



DECK STAINING

HARDWOOD Care Plan

PREPARATION

- **Timber Bleeding:** Timber varieties, like Merbau, tend to "bleed" tannins when newly installed. It's essential to allow this bleeding process to take its course before proceeding to stain.
- **Washing:** Regularly rinse your decking area with water over 1-2 weeks or wait for an equivalent amount of rain to ensure all tannins have bled out.

PRODUCTS

- **Stain Selection:** For hardwood decking, we recommend opting for a "Natural" tinted stain. Though many brands are available, our top pick is "Feast Watson."
- **Application Tools:** For an even and effective stain application, consider using UNi-PRO 175mm Jumbo Deck Brush or a lambswool mop. While both are commendable, the broom-style brush offers ease of use.

APPLICATION

- **One Board at a Time:** Ensure you stain one board at a time, moving from left to right and always in the direction of the wood grain. This approach ensures uniformity and minimizes overlap marks.
- **Application Worries:** It's natural to feel unsure about the initial look of the stain. However, as the stain dries, it will penetrate the timber and result in a rich, uniform finish.

MAINTENANCE

- **Covered Decks:** If your deck is sheltered, consider re-staining every 1-2 years. Often, the outer boards that are more exposed may need re-staining sooner than the sheltered ones.
- **Exposed Decks:** For decks directly exposed to the elements, it's ideal to re-stain every 6 months for optimum protection. However, an annual application is also acceptable, but consider multiple coats for better protection.

