



Tannin, Water or Rust Stains (stains which may occur during or shortly after installation):

Although not very common, sometimes bluish-black “tannin” stains can develop on LifeCycle Decking. These stains are the result of a reaction between the hardwood fiber in LifeCycle, moisture and iron salts. Iron salts can come from many wood extractive sources – nails and fasteners, metal banding, patio furniture, even saw blades and tools used during construction. These stains will naturally fade over time or they can be removed with a deck cleaner containing oxalic acid (commonly known as wood brighteners) such as Cabot® Problem-Solver® Wood Brightener (www.cabotstain.com) or Behr® No. 63 (www.behr.com). *Using a deck cleaner containing oxalic or phosphoric acid may lighten your deck. Follow manufacturer instructions.*

Lower-quality steel fasteners or electroplated screws are not recommended and can stain your deck. On newly installed decks, runoff from metal objects, such as lawn furniture or decorative iron railings can create some temporary staining. These rust stains can also be easily removed with the use of a deck cleaner containing phosphoric or oxalic acid such as Cabot Problem-Solver Wood Brightener (www.cabotstain.com) or Behr No 63 (www.behr.com). (Ingredients will be listed on the front label or on the label on the back of the container.)

**Follow all package directions for proper usage, safety precautions and disposal. In some cases, more stubborn stains will require reapplying cleaners until the desired level of cleanliness is achieved. At times, brushing the deck with a hard bristle brush may be necessary to remove any stubborn staining. Remember to always test chosen cleaners in a small inconspicuous area of your deck for approved results. Never mix any other cleaners (ammonia, phosphoric acid, etc.) with bleach.*