

# MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® Outdoor Decking

## user information



Gradual graying of MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® over time: new, non-weathered decking (left), after 3 months of weathering (middle) and after 18 months of weathering (right).

### appearance and color

MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® is a natural product, which can vary in color, grain and appearance. Color will change over time depending on the maintenance schedule. The boards have a brown to dark brown color when installed, which turns into a lighter caramel color several weeks after installation. Without further maintenance the color gets gray relatively fast. If a brown color is preferred, maintenance should be done annually with an exterior finish with dark pigments (for example teak).



Surface of MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® with different maintenance and cleaning scenarios: weathered, dirty decking (left), weathered, cleaned decking (middle), and refinished decking (right).

### maintenance

The surface of decking gets weathered under influence of wind, rain, frost and sunshine (UV). As a result, the surface turns grey, dirty and cracks/ splinters will appear. The best moment for initial maintenance is a few months (3-4) after installation because then the grains have opened up somewhat and allow a better absorption of the finish.



Check out the maintenance movie at [www.moso-bamboo.com/x-treme](http://www.moso-bamboo.com/x-treme).



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Weather conditions MOSO® Bamboo X-treme®: snow condition (left), wet condition (middle) and dry condition (right).

### cleaning

- Annual cleaning of your MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® decking is recommended.
- Sweep with a broom or blow off with a leaf blower any loose debris first.
- Soak MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® with plenty of water. If possible use a garden hose. Do not use a power washer.
- Clean the decking using warm water, mild deck cleaner and a non-metallic stiff bristle brush.
- Scrub the soaked material lengthwise following the bamboo grain until the material appears clean. If the decking has a smooth surface, first scrub under an angle of 45 degrees before scrubbing in the length direction. When using a machine disk this is not necessary. Repeat the cleaning if necessary. Clean the surface carefully with water.
- Leave MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® to dry for approx. 24 hours. The material must be completely dry before refinishing can be done.

### application of exterior finish

- If you purchased our pre-primed decking and are ready to reapply another coat of exterior finish, please clean your deck with a deck cleaner, allow to dry completely and apply your finish.
- Ask your dealer which brands of exterior finish are recommended.
- Apply in dry weather only. Avoid direct sunlight and high temperatures.
- Follow all the manufacturer's instructions before applying the exterior finish. If you still have questions please call the customer service number provided.

### snow

- You can use a soft bristle brush for snow. For heavier snows use a hard plastic snow shovel with rounded corners to prevent scratches to your deck. Never use a power piece of equipment to remove snow.
- Always shovel along the length of the boards never across.
- Never use rock salt or other de-icers. Use only products that are pet safe, urea free and salt free.

### swimming pool

As with any natural product used outdoors, there is always a risk of formation of splinters, however splinters from MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® are normally smaller than (tropical) hardwood splinters. A regular application of PPG ProLuxe Cetol DEK around swimming pools is recommended to reduce the formation of splinters.

### normal phenomena

Micro-fissures on the surface and on the end of the boards can arise from the different drying characteristics of the surface and cross cut ends. This does not affect the stability or durability of the board.

The surface of the boards will get rougher over time and will form (small) splinters as a result of continuous water absorption and desorption due to dry and wet weather periods. Dimensional change or cupping of the boards can occur after installation. These phenomena are normal for most natural materials and MOSO® Bamboo X-treme®. Water absorption can lead to a limited degree of grain raise. This can be mostly visible on a new deck, during and after rainfall, and will disappear when the deck is dry again. This phenomenon will occur less over time. This type of deformation of the surface is not considered to be a defect of the material.