rot and mildew, pre-treat the deck with Osmo WR Base Coat (4001) or with Osmo Wood Protector (4006) (biocide-free).
- Ensure than any freshly sawn ends are protected with Osmo End Grain Sealing Wax (5735) prior to oiling.

### **Application**

Always do a test area before starting any project to assess product suitability and final finish. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions on the tin.

The type and age of timber can have a dramatic impact on how much oil the wood needs. As an example, softwood decking that is old may require more oil than a new hardwood decking that still retains much of its natural oil.

To assess how much oil your decking needs, apply one thin coat, allow to dry, then apply a droplet of oil in a corner. If the droplet of oil soaks into the wood, then a further coat can be applied. Repeat this process until the droplet of oil sits as a bead on the surface of the wood and no longer soaks into the timber. This is an indication that the timber has absorbed as much oil as possible and doesn't require any more.

- Stir the contents of the tin thoroughly before and periodically during use and especially so with coloured oils.
- Use an application brush or decking applicator to apply the oil thinly and evenly.
- For quick and easy application, we recommend using the Osmo Floor Brush with the Osmo Telescopic Handle. Alternatively, consider the Osmo Decking Brush Set.
- If possible, treat all sides of the decking boards including edges and ends before installation.
- Wipe off any excess oil and allow 10 to 12 hours drying time, then apply a thin second coat.
- If a less intensively coloured result is desired, apply one coat of coloured oil and then a second coat of clear oil, or a coat of clear Osmo Anti Slip Decking Oil (430).

### **Please Note:**

- The timber used to produce your decking may produce cracks (checks/shake) that will open and close as an effect of weather conditions, please hesitate from filling these cracks with a hard filler as when the timber swells and closes the crack the filler will act as a 'wedge' and cause the crack to extend further. These cracks are not detrimental to the item's long-term durability. Cracks which appear after painting should be sealed with glue and repainted. Cracks/shake is not a timber or construction defect and is to be expected as timber is a natural product.
- Timber knots which split/crack or become loose in the deck boards after painting should be sealed, glued and repainted. Knot bleed out, and cracks/knot drop out is not a timber or construction defect and is to be expected as timber is a natural product.
- As timber is a natural product it may shrink, swell & twist with changes in ambient air moisture content- after a relatively short time your timber decking will settle into the environment, and any changes will stabilise (usually within 12 months depending on the time of year your product was installed). Shrinking, swelling & twisting is not a timber or construction defect and is to be expected as timber is a natural product.



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### **General Maintenance of your HAYMAC Timber Product**

If your deck is located under trees or does not enjoy full sun, it may be subject to a build-up of green algae, surface mould and general grime. Remove using one of the following methods:

- Using a stiff brush, scrub affected timber with warm water with diluted detergent. Rinse thoroughly with clean water and allow to dry.
- Or, following manufacturer's instructions, use a diluted standard garden fungicide.

### **Use of a Pressure Washer**

- A pressure washer, used with care, can be used to clean the deck surface but may cause the grain to "lift" and remove previously applied paint treatments and thus require light sanding, re-painting and re-waterproofing.
- Should you choose to use a pressure washer, great care should be taken to ensure the nozzle is not too close to the surface – follow manufacturer's instructions to prevent damage to the timber.

### **Regular Cleaning**

To preserve the look and performance of the oiled finish for longer, it is recommended that decked areas are swept with a stiff broom on a regular basis. This is to remove loose leaves, dirt and other organic matter that can settle on the deck and erode or damage the decking finish.

### **Deep Cleaning**

For deeper cleaning, to remove scuff marks, stains, grease or other contaminants, we recommend the use of Osmo Decking Cleaner in conjunction with the Osmo Decking Cleaning Brush.

### **Maintenance**

If the decking finish starts to look worn or tired over time because of heavy foot traffic or weathering, simply apply a fresh coat of *Osmo Decking Oil* following the Preparation and Application instructions above.