



## **Treating Scuffs and Scratches on ModWood Boards**

Like most timber-type products, ModWood can be scratched with hard or sharp objects. However, unlike most timber when you purchase it, ModWood is a “finished product”. Therefore scratches and scuffs can sometimes be more noticeable than some timber decking or screening products. (Note – the ModWood “brushed” surface rarely shows any noticeable scratching due to the outer surface of the board being removed during the brushing process).

It is recommended by ModWood that for decks under 100% cover, the boards are installed “brushed” side facing upwards.

It is strongly recommended that all furniture on a ModWood deck has protective feet applied to the legs to prevent scuffing or scratching of the deck’s surface.

### **How to make scuffs and scratches appear less noticeable (“smooth” side up only)**

Boards that are fully exposed to sunlight and rain (weathering) will quickly weather to a point whereas scuffs and scratches (not “gouges”) become barely noticeable. Weathering results in the boards fading and losing their shine, therefore scuffs/scratches, when weathered will be of similar colour to the board colour. However, should a “quick fix” be required, or should the deck area be in a position whereas it receives basically no weathering at all, people may wish to “hide” the marks by means of some type of coating or treatment. This should be done by:

#### **Oil treatment**

- Wash the deck using soapy water (use Intergrain Reviva if there are stains on the deck).
- Place a small amount of light oil (natural decking oil or even a light vegetable oil / baby oil does the job) on a rag or tissue
- Rub the oil into the affected area and leave for approximately one minute
- Take another rag or tissue and remove as much of the excess oil from the area as possible

The above process will allow a small amount of oil to seep into the scratch – a few minutes after the process you will notice that the scratch, whilst it has not actually disappeared, will be significantly less noticeable on the boards.

### **How to make scuffs and scratches appear less noticeable on “brushed” surfaces**

As previously mentioned, the ModWood “brushed” surface does not easily show scuffs and scratches. Should this happen, carefully re-brush the surface with a coarse wire brush or coarse sand paper. This area will quickly fade to the colour of the balance of the decking area.

*Note: - scratching of ModWood products is not a product fault and as such will not be recognised under the terms of a warranty claim.*

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