

# MOSO® Bamboo N-durance® Outdoor Decking cleaning & maintenance

## maintenance with Sikkens Cetol WF 771

The surface of decking becomes weathered under the influence of wind, rain, frost and sunshine (UV). As a result, the surface turns grey, dirty and cracks/splinters will appear. The maintenance and cleaning of the MOSO® Bamboo N-durance® decking is similar to other tropical wood. Use an exterior wood cleaner to remove dirt from the surface, MOSO® recommends Woca Exterior Wood Cleaner. Sikkens Cetol WF 771 water based finish is recommended for optimal protection and bringing back the warm caramel colour.

## cleaning

- Soak MOSO® Bamboo N-durance® with plenty of water. If possible use a garden hose. Do not use high-pressure cleaners.
- Mix Woca Exterior Wood Cleaner with water in the ratio 1:2 and apply it. If the decking is extremely dirty, Woca Exterior Wood Cleaner may be used undiluted. If another cleaning product is used, the usage may be different. Check the instructions of the product.
- Clean the decking with a silicon carbide broom or machine disk (see accessories). Scrub the soaked material lengthwise following the bamboo grain until the material appears clean. If the decking has been installed flat side up, first scrub under an angle of 45 degrees before scrubbing in the length direction. When using a machine disk this is not necessary.
- Repeat the cleaning if necessary. In case some deeper stains remain or if there are areas where Sikkens Cetol finish remains on the surface of the material, we recommend sanding (100 grit, in length grain direction).
- Clean the surface by rinsing thoroughly with clean water to ensure the surface is clean before oiling.
- Leave MOSO® Bamboo N-durance® to dry for approx. 24 hours. The material must be completely dry before you can apply the waterbased finish Sikkens Cetol WF 771.

## application of finish

- Always make sure the decking is clean, dry, free of dust or dirt, and without any coating. Never work on a deck in direct sun.
- Apply in dry weather only. Avoid direct sunlight and high temperatures.
- To prepare the surface for the finish, apply Sikkens Cetol WP 567 BPD. Make sure it is fully dried before applying the finish in the next step.
- Stir the Sikkens Cetol finish before and during the application to avoid colour variation.
- Apply a thin layer of finish with a pad, a brush, or with an air gun (35 to 65 bar) on the working surface.
- Important: remove any excess product before it dries, to avoid any dripping or glossy areas. The finish must penetrate the material and not remain on the surface, so that it dries leaving a matt look.
- Pay attention to the ends of the joists and cut ends of the boards, which tend to absorb more water, and finish well to prevent water penetration. A sealer is available from MOSO®.

## theoretical consumption

- Mix Woca Exterior Wood Cleaner with water in the ratio 1:2 and apply it. If the decking is extremely dirty, exterior cleaner may be used undiluted.
- Sikkens Cetol WP 567 BPD: 6 - 8 m<sup>2</sup> / litre
- Sikkens Cetol WF 771 for the first treatment: 10 - 12 m<sup>2</sup> / litre (for 1 coat of finish).
- Sikkens Cetol WF 771 for periodic maintenance: 14 - 15 m<sup>2</sup> / litre (for 1 coat of finish).

## maintenance of flat surface

Please be aware of the fact that on the flat surface, irregularities in the surface (e.g. cracks, splinters) are more visible than on the grooved surface. If regular maintenance with Sikkens Cetol WF 771 is performed, this will be reduced.

## risk of self-ignition

Due to the risk of self-ignition it is important that oil-wetted cloths are soaked in water and are disposed in a tightly closed container after use. For more details, check the instructions of the finish supplier.



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