

DECK TILES INSTALLATION AND CARE & MAINTENANCE

Composite Interlocking Deck Tiles

Installation Guide

1. Calculate the area of your project and double check the order amount:
 - a. $\text{Length} \times \text{Width} = \text{Area (in}^2\text{)}$
 - b. $\text{Area(in}^2\text{)} / 136.59375 \text{ (in}^2\text{)} = \text{Number of Tiles}$
2. Note: Individual tiles are 12.2"x12.2" squares but the Exposed surface of each tile is ~ 11.875" x 11.875"
2. Be sure to leave a gap near any walls or edges (Approximate 1 inch gap (total) for every 16 linear feet) to account for expansion and contraction. Tip: use Garden Trim or Baseboard trim along the perimeter to hide the gaps.
3. Tiles should be installed onto dense, hard, solid surfaces. (ie concrete, brick, wood, vinyl etc)
4. Product is not designed to work with roofing membranes/weatherproof/slip resistant materials.

Dirt and Debris

Clean deck to remove dirt and debris. Soap and hot water is all that is needed.

BuildDirect recommends periodic cleaning with soap and water (for general dirt and debris) or a commercially available deck cleaner twice a year (for stains or mold/mildew). BuildDirect recommends always testing cleaners or other chemicals on a small, inconspicuous area to determine if they will affect the decking materials adversely. Such damage will not be covered under the warranty. For additional information, see below.

Oil/Grease/Food

Rinse the stain with hot water as soon as possible. Tough stains can be treated by widely available outdoor decking stain removers. An inconspicuous area should always be tested to check for any discoloration or other damage stemming from the use of any chemical cleaners or treatments.

Water Spots, Leaf Staining and Wood Tannins

Tannin leaching occurs naturally in BuildDirect and all wood-based products. Allow for at least 12 weeks of normal weathering. This process may be hastened through the use of a product containing oxalic or phosphoric acid, commonly known as deck brightener.

Scuffs and Abrasions

Scuffs and abrasions can fade or disappear naturally after 12 - 16 weeks of weathering. This can also be accelerated through use of deck brighteners.



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Rust Stains, Ground-In Dirt and Grime and Pigment Staining

Rust and ground-in dirt can also be lightened or removed through the use of deck brighteners. Product may need to sit on the stain for 10 - 15 minutes before rinsing. BuildDirect recommends testing this method on a small or obscure area first.

Mold and Mildew

Semi-annual (spring and fall) cleaning of your deck is important to prevent the buildup of pollen and other debris that can support the growth of mold. Use conventional deck washes or cleaners that contain sodium hypochlorite.

Using a Pressure Washer

BuildDirect does not recommend the use of a pressure washer. The use of a pressure washer on deck surface could damage the decking surface and will void the warranty with respect to any condition or damage caused by the pressure washing.

Ice and Snow

Calcium chloride or rock salt, available in many home centers, will melt ice on BuildDirect decking. Rinse off when first practical. Use caution when removing snow or ice with a snow shovel, and never use a metal snow shovel on a BuildDirect deck. A shovel may scratch the deck, which is not covered under warranty.

Sanding

BuildDirect does not recommend sanding. Sanding will change the appearance of the surface of BuildDirect material and will void the warranty with respect to any condition or damage caused by such sanding.

Note: BuildDirect does not recommend the placement of rubber or vinyl materials such as those in grill mats, rubber-backed welcome mats, vinyl or PVC potted containers, etc., on the surface of BuildDirect products for extended periods of time. Over time, additives in the rubber and PVC products have a tendency to migrate from these materials to BuildDirect products, resulting in discoloration of the surface.

Additional BuildDirect care guidelines include:

Storage

Store BuildDirect products under cover to maintain a clean surface. If stored outdoors, they must be covered with a non-translucent material. All products should be stored flat and on a dry surface.



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Handling

Although all BuildDirect planks are made with low-maintenance materials, each plank's unique features require special care and handling, ensuring lasting beauty.

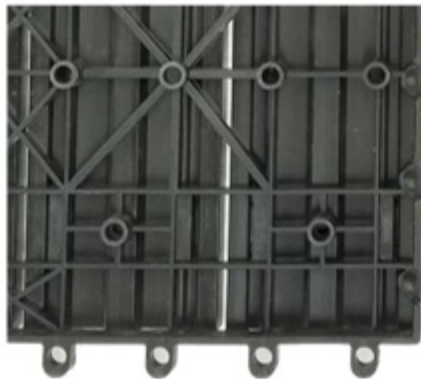
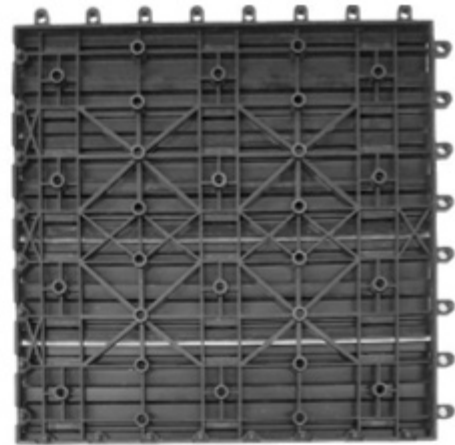
To maintain the beauty of BuildDirect products please follow these important guidelines when moving and working with BuildDirect:

- Never dump BuildDirect materials when unloading.
- When carrying BuildDirect planks; carry on edge for better support.
- Do not slide planks against each other when moving them. When removing them from the unit, lift the planks and set them down.
- Do not slide tools or drag equipment across the top of the planks during construction.
- Keep the surface of the planks free of construction waste to prevent damage to the planks

Disposal

BuildDirect decking and railing products should be disposed of with normal construction debris or household waste. Do not burn BuildDirect products.

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Tongue
Groove

Installation: Click Tiles together in the pattern of your choice. (Note: to keep lines straight, Start in a corner or in the center of the longest wall and work outwards)

Trimming Tiles to size: Mark the size along the bottom mat, (avoiding the screws) cut the tile to size using a hand saw.



Parque Pattern



Standard Pattern