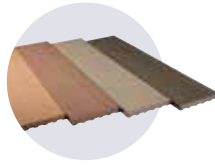




## Our maintenance advice for Elegance and Emotion decking boards

Elegance board



Emotion board



Long-handled broom

It is essential to wash your decking once a year, ideally in spring, using a long-handled broom and hot soapy water for optimum effectiveness.

A second wash in the autumn/at the end of the season is also recommended to reduce the amount of dirt and make it easier to clean in the spring.

**IMPORTANT:** Have you remembered to clean between the boards? Dirt can build up over time, which can lead to moisture retention and reduce ventilation on the decking. We recommend using a flexible material (such as a plastic or wooden ruler).



40/10 C or equivalent

We recommend using a Kärcher 40/10 C type scrubber-drier or equivalent without a high-pressure jet for effective cleaning of large surfaces. There are various types of brush available for use with this machine:



**TIP:**

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



### > Smooth Elegance, Embossed Elegance and Emotion boards

We recommend using a conventional brush (green) for a basic spring cleaning or for routine maintenance.

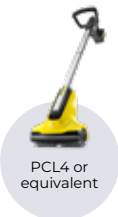


Note: There are brushes available featuring scraping fibre discs for more aggressive cleaning. We recommend testing them on a small area beforehand, as they will abrade the surface of the boards. **CAUTION** the wood grain of the embossed board may fade: these brushes are not compatible with Atmosphere boards either.



### > Grooved Elegance board

A brush (orange) with two bristle heights is particularly suitable for grooved boards.



PCL4 or equivalent

For borders and smaller decking areas, a more basic model such as the Kärcher PCL4 or equivalent is sufficient.

These types of scrubber-drier **do not operate with a high-pressure jet**, but with brushes that inject clean water (with or without soap) in a single pass, effectively scrubbing the decking. They clean the boards, removes green deposits and bird droppings, and reduces surface scratches.

They can be used all year round, without chemicals, so there's no risk to the environment or the materials around you.

## > OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE

Model	Estimated performance	Comments
Long-handled broom	10m <sup>2</sup> /hour with 1 person	requires elbow grease
PCL4 or equivalent	15 m <sup>2</sup> /hour with 1 person and 1 machine	There is only one type of brush, which should be tested in an inconspicuous area beforehand.
40/10C or equivalent	40 m <sup>2</sup> /hour with 1 person and 1 machine	Setting: position 2 Several brush options



## 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 our <b>Silvawash</b> stain remover. For stubborn stains, use an aliphatic hydrocarbons-based stain remover (e.g. Starwax®) suitable for composite products, and apply on top of the <b>Silvawash</b> powder for ~12 hrs. This treatment may slightly lighten the board, but the colour will become more uniform with time. Refer to the product instructions for use and follow the safety precautions.
<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 broom or a sponge with a scraper, and hot soapy water. For larger surfaces, a scrubber-drier can also be used. If the stain persists, use our <b>Silvanet</b> product, following the method shown on the bottle, and rinse with plenty of water.
<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 developing</b>	<b>ALL BOARDS:</b> Use <b>Silvaction</b> . If you use an antifoaming product (without bleach), test the product on an inconspicuous area before use.  In all cases, refer to the product's instruction for use and following the safety precautions.

## > CLEANING PRODUCTS



GREASY STAINS

### SILVAWASH

- Clay-based, 100% mineral origin
- Especially for composite
- To be used dry
- Net weight: 200g

Ref. SINET1501

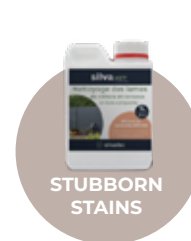


GREEN DEPOSITS AND LICHENS

### SILVACTION

- Ready for use, without rinsing
- Capacity: 5 l (20/25 m<sup>2</sup>)
- Ideal for heavy one-off "scrubbing" actions

Ref. SINET1801



STUBBORN STAINS

### SILVANET

- Especially for composites
- Removes ground-in stains

Ref. SINET1201

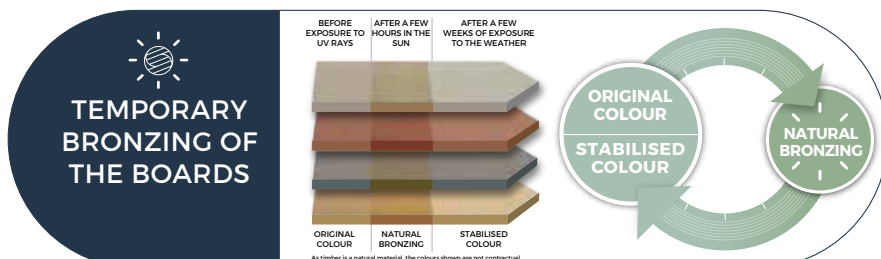
### THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER DO

- Do not use high-pressure cleaning equipment, which makes the surface slightly porous and so more prone to staining
- Do not use solvent
- Do not apply staining oil, paint or protective/restorer products.



## > TEMPORARY BRONZING OF THE BOARDS

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 of them can be easily cleaned off. Household stains (greasy stains) fade naturally if they are exposed frequently to UV and the weather. These 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 long-handled broom to brush along the length of the boards.