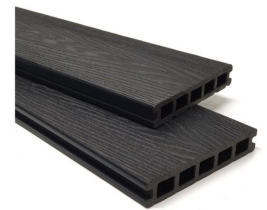


DOES FIRST GENERATION COMPOSITE DECKING FADE?

Once installed, the decking will go through a natural weathering process for the first 3-6 months. However, as with all wood types, when exposed to nature's elements, the colour will change over time.



The first natural process that any uncapped decking board will go through is called extractive bleeding. This happens because of the presence of natural wood oils in decking boards. Generally, this stage lasts within the first 8-10 weeks. Once installed, the wood oils are washed out by rain and moisture in the air. Please note that lighter coloured composite decking boards go through the most changes as more natural wood oils are used to achieve colour.



The next stage of the natural weathering process is caused by the Sun's UV rays.



The rate of fade in the first 3-6 months is, on average, a reduction of 30-40% in colour.



After the first 3-6 months natural weathering process, the colour fade of the composite decking boards will stabilise. The fade will continue but at a much slower rate. We often advise our customers that the most noticeable colour change will be in the first 6-12 weeks after this period; the composite decking boards will stabilise their natural lighter colour but again will continue at a much slower rate.



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