

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

BOULEVARD THERMALLY MODIFIED WOOD PRODUCTS

Thank you for purchasing Boulevard thermally-modified wood products from Tournesol Siteworks. We pride ourselves on products that meet with your complete satisfaction, both today and into the future. All Boulevard thermally-modified wood products are designed for long-term use in commercial exterior installations, although they hold up beautifully indoors as well.

A few notes on Boulevard thermally-modified wood product characteristics -

- Boulevard wood is made from hardwoods, typically Ash, harvested in the Northeast. The wood is milled, thermally processed, and assembled, in the case of structural wood tiles.
- The rich, deep color of Boulevard Wood is a natural result of the thermal modification process. This color is unique to each piece of wood, and each batch in the kiln, and is subject to variation. Like any natural wood product, the surface of Boulevard wood will begin to turn silver/gray once exposed to UV sunlight. Although the wood color will change, the durability and decay resistance remain the same. Should the wood be sanded, the patina will be removed, and the original color exposed below.
- Boulevard thermally-modified wood is dimensionally stable, and subject to minimal expansion or shrinking. The altered cell structure keeps the wood from absorbing moisture, which causes typical warping, twisting, cupping and cracking. Nevertheless, it is recommended that adequate ventilation be provided to any wood surface, and that moisture not be trapped below any deck or tile surface.
- Like any natural wood product, Boulevard thermally modified wood can show small stress cracks, referred to as “checking”. Surface cracks are due to the surface of the wood expanding and contracting at a different rate than the core, and do not affect durability. Checking may be reduced by regular treatment with wood oil or sealant. End checking or splitting may be lessened with an application of wax (Anchorseal®) to the ends of the deck boards. Boulevard structural wood tiles have the wax pre-applied at time of manufacture.

General Installation & Maintenance

- **Storage:** Keep Boulevard wood out of sunlight until installed to reduce fading and color change. Structural wood tiles should be removed from any plastic wrap upon receipt. Wood should not be stored directly on the ground. Protect tiles, decking and lumber, especially when in original packaging, from rain or moisture prior to installation.
- **Handling:** Boulevard thermally-modified wood may be used with any tools conventionally used with Red Oak or Ash wood. The dust is not harmful, and the wood contains no chemicals or hazardous materials.
- **Sealing:** To maintain the rich color and minimize checking, Tournesol Siteworks recommends sealing tiles and deck boards with oils and sealants meant for hardwoods. While most oils and sealants will darken the wood slightly, some leave an undesirable surface color. You should test any sealants or oils on an inconspicuous area prior to applying to the entire project. Make sure to clean the tiles or wood prior to application.
- **Cleaning:** a pressure washer may be used to clean the wood. We recommend use of a commercial deck cleaning product that is also effective against biological growth and

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mold spores. Again, test products to be used on the wood in an inconspicuous location prior to applying to the entire project.

- **Tile Installation:** when installed on pedestals, Boulevard structural wood tiles should be installed with the Tournesol Tile Fastener kit EA-TF01, which attaches the tile to the pedestals at the corners and allows for 2 tiles to be removed at the same time. The Boulevard structural wood tile slot is ¼” wide, located at all four corners.
- **Deck Board Installation:** Deck boards should be pre-drilled for conventional and trim-head screws. Screws should be made of stainless steel. For face screws, the head must be countersunk. Holes must be made ¾” from the edge of the board, and 1-1/2” (ideally 3”) from the end cut. Deck boards should be supported with joists at minimum 16” on center. The groove for hidden fasteners is ¼” wide and runs the length of both sides of the board.
- **Agging:** The wood will develop a natural patina as it ages, especially when left unsealed. The grain of any unsealed wood may naturally become more pronounced, especially in Ash, which is typically flat sawn. Despite any surface changes, the wood will remain strong and decay resistant for the life of the project.

Tournesol Siteworks Limited Three-Year Warranty

Tournesol Siteworks LLC warrants to the initial purchaser of its products that they will repair or replace product that contains a defect in material or workmanship for a period of three years from the date it is delivered to the initial purchaser.

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This is the only written warranty applicable to the product. The duration of the implied warranty on the product is limited to the three-year duration of this express warranty. ***In no event shall Tournesol Siteworks be liable for any incidental or consequential damages, including but not limited to damage to any plants which may have been planted in the product.*** Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which may vary from state to state.

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