

DECKPLANNER™

Richard Burbidge softwood decking components are treated with Osmose Naturewood, an anti-fungal additive which is a modern copper based preservative treatment. After treatment the components will have a green appearance weathering to a natural honey brown colour before eventually fading to a driftwood grey after long term exposure to the sun.

All Richard Burbidge softwood timber decking materials are manufactured from European Redwood/British grown Scots Pine, a light coloured knotty softwood used extensively in UK construction work. It is perfectly natural as the timber weathers for some surface checking and splitting to occur due to the natural variation in moisture content and the effects of wetting and drying. These surface defects will have no adverse effect to the decks structure.

Once the installation is complete you may wish to apply a proprietary deck cleaner which removes the build up of dirt and grease that can occur during construction, deck cleaners also brighten the timber.

Any treated or untreated timber exposed to the natural elements should be protected from the weather. To enhance the treated softwood decking apply either a proprietary clear water repellent or semi-transparent stain. Before applying the finish you must make sure your deck and balustrades are dry. Test by sprinkling drops of water onto the timbers surface. If the wood does not absorb the water, wait a few days to allow the timber to dry out and retest before application.

Hardwood Balustrades

Richard Burbidge Hardwood external balustrades are manufactured from Sapele, a dark hardwood similar to a mahogany colour of reddish brown. Although moderately durable any untreated timber exposed to the natural elements should be protected from the weather to make them more resistant to picking up moisture. To enhance and protect the hardwood balustrade apply either a proprietary clear water repellent, semi-transparent stain or decking oil. Before applying the finish you must make sure your balustrades are dry. Test by sprinkling drops of water onto the timbers surface. If the wood does not absorb the water, wait a few days to allow the timber to dry out and retest before application.

Balustrade Maintenance

For both softwood and hardwood timber balustrade components always follow the seal, stain or oil manufacturers recommendations and test on an off-cut or hidden surface. How often you apply further coats of water seal, stain or oil will depend on the balustrades usage, and we recommend that all components be recoated at least once a year. Please refer to the manufacturers recommendations.

For non-timber items such as acrylic panels and zinc alloy posts and rails use a soft cloth, luke warm water and a mild detergent. Do not polish or use abrasive cleaners and scourers as these can damage and scratch the surface coatings.

Deck Maintenance

How often you clean the deck will depend on its usage and position in relation to trees and foliage. Once or twice a season give the deck a brush with a stiff broom which will not only maintain the appearance but also remove algae and reduce the risk of slipperiness.

The deck can be given an annual clean using a hosepipe and if necessary a proprietary deck cleaner and brightener. Surface resin can be removed using a sharp broadfaced chisel and the area then recoated.

Use a knife to remove any debris that has built up in the grooves between deckboards as these gaps allow for drainage and air circulation. Check all fixings and repunch nail heads and retighten all screwheads if required.

Osmose Naturewood

Richard Burbidge Softwood decking components are treated with Osmose Naturewood, a preservative treatment that is based on copper and an organic co-biocide (Alkaline Copper Quaternary). Alkaline Copper Quaternary systems have provided proven performance for almost a decade in locations throughout Europe, North America, Australia and Japan.

Products treated with Osmose Naturewood will initially have a green appearance that highlights the natural variations of the wood; this will weather to an attractive natural honey brown colour before finally fading to driftwood grey after long-term exposure to the sun. Osmose Naturewood treated timber can be painted or stained to match any outdoor colour scheme. Always follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

Osmose Naturewood Important information

- Do not burn preserved wood.
- Wear a dust mask and goggles when cutting or sanding wood.
- Wear gloves when working with wood.
- Some preservative may migrate from the treated wood into soil/water or may dislodge from the treated wood surface upon contact with skin. Wash exposed skin areas thoroughly.
- All sawdust and construction debris should be cleaned up and disposed of after construction.
- Wash work clothes separately from other household clothing before re-use.
- Preserved wood should not be used where it may come into direct contact or indirect contact with drinking water, except for uses involving incidental contact such as fresh water docks and bridges.
- Do not use preserved wood under circumstances where the preservative may become a component of food, animal feed, or beehives.
- Do not use preserved wood for mulch.
- Only preserved wood that is visibly clean and free of surface residue should be used.
- Disposal Recommendations: Preserved wood may be disposed of in landfills or burned in commercial or industrial incinerators or boilers in accordance with National and Regional regulations.
- If you want to apply paint, stain, clear water repellent or other finishes to your preservative treated wood, we recommend following the manufacturers instructions of the chosen finishing product. Before you start, we recommend you apply the finishing product to a small test area before finishing the entire project to ensure it provides the intended result.
- Mould growth can and does occur on the surface of many products, including treated or untreated wood, during prolonged surface exposure to excessive moisture conditions. To remove mould from treated wood surfaces, the wood should be allowed to dry and then washed with mild soap and water..

End Seal

Use an End Coat Preservative on all surfaces exposed by drilling or cutting.

Further Information

For further information and current range of finishing products available please contact: Cuprinol Ltd, Wexham Road, Slough, Berkshire, SL2 5DS, Tel 01753 550555, www.cuprinol.co.uk

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