



# OZARKÉ

**INSTRUCTION MANUAL**

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Thank you for shopping with Ozarké, we really appreciate your business. Our goal is to provide an excellent customer service before, during and after delivery. We've included a guide on how to install this light, should you require additional assistance please feel free to email us at [info@ozarke.com](mailto:info@ozarke.com) and one of our customer service reps will reach out to assist you.

## **Surface Preparation**

If you are laying the tiles over existing concrete patio, then almost no preparation is needed. As long as the concrete doesn't have any large cracks with a surface mismatch either side of the cracks, just give the area a good sweep with a broom

## **Tools or other items needed**

You don't need any special tools - just a tape measure, sharp knife, screwdriver and handsaw (only if you need to cut the tiles to fit a fixed area or to fit around pipes etc). You don't need any adhesives or extra parts - all the materials you'll need are contained inside each box of tiles.



# Installation Instructions

1. Measure the area to be covered and calculate how many tiles you'll need. (each standard tile covers 1 sq.ft =0.09sq.m)
2. Start laying the tiles from one corner of the area to be covered. Place the first tile in position and then lock the adjacent tile in place by pushing it down to engage the special connecting tabs on the sides of each tile.
3. Continue adding tiles this way until the complete area is covered and all the tiles are securely locked in place to each adjacent tile. Different patterns or attractive borders can be made by combining the various designs available in each range.
4. To fit around pipes, posts or corners just cut the required shape from the tile using a jigsaw or handsaw and lock the tile into place. Making a template of light cardboard the same size as the tile makes the task even easier and avoids any errors in cutting the tile to shape. Any screws in cut out sections should be replaced at appropriate points in the remaining part of the tile to ensure that all slats are securely fastened to the base.
5. If you want to hide the plastic connecting tabs on the outermost row of tiles, reducer strips are available which just click easily into place onto the outer row of tiles. if you want to put a finishing edge on two or more sides, then mitred reducer strips are available (in pairs) for the corners.
6. For maximum weather protection and to slow the natural weathering affect on the wood due to UV in sunlight, we suggest an initial coating with good quality decking oil followed by further application every 12 months or so, depending on the prevailing weather conditions, and the degree of exposure to the sun and rain.



# Care and Cleaning

All Decking Tile products are designed to provide years of enjoyment with minimal maintenance. However, to help keep the tiles looking at their best, please note our care and cleaning recommendations.

## Wood Decking Tiles

Like any exterior wood products, wood decking tiles will gradually fade to a silvery gray color over time. The rate at which this occurs depends largely on the degree of exterior exposure, climatic conditions, and the frequency of applied preservative treatments.

Upon installing the wood tiles, it is recommended to apply a high-quality decking oil using a brush or roller as soon as possible. This helps slow down the graying process and provides initial waterproofing to the wood surface. Decking oils containing trans-oxide pigments or other UV-absorbing or reflecting compounds are generally preferred for longer-lasting results and extended periods between oil applications. While we don't offer specific product recommendations due to not evaluating the full market range, products like PPG's Olympic Maximum Waterproofing Sealant, which guarantees water damage and graying prevention for 2 years (3 years with tinted sealant), could be considered. Other options include Penofin's Penetrating Oil Finish and Cabot's Australian Timber Oil.

For routine maintenance, occasional brushing or water washing to remove loose dirt and surface debris is sufficient. Vacuuming can be used to clear leaves or debris from gaps in the tiles.

To clean the tiles, brush the surface or use a sponge with water. If needed, a mild detergent can be added. Vacuuming can remove debris between the tiles, and they can be hosed down or disassembled for thorough cleaning.

Here are some care guidelines to follow:

- Avoid dropping heavy or sharp objects on the tiles, hammering them, or applying excessive pressure with sharp objects on the edges.
- Protect metal chair or table legs with rubber "feet" when placed directly on the tiles.
- Immediately remove any damaged or broken tiles to prevent potential injury.
- While designed to eliminate standing water, be cautious when walking on the tiles in wet conditions as they may be slippery under certain circumstances.

# Hardwood Decking Tiles Maintenance



## Why is maintenance necessary?

Regardless of whether it is hardwood or strand-woven bamboo decking, when laid outdoors, the wood decking tiles will gradually fade to a silvery gray color over time due to exposure to sunlight, rainfall, and dust. The rate of this fading process depends largely on factors such as the degree of exterior exposure, climatic conditions, and the frequency of applied preservative treatments. An oxide layer will also form over time. To restore the original color, it's recommended to apply follow-up oil treatments at intervals of 3 to 6 months, based on climatic conditions and the level of exposure to weather. By adhering to these guidelines, the original color can be restored after completing the maintenance.

As demonstrated above, by diligently following our maintenance instructions and performing regular upkeep, we are confident that our customers can enjoy the appearance of "new decking tiles" year after year.

Please note that for outdoor hardwood decking tiles, the initial maintenance should be carried out three months after installation. Subsequent maintenance should be conducted at nine-month intervals following the second maintenance. After the second maintenance session, annual maintenance will suffice.

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## Maintenance Methods

Maintenance should be performed on sunny days when the decking is dry (it is recommended to do this after at least a week of sunny days).

1. Check the fastenings: Inspect the decking tiles to identify any that have become loose and reinforce them.
2. Removal and cleaning: Remove all debris, dust, dirt, oil, ash, and other materials from the floor surface. Ensure that the surface is completely cleaned before starting the maintenance process. Sweep away any debris on or around the decking and joists to maintain proper drainage.
3. Sanding: Gently sand the floor surface using a soft steel brush.
4. Oiling: Apply the first coat of oil along the length of the boards using a brush.
5. Sanding again: Use 80-100 grit/mesh sandpaper to create a new, smooth surface.
6. Second oiling: Apply a second coat of oil along the length of the boards using a brush. The second coat should be applied 1 hour after the first coat.
7. Dispose of the cloth, brush, and any waste in metal containers immediately after maintenance to protect the environment and maintain cleanliness.