



Maintenance Guide

Decking

ImbueTM



If Your Deck is Uncoated



What to expect

- Imbue Decking will expand when it first gets wet.
- The timber will go grey after about 6 months of direct exposure to UVs and to the elements.
- Some wear marks and/or loose white fibers in high traffic areas.
- Expect some surface checking when newly installed. Imbue being a modified timber will show some tension release causing surface checks. This will settle in a couple of months and usually given exposure to the weather most of the surface check will slowly close back up. Imbue decking will take it's final shape. Surface checking and cracking is a natural feature with Imbue Decking.
- We recommend the surface of Imbue to be corrugated as this would have a slight camouflage effect with the surface checking and cracking, allowing for better aesthetics versus smooth dressed Imbue decking.
- Some possible slight warping (movement) of boards.

- The surface may start to appear blotchy or dirty, this is may be due to surface moulds growth which can occur, especially in humid or wet environments where the timber can't fully dry/has no exposure to direct UVs. These moulds only affect the aesthetics not the structural integrity of the Imbue Decking.
- Avoid having Imbue Decking uncoated for BBQ areas. Sauces, grease and other food droppings could cause stains on your deck.

Minimum maintenance

Clean regularly (minimum every 12 months) with mild detergent and a soft nylon brush, rinse abundantly with water.

Note: DO NOT use high pressure water jets to clean your Imbue Decking.

In the case of light mould or discolouration

Use oxalic timber cleaner or similar and a soft brush, rinse with water.

In the case of heavy and persistent surface moulds

Wet your Imbue Decking first. Then use an anti-mould solution diluted in water (as per the manufactures recommendations) and apply it to the Imbue decking with a soft nylon brush. Use a sodium hypochlorite based cleaner, dilute with water to the correct ratio. Do not use unfamiliar cleaning chemicals. Brush gently length wise, along the timber grain/length of the boards. Rinse thoroughly with clean water. Repeat the steps if you need to.

Optionally apply a quality water-based deck stain as per manufacturer's instructions onto completely dry timber.

Most timber stains contain mouldicides that will help prevent surface moulds. Please note that this is temporary and requires to be repeated for a clean look.

Note: DO NOT sand the surface.

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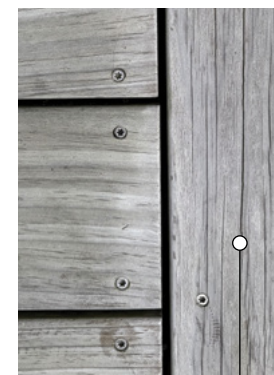


Before

After

We cannot guarantee against wear or color changes to any products which result from weather, sun, wind and/or the natural aging process of the wood.

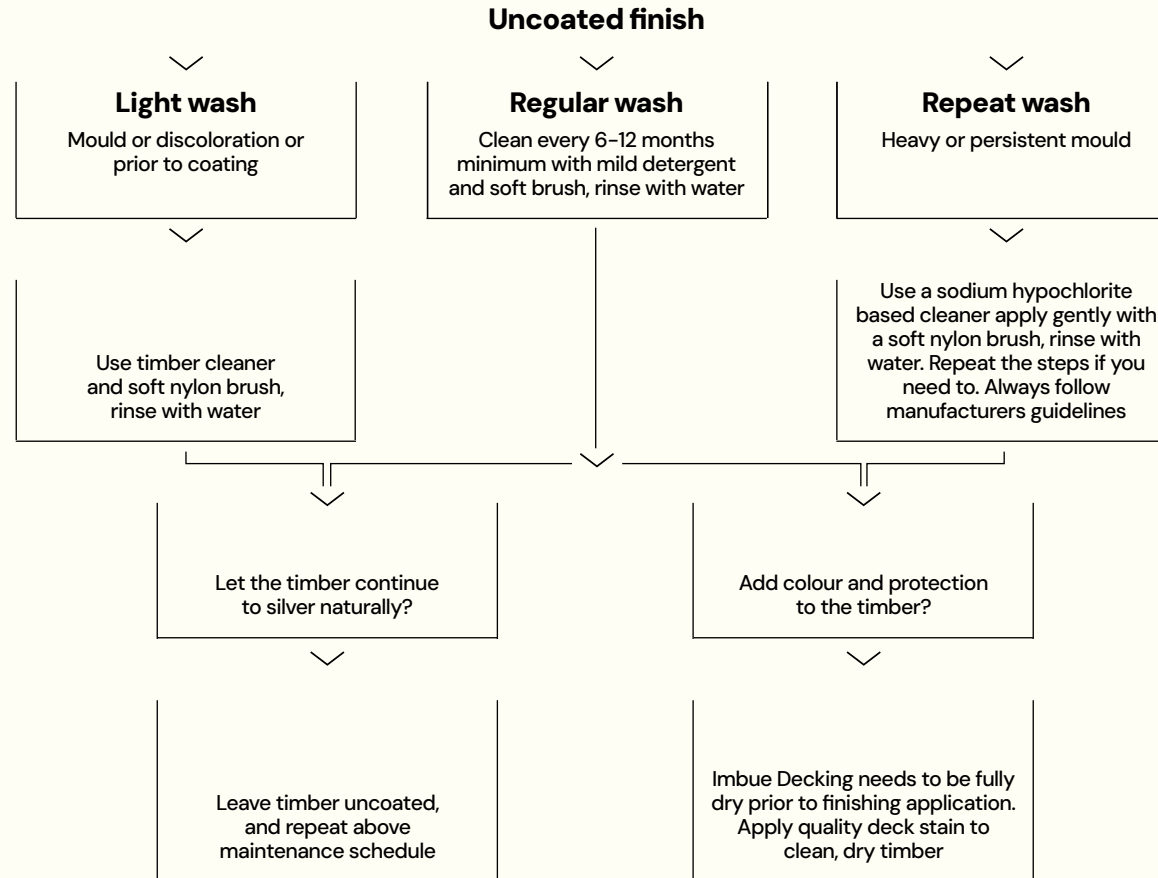
Uncoated decking weathered 18 months:



Surface checking



Uncoated Maintenance Diagram





If Your Deck is Coated



What to expect

If Imbue Decking is coated with a deck stain it will:

- Help to maintain and enhance colour for longer.
- Reduce surface cracking (checking). It usually helps water repellency. However coatings and stains won't avoid surface checking and cracking.
- We recommend the surface of Imbue to be corrugated as this would have a slight camouflage effect with the surface checking and cracking, allowing for better aesthetics versus smooth dressed Imbue decking.
- Improve stability (reduce expansion and contraction).
- Limited expansion when it first gets wet.
- 'Tracking' wear marks and/or loose white fibers may appear after 6–12 months in high traffic areas.
- The timber will start to go grey after about 12 months of exposure to the weather if it is not re-coated.
- Clear (non pigmented) coatings provide no UV protection so the timber will go grey over time.

- The surface may start to appear blotchy or dirty, this is may be due to mould growth which can occur, especially in humid or wet environments where the timber can't fully dry/has no exposure to direct UVs.

Minimum maintenance

Clean regularly (minimum every 6–12 months) with mild detergent and a soft nylon brush, rinse abundantly with water.

Note: DO NOT use high pressure water jets to clean your Imbue Decking.

Apply 1 or 2 coats of quality deck stain every 12–18 months as required when the colour starts to fade/erode and/or water stops beading off the timber. The re-coat period will depend on exposure of timber to the weather and the amount of wear that it receives. Preparation with oxalic timber cleaner is recommended prior to coating.

If you decide not to re-coat, the pigment colour will gradually wear off and the timber will naturally grey.

In the case of light surface moulds or discolouration

Use oxalic timber cleaner or similar and a soft nylon brush, rinse with water.

Re-apply deck stain as per manufacturer's instructions to completely dry timber.

In the case of heavy and persistent surface moulds

Wet your Imbue Decking first. Then use an anti-mould solution diluted in water (as per the manufactures recommendations) and apply it to the Imbue decking with a soft nylon brush. Use a sodium hypochlorite

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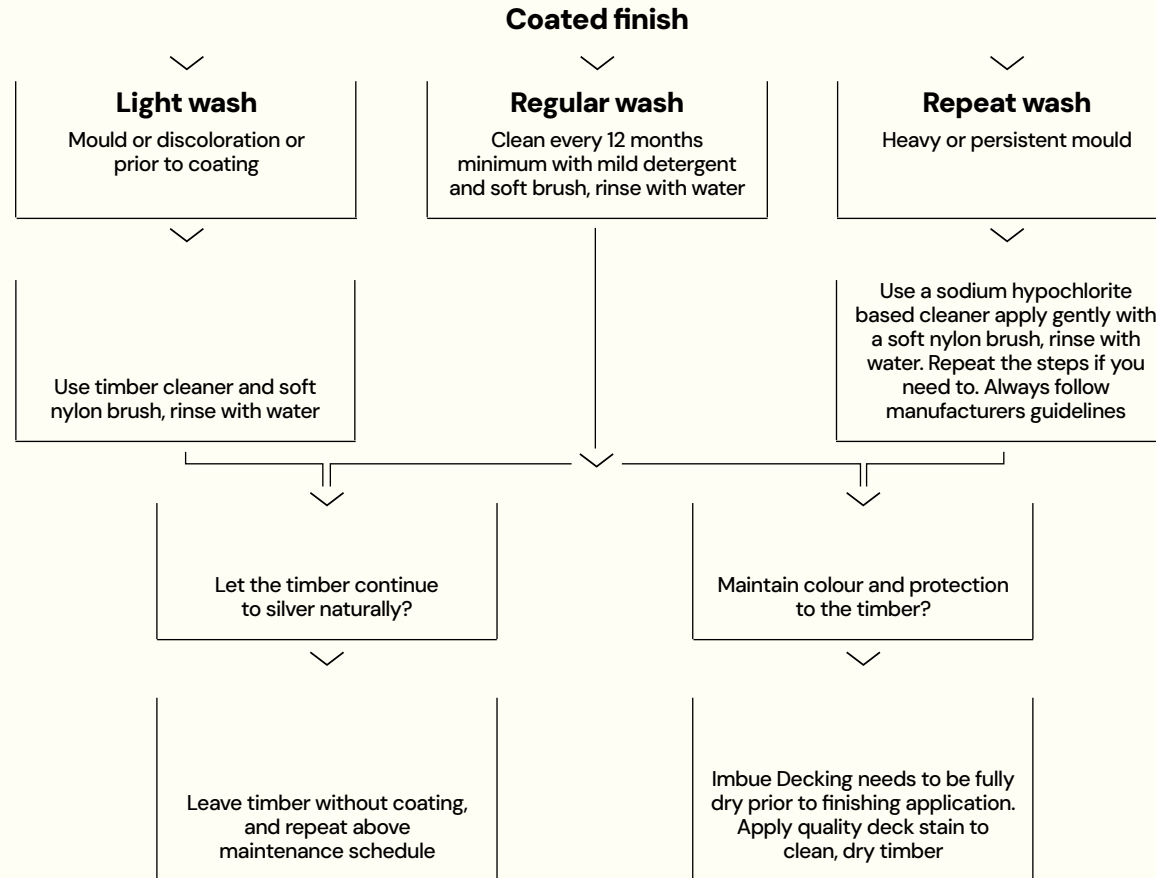
Re-apply specialist deck stain as per manufacturer's instructions onto dry timber.

Coating selection tips

Quality penetrating water-based decking stains or wood oils with mouldicide are recommended. Film forming coatings are not advised as can result in higher maintenance requirements when the coating fails. Translucent or semitransparent pigmented coatings will have wear marks appear over time so will need regular re-coating to maintain colour. Clear (non-pigmented) coating may be used however this provides no UV protection, so the timber will naturally grey in exposed exterior situations.



Stain Finish Maintenance Diagram





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