

# MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® Outdoor Decking

## care & cleaning

MOSO Bamboo X-treme® is a natural product and will perform well in virtually any climate. It has similar performance properties to outdoor rated exotic hardwoods and should be cared for similarly. We consider it low to medium maintenance. Nothing installed in an exterior application is truly no maintenance.

### care

The surface of decking will weather under influence of wind, rain, frost and sunshine (UV). As a result, the surface turns grey. Dirt will accumulate; splinters and small fissures may also appear. The best time for initial maintenance is a few months (3-4) after installation to allow for the grain to open up and allow a better absorption of the finish.

### care of smooth surface

Please be aware of the fact that on the flat surface, irregularities in the surface (e.g. cracks, splinters) may be more visible than on the grooved surface. With regular maintenance with Messmer's MOSO® Bamboo Finish Oil, this will be reduced.

#### Gradual greying of MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® over time:

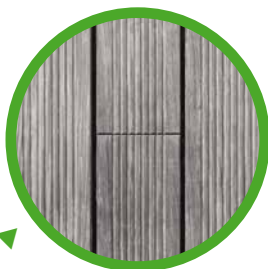
new, non-weathered decking



after 3 months of weathering



after 36 months of weathering



#### Surface of MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® with different maintenance and cleaning scenarios:

weathered, dirty decking



weathered, cleaned decking



refinished decking



### cleaning

**Never use a pressure washer on Bamboo X-treme®!**

- If you want to maintain the unfinished look MOSO recommends cleaning the deck with Messmer's Deck Cleaner and Messmer's Brightener and apply a clear finish. This will keep the MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® in the best condition for its longest best life.
- 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.
- Apply Messmer's Hardwood cleaner with a pump sprayer. Mix to instructions on packaging. If you do not have this cleaner. TSP or ¼ vinegar to ¾ water will also work. Spray the surface with cleaner and allow to rest on surface for 15-20 minutes.
- Scrub with a natural or plastic bristle brush lengthwise with the grain until the surface appears clean. For larger decks you may use a floor buffer with a scrubbing head.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water
- Repeat if necessary.
- Leave MOSO® Bamboo X-treme® to dry for approx. 24 hours. The material must be completely dry before finish can be applied.

### snow conditions

- Use a broom or 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.

### application of exterior finish

- After you have purchased and installed our unfinished decking and choose to apply a finish, please let the deck boards acclimate to the environment 6-8 weeks.
- **It is NOT advised to finish the decking immediately after installation.** Please clean your deck with a deck cleaner (Messmer's), allow to dry completely and apply your finish.
- Only oil based exterior finishes are recommended. MOSO recommends:
  - [www.messmers.com/messmers-uv-plus-deck-stain](http://www.messmers.com/messmers-uv-plus-deck-stain)
- Apply in dry weather only. Avoid direct sunlight and high temperatures.
- Follow all the manufacturer's instructions. However, it is important to know that **MOSO Bamboo X-treme® is not porous and will not absorb finish like wood. Apply finish and wipe-off within 15 minutes to avoid over-application.** This may be contrary to finish manufacturer's instructions.
- If you still have questions please call the customer service number provided.
- It is virtually impossible to permanently damage Bamboo X-treme when cleaning or finishing. Most finishes will not penetrate deeply into the material and can be sanded off if the result is undesired.



Check out the information of Messmer's at:  
[www.messmers.com/messmers-uv-plus-deck-stain](http://www.messmers.com/messmers-uv-plus-deck-stain)