

# Composite Interlocking Deck Tiles

## Care and Maintenance Guidelines

Century Outdoor Living 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). Century Outdoor Living 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.

### **Dirt and Debris**

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

### **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 Century Outdoor Living 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.

### **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. Century Outdoor Living 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**

Century Outdoor Living 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 Century Outdoor Living 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 Century Outdoor Living deck. A shovel may scratch the deck,

which is not covered under warranty.

### **Sanding**

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

*Note: Century Outdoor Living 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 Century Outdoor Living products for extended periods of time. Over time, additives in the rubber and PVC products have a tendency to migrate from these materials to Century Outdoor Living products, resulting in discoloration of the surface.*

Additional Century Outdoor Living care guidelines include:

### **Storage**

Store Century Outdoor Living 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.

### **Handling**

Although all Century Outdoor Living 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 Century Outdoor Living products please follow these important guidelines when moving and working with Century Outdoor Living:

- Never dump Century Outdoor Living materials when unloading.
- When carrying Century Outdoor Living 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.

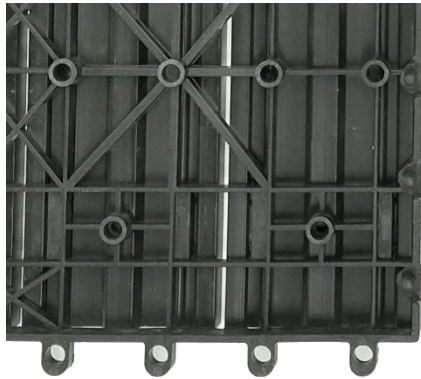
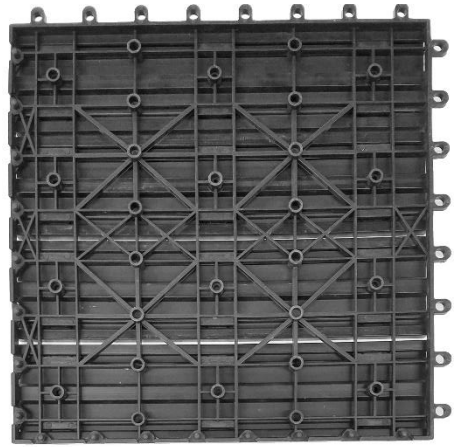
### **Disposal**

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

### **Installation Guide**

1. Calculate the area of your project and double check the order amount:
  - a. Length x Width = Area (in<sup>2</sup>)
  - b. Area(in<sup>2</sup>) /136.59375 (in<sup>2</sup>) = Number of Tiles

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 inches ) 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 )



← 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