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## **Trex® Railing Care and Cleaning Guide**

Maintaining the appearance of your Trex® railing is important. The occasional wash is recommended as over time your railing may show signs of weathering as a result of exposure to the elements. The frequency of cleaning will depend on the environment and exposure to various types of elements.

### **Trex Transcend®, Select®, and Enhance® Railing Care and Cleaning Recommendations**

- Never use acetone or other solvents on Trex Transcend, Select, or Enhance railings as this can damage/dull the surface.
- For color transfer issues (from attachment of baluster spacer), use Mr. Clean® Magic Eraser® Original or Plexus® Plastic Cleaner to help remove this. Note that Plexus Plastic Cleaner can only be used on PVC/acrylic railings and balusters and cannot be used on metal railings or metal balusters.
- For small surface scratches, marks, or scuffs, use Dupli-Color® Scratch Seal® Clear Sealer Pen.
- Hard water is water with a high amount of mineral deposits like lime, silica, and calcium. When the water dries, deposits are left behind, leaving unsightly spots or a “film-like” substance on railing and decking surfaces. For hard water issues on railing, these can be cleaned with Mr. Clean® Magic Eraser® Original\* or white vinegar. After applying products to surface, some gentle scrubbing would be needed on the surface to help loosen deposits, and rinsing is required, so care should be taken to not use hard water for this purpose, and if it must be used dry with a cloth or use a blower to dry railing.

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## **Trex Signature® Railing Care and Cleaning Recommendations**

- For installations where the atmosphere is influenced by bodies of saltwater or other contaminant conditions, cleaning is required every 6 to 9 months. Failure to adhere to the required cleaning guidelines will void the Trex Limited Warranty with respect to any condition resulting from such failure. For purposes of any warranty claim, you should retain documentation of the cleaning date, cleaning method used, brand and amount of chemical used, and invoice from cleaning company (or a receipt for chemicals used).
- Regular cleaning may minimize the effects of weathering and remove dirt, grime and other build-up. The best method of maintaining the appearance of your Trex Signature® railing is to occasionally wash this using a solution of warm water and a non-abrasive, pH neutral detergent solution. The railing surface should be thoroughly rinsed after cleaning to remove all residues. Use a soft white cloth, sponge or a soft bristle brush.
- DO NOT clean Trex Signature® railing with solvents such as thinners or solutions containing chlorinated hydrocarbons, esters or ketenes.
- The following cleaners are recommended for cleaning Trex Signature railing:
  - Formula 409® Cleaner Degreaser/Disinfectant
  - Spray Nine® Cleaner/Disinfectant
  - Simple Green® All Purpose Cleaner
  - Fantastik® All Purpose Cleaner
  - Windex® Cleaner

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