

MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS BAMBOO STABLE PLANKS

These maintenance instructions form an integral part to the general terms and conditions of StrongBoo B.V.

Characteristics of bamboo

StrongBoo B.V. carefully selects the bamboo planks on quality. However, Bamboo is a natural product. It is not made, it grows. Within the same bamboo species, diversity of structure and deviations in color can occur.

Over time bamboo can look old or used, a.o. due to weather influences, water and sunlight. Bamboo reacts to large differences in temperature or humidity, it can tear or crack.

Depending on the use of the bamboo planks, the following maintenance instructions apply.

➤ Covered/indoor stables use:

Oiled bamboo planks should be:

- cleaned at least once every 6 months;
- oiled at least once every 6 months, with a good quality:
 - Hardwood oil; or
 - Wood stain.

Coated bamboo planks are provided with a water-based coating layer which makes the planks low-maintenance. The coating will separate the natural sugars present in bamboo from the humid climate and the dirt that prevails in, among other things, horse stables. The coating reduces the risk of mold formation, however the chance of mold growth cannot be ruled out.

Coated bamboo planks should be:

- cleaned at least once a year; and
- provided with a new coating at a certain moment in time.

➤ Outdoor use:

Oiled bamboo planks: not recommended!

Coated bamboo planks: if the planks are pushed together with an op connection, (rain)water and dirt can enter the "tongue-and-groove" area. The areas covered with water/moist are the sensitive areas of the planks. The moisture can reach under the coating, which results in the release of the coating.

In case of outdoor use, it is recommended to treat the planks with a good quality wood stain which slightly seals the "tongue-and-groove" area and protects the bamboo plank from moisture. Repetition of this treatment depends on the specific usage situation and the type of wood stain applied.

NOTE:

- To prevent discoloration and rotting of the bamboo planks, make sure that they are not placed directly on the ground.
- It is recommended that you ensure that the drainage openings always remain free. It must be avoided at all times that the bamboo planks are placed in water.
- When placing the bamboo planks in profiles it is important that the planks do not stand in water directly. It is recommended to place a strip at the bottom of the profile which ensures that the plank does not obstruct the drainage of the profile.