

Silvadec® product maintenance tips

- Decking or Fencing -

The maintenance recommendations for your Silvadec® boards will depend on the type of boards.
Check this point carefully before proceeding further!



An **Elegance** or **Emotion board** (Naturelle range) with obvious wood fibres.

or

An **Atmosphere board** (High-tech range) with a protective coating or an **aluminium fencing board**.



Elegance or Emotion boards

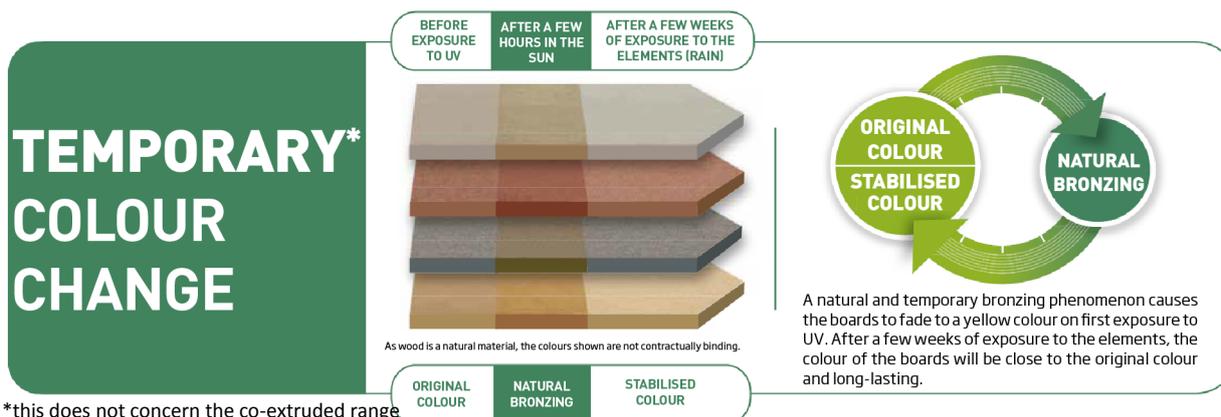
It is essential to wash your decking **once a year**, and fencing **twice a year**, ideally in spring, using a long-handled scrubbing brush and soapy water (hot for ideal action).

Tip: for deep cleaning, use a sodium-bicarbonate-based detergent. Spread a little powder over your boards, moisten your scrubbing brush with hot water, scrub, then leave for a few minutes before rinsing with copious quantities of water.

Wood composite boards have a mainly wood base and are therefore liable to staining, dependent on the product's environment, its use and your regional climate. Stains may therefore be observed occasionally, but they are always on the surface of the board and do not in any case alter the structure of the product. Most occasional household stains are cleaned easily with soapy water and a scrubbing brush. They will even fade naturally if they are exposed frequently to UV and the weather. To help, below are some maintenance tips for any stains and stubborn marks.

Type of mark	Cause	Action(s) to take
Grease stains	Mainly food stains: Barbecue, oil, ice cream, etc.	To eliminate a serious grease mark completely, we advise you to take action immediately after the stain appears with our Silvawash stain remover. For stubborn stains, use a solvent-based wood composite stain remover , such as Starwax, and apply on top of the Silvawash powder ~12hrs. This treatment may slightly lighten the board, but the colour will become more uniform with time.
Stubborn dirt stains, black drips on fencing.	Caused by atmospheric pollution, the dirt is deposited on the surface.	To remove this type of staining, you must clean it by hand with a long-handled scrubbing brush or a sponge with a scraper and hot soapy water. If the stain persists , use our SilvaNET product, following the method shown on the bottle and rinse with copious quantities of water.
Scratches	Gravel, sharp objects, etc.	As the Silvadec® material is uniform throughout its thickness, it is possible to sand the surface to eliminate the scratch. The sanded area will be slightly lighter after sanding, but this colour difference will disappear after UV/weather exposure. Please note this method is unsuitable for laminated boards (sanding removes the wood grain pattern on the surface)
Moss/lichen	Inadequate maintenance of the boards or an environment very conducive to moss developing	Use Silvaction .

Please note: as explained in the diagram below, Elegance and Emotion boards yellow temporarily during the first few weeks after installation. This phenomenon is natural and temporary, if the boards are exposed frequently to the sun and to the weather, but the boards will revert to their original colour after a few weeks.



The instructions are continued on the next page!



This yellowing of Elegance and Emotion boards may last longer if the boards are installed in semi-sheltered or sheltered areas. In this case, if water spots persist, it is possible to speed up their disappearance by using a jet of water and a scrubbing brush, by brushing along the length of the boards.

Case where fencing is installed on a low wall : Yellowy drips may appear on the wall supporting the fence during this transition phase. These drips will disappear naturally in most cases by exposure to the weather. However, the low wall can be watered regularly to accelerate the process.

Atmosphere and Aluminium boards

It is essential to wash your decking or fencing **once a year**, ideally in spring, using a long-handled scrubbing brush and soapy water (hot for ideal action). In the case of Aluminium fencing, in particular with a smooth finish, a sponge is preferable, as some brushes can cause scratches.

Tip: use a sodium-bicarbonate-based detergent. Spread a little powder over your boards, moisten your scrubbing brush with hot water, scrub, then leave to work and rinse with copious quantities of water.

Recommended equipment
for cleaning Atmosphere
decking boards



To help, below are some tips for removing any stubborn marks.

Type of mark	Cause	Action(s) to take
Mineral (chalk) dust	Dusty environment (stone, chalky ground)	If cleaning with a sodium bicarbonate detergent is not working perfectly, use a bathroom descaler. Test beforehand on a small area, leave to work, scrub with a long-handled brush and rinse with copious quantities of water.
Scratches	Gravel, sharp objects, etc.	To reduce the visibility of scratches on the protective layer of High Tech range decking boards, it is possible to use a brass-plated steel brush available in DIY stores and brush vigorously in the direction of the boards.  Note that this solution is unsuitable for fencing boards , as this would damage the surface of these boards irreversibly! 
Moss/lichen	Inadequate maintenance of the boards or an environment very conducive to moss developing	Use Silvaction.

What must be **AVOIDED** at all costs on all Silvade[®] products (Elegance, Emotion, Atmosphere and Aluminium)

-  Do not use a high pressure washer
-  Do not use solvent
-  Do not apply oils, stains, paint or protective/reviver/restoration products onto the surface of the boards.