

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Fused Bamboo (dassoXTR and dassoCTECH) are all natural products, it's appearance may vary in grains and colours. When exposed under the natural sunlight over time, the appearance and colour may change depending on the extent of UV light exposed to the material. The boards originally have brown to dark brown colour in multiple hues, which will lighten up over several weeks or months. The board's colour without regular maintenance will eventually colour fade just like any hardwood exposed to sunlight. If a brown colour is preferred, maintenance should be done with an exterior penetrating oil. Stains could be added to the penetrating oil to achieve a desired colour of the finish product.

Steps: (Example: WOCA Outdoor Oil Products)

- 1 Soak the dasso fused bamboo decking with plenty of water. If possible, use a garden hose or a high-pressure water gun (4kg pressure).
2. Mix WOCA Exterior Cleanser with water in the ratio 1:2 and coat it. If the decking is extremely dirty, exterior cleaner maybe used undiluted.
3. Clean the fused bamboo decking with a Silicium Cleaning brush (or regular stiff nylon brush). Scrub the soaked bamboo decking lengthwise following the bamboo grain till the material appears clean. Repeat the cleaning if necessary.
4. Wash down carefully with water.
5. Leave the dasso fused bamboo to dry for approx. 24 hours. The material must be completely dry before an oil treatment.
6. Make the application of oil in dry weather only. Avoid direct sunlight and high temperatures. Stir the water-based oil thoroughly before use.
7. Coat an even thin coat of oil with a brush or WOCA Oil Applicator, approximately 1 litre per 10M2. The oil is cream-coloured when it is wet. After a few minutes, the material has an oily appearance as the water is evaporating. If necessary, wipe off any excesses oil with clean cotton cloths after no more than 5 minutes. Take particular care to remove excess oil from joints and grooves.
8. It takes 24-48 hours for the oil to harden completely and ready for use, depending on weather conditions and outdoor temperature. The material should not be exposed to water during this period.
9. Due to the risk of self-ignition, it is important that oil-wet cloth are soaked in water and are disposed in tightly closed container after use.

Notes:

1. dasso fused bamboo (XTR & CTECH) are pre-finished with WOCA water-based oil on all sides from factory. We suggest applying one additional coating after installation 4-8 weeks when the pores are more open.
2. On the flat surface, irregularities in the surface (e.g. cracks, splinters) are more visible than on the ribbed surface. If regular maintenance with a water based decking oil is performed, this will be reduced, e.g. 1-2 times each year.
3. If the decking surface is cracked, skipping is serious, or is close to the pool, it is recommended to add a sanding procedure for maintenance. After the boards are cleaned and dried, sand it with fine/medium sandpaper. Sand with the grain **Do not use an orbital sander**. After cleaning the dust with a vacuum cleaner, coat WOCA outdoor water-based natural oil, for best results.
4. The customers can choose the brand they like according to the resources of the local suppliers. In general, a water-based oil (Cabot's Aquadeck Kwila) can be used in natural hardwood is also applicable to dasso fused bamboo. Please refer to the product manual of the corresponding brand for specific usage.