

Cleaning Instructions

02





CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

Although **Tarimatec®** does not require maintenance, it is advisable to periodically clean the installation to keep it in good condition.

The space between the slats must be kept free from organic matter in order to ensure proper drainage and ventilation.

Tarimatec® does not require any special treatment for its preservation, but Finish can be applied.



*If **Finish** is applied, only the cleaning method referred to this product should be used, as any other cleaning method may affect the surface finish.*

The **Tarimatec®** product is installed outdoors and therefore exposed to different kinds of stains. The most usual stains are described below, and are cleaned following these recommendations:

WATER STAINS

Appearance: Water stains can be caused by splashing from swimming pools, irrigation, gutter discharge, rooftops, etc., or even by the morning dew.

If the installation does not have the proper inclination, water puddles can occur which, when evaporated, leave a visible ring made up by the substances dissolved in the water, including the juices that may be drawn from the vegetable fibres that make up the deck itself. These stains are not a defect of **Tarimatec®** but are normal in this type of material and do not affect the quality of the profile.

Cleaning: This type of stains can be easily cleaned. Wipe over the mark with a slightly damp mop or broom, so that no puddle remains. Let it dry.

If any of any persisting stain, repeat the operation, making a soapy mix of wood cleaner with water in a bucket. Wet the broom and rub the surface to create foam. Remove any leftover water using a broom to avoid puddles.

For persistent lime stains, moisten the area previously with water and apply a vinegar-based or an anti-limescale cleaner directly on the slat. Scrub the stain and rinse with water, making sure there are no remaining puddles. A scouring pad can be used to facilitate removal, as limescale is a deposition/incrustation.

SODA, WINE, AND COFFEE STAINS.

Wine, coffee or soda stains can be removed with a soapy wood cleaner. In case of a hard stain, apply a splash of bleach to the wet deck and rub it with a broom or brush. Let it act for maximum 20 minutes and rinse with plenty of water.

GREASE, SUNSCREEN, OIL, FOOD STAINS, ETC.

Clean the stain as soon as possible. Remove the oil, cream or superficial grease first with an absorbent paper or wipe. Once the stain cannot be absorbed any further, apply the Tarimatec degreaser on it by following the instructions for use:

- Clean while ensuring proper ventilation in the area.
- Follow the safety instructions of the product.
- Remove excess oil with an absorbent paper.
- Apply the Tarimatec degreaser on the stain and rub with a broom or cloth in all directions, making sure that the product has penetrated. Repeat twice.
- Let it act for 10 minutes, then rinse with plenty of water.
- Pour a few drops of Fairy dishwashing soap on the stain area and rub with a clean broom or brush in all directions (in case of using the same one used spread the degreaser, thoroughly rinse it beforehand) so that the stained area is covered with foam.
- Leave it on for 10 minutes and rinse with plenty of water. Clean any water puddles. Let it dry.

Alternatively, for spot stains, a dry cleaner such as the **Cebrafin** Stain Remover may be applied following the instructions.



*To improve the effectiveness of both the Tarimatec® degreaser and the dry stain remover, during the application, the deck surface must be **completely dry**. Otherwise, the cleaning will not be effective.*

TREE RESIN STAINS.

For stains caused by tree resin, clean using a rug dampened with Ethyl Alcohol. Do not apply ethyl alcohol directly as it can stain the deck.

RUST STAINS.

In the case of rust stains, apply "Ferrokit" or another rust cleaner. Let it act to dilute the stain and rinse. Diluted hydrochloric acid may also be used if the stain is hard.

DECOMPOSING ORGANIC MATTER STAINS

Wet the deck with water and pour bleach over the area to be cleaned. Spread it using a brush or broom. Let it act for 10 minutes and rinse with plenty of water.

SNOW

To remove the snow, you can apply coarse salt and let it melt. If you remove the snow with a shovel, make sure that the tip is protected with rubber or a similar material to avoid damaging the deck.

CHEWING GUM STAINS

If the chewing gum is soft and very attached, harden it by applying ice. Once hardened, remove the main board by levering it carefully so as not to damage the deck. In case of remains, remove them with a cutter, scraping with the tip of the blade in the brushing direction.

Rub with a fibre scouring pad, if necessary, to completely remove the stain and/or remains.

DIFFICULT STAINS OR OF UNKNOWN NATURE

For difficult stains of unknown nature, follow different cleaning steps:

- Water
- Soapy cleaner
- Diluted bleach (rinse with water after)
- Concentrated bleach. Maximum action time, 10 minutes. (rinse with water afterwards)
- Diluted ammonia. Maximum action time, 10 minutes. (rinse with water afterwards)
- Diluted hydrochloric acid. Maximum action time, 10 minutes. (rinse immediately afterwards with plenty of water).
- Concentrated hydrochloric acid. Maximum action time, 10 minutes. (rinse immediately afterwards with plenty of water).



In all cases, prior to cleaning tests, the deck must always be wet. Otherwise, surface damages may occur.

SUPERFICIAL BURNS OR DAMAGE ON THE DECK

For alterations or damages (burns, discolouration by external agents) of the deck surface, clean with a scotch or wire brush (with bristles or toothbrush-like). In case of small fouling, you can also use a scotch or cutter, and clean in the direction of the brushed finish or along the deck.

REGULAR CLEANING

Act as quickly as possible in case of any stain to prevent surface absorption.

Even when your **Tarimatec®** installation is not in good condition and does not need any maintenance, it is advisable to carry out a general cleaning every 3 or 6 months, depending on use and installation area. This will improve your deck's appearance. To do this, clean the deck following these steps:

- Use a pressurised water jet (180 bar max) (see *pressure washer operating instructions below*)
- Mix some soapy cleaner and bleach with water on a bucket, and rub vigorously in different directions with a clean broom, creating foam. Leave on for a few minutes and rinse with plenty of water; make sure all puddles are cleaned. Let it dry.

Depending on the size of the installation, this cleaning should be done all at once or dividing the area and working in sections.

Except for the soapy cleaner, always perform a cleaning test in a non-visible area of the deck to check the results. Strictly follow the cleaning instructions. The use of other cleaning products or an inappropriate use is the sole responsibility of the client.



Tarimatec® is not resistant to acetone, solvents, strong acids other than those recommended, silicones and paints. Besides, any cleaning product applied for too long may cause irreversible surface damage and scratches.

PRESSURE WASHER CLEANING

To deeply clean the deck, a pressure washer with a **maximum pressure of 180 bar** may be used. Clean applying a fan jet, covering, at least, the width of half a board.



In order to avoid the appearance of traces and surface scratches, it is essential to apply the jet in the brushing direction, avoiding the forward-backward rocking movement and keeping a jet **constant speed**.

Repeat the step board by board following the same instructions to achieve even and effective cleaning.

It is recommended to perform this type of cleaning occasionally to remove encrusted dirt that is not removed with periodic cleaning.

IF YOUR INSTALLATION HAS FINISH APPLIED

Your deck should be cleaned using **water and soapy cleaner** only; bleach may be use in case of any persistent stain. No other product should be necessary with this finish.



***Do not use a pressure washer** if your installation has this finish, since it can significantly reduce its durability and effectiveness against stains.*

You can extend the working life of your Finish application by cleaning your deck with a mop and bucket with a 1:10 dilution of Finish in water. The installation must be perfectly clean before carrying out this operation since otherwise, existing stains may not be eliminated for several months.