

## CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE GUIDE

We would like to congratulate you on your new Progren Deck! Progren Decks have been designed to resist spills and stains and provide lasting beauty. However, as with any outdoor flooring surface, periodic cleaning and correct care is needed to ensure that the deck stands the test of time. By following these guidelines you can help ensure your new Progren Deck will look great for years to come.

### **Free from Debris**

Ensuring that leaves and other debris are swept from the deck will minimise the need for deck washing. Do not allow airborne construction dust from materials such as concrete, fiber cement, landscape blocks, stucco, and drywall to accumulate on the surface of an Progren Deck as it may damage the surface of the deck.

### **Normal Washing**

Water and gentle brushing is often enough to clean away dust and debris. Normal household detergents can also be added to the water without damaging the decking.

A pressure washer is recommended for a more thorough cleaning. A narrow jet spray is most effective. To avoid damaging the deck surface, the pressure must be in the mid range (not more than 60 bar), and the nozzle must be kept at least 35 cm away from the boards. The temperature of the water should not be higher than 35°C. Only standard nozzles must be used. The deck should first be sprayed with a detergent solution, then gently brushed, and finally rinsed with the spray.

### **Brushes**

Using the correct brush is very important. Using the incorrect brush can make cleaning more difficult or even damage the deck board. We recommend using a medium stiffness nylon bristle deck brush. These can be found at most large retail home centers or online.

### **Oil and Grease Stains**

Oil and grease spills can normally be cleaned without staining if done quickly. The spills should be removed and the surface cleaned as soon as possible (ideally within 3 hours) with warm water and detergent. Should a grease stain remain, a household degreasing agent may be used to remove it. The deck should be thoroughly rinsed after cleaning with warm water. It is recommended to place a grill mat underneath a grill/barbecue.

### **Scratches or Surface Abrasions**

Progren deck boards are designed to withstand a good amount of load. However superficial marks and scratches may be caused if furniture or other heavy objects are dragged over the deck (precautions should be taken when using heavy





objects, e.g. by placing rubber mats underneath). These will not affect the structural performance of the deck and will become less visible over time.

### **Mould or Mildew**

Mould and mildew occur naturally on damp surfaces which contain plant based materials (leaves, pollen, seeds, smut etc.). Mould will grow on untreated timber decks or traditional composite decks that have an open surface (unless a biocide has been used). It is important that deck boards are kept free from leaves and other garden debris. In case of mould growth, the deck boards should be cleaned with a normal household mould removal detergent.

### **Ice and Snow**

As with any walking surface, Progren Deck products may become slippery in freezing weather. Take caution when walking in these conditions. De-icing salt can be used to remove ice from Progren decking and plastic or wooden shovels may be used to clear snow. Metal shovels as well as road grit should not be used, as they may scratch the deck surface. Larger amounts of snow always need to be removed.

### **Rust Stains/Stubborn Spots**

If metal filings (e.g. by placing rubber mats underneath) are left on the

deck, rust stains may result. These may be removed with proprietary composite deck cleaners.

### **Chalk Lines**

Cutting lines should only be drawn with non-durable markers. Normally warm water and detergent should be enough to remove such lines.

### **Objects on Surface**

To remove black marks from shoe rubber or mallet, please use a rubber/eraser (same as for pencils). Avoid the use of rubber-backed mats, tarps, pool toys, and other non-porous items on the deck for any extended period of time as these items may cause discoloration to the decking surface.

### **Paint & Varnish**

Progren decking is designed not to need any new surface coating during its lifetime. Paint and varnish should be avoided as they may not adhere well to the surface and will reduce the friction properties of the deck.

### **Maintenance & Use**

An inspection of the construction as well as a repair, if needed, should be done latest every two years.

These guidelines may not cover every care and maintenance scenario encountered. For additional questions about care and maintenance, contact Ace Industries at [www.aceinds.com](http://www.aceinds.com).

For any cleaning material used, it is advisable to test any cleaning material initially on a small inconspicuous area of the deck. Different cleaning materials should never be mixed, and the deck should be thoroughly rinsed after any application.

