



## Care and Maintenance - Decking Timbers

Wood is a natural material whose appearance will change when left out of doors. The appearance of your decking will depend on how you look after it.

Left on its own, the wood in your decking will naturally change colour to a silver greyish tone, the exact colour dependent on the environmental conditions. For example, dark spots may occur if the decking is placed in a shady spot under a tree.

During long, dry spells, small cracks may appear in the timber, especially on the end grain. These cracks are perfectly normal characteristics and should not affect the strength or durability of the decking. The same cracks should disappear once the conditions become damp again.

It is usual for small amounts of sap resin to appear on the surface of the wood in certain climatic conditions. This can be removed using white spirit or a similar product or left alone they will weather away.

If however, you would like to preserve the original colour of your decking a water based paint can be used ie. Cuprinol.

Regular upkeep of your decking will slow down the weathering process however all our decking is pressure treated for long life and finished in either green or brown.

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Cuprinol (water based) - Woodland Green and Rich Oak Brown

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Wood Protector (water based) - Various colours

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Safe & Natural (water based) - Various colours

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