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**PAINTING TECHNICAL BULLETIN:**

**Trex Transcend®, Enhance®, or Select® Decking:**

**Can Transcend, Enhance, or Select decking be painted?**

- **NO**, the **TOP SURFACE** of Trex Transcend, Trex Enhance, and Trex Select decking **CANNOT** be painted or stained.
- However, painting the ends or underside of these deck boards is allowed. Exterior grade paints and stains that adhere well to wood will work on these surfaces. Use care to not allow paint or stain to get onto top surface of decking.

**Trex Transcend®, Enhance®, or Select® Railing:**

**Can Transcend, Enhance, or Select railing be painted?**

Trex Select Railing (which only comes in white) can be painted with light paint colors. Only white color Trex Transcend, and white color Trex Enhance railing can be painted with light colors. NO OTHER TRANSCEND or ENHANCE railing products can be painted. NO OTHER TREX railing products can be painted. For Trex Transcend, Enhance and Select Railing in white, a high quality fast-dry Alkyd primer should be used as a base coat, with oil or water based exterior trim paint. Only light colors should be used. No darker colors such as Black, Brown, Forest Green, as these darker colors may draw excessive heat and damage the material. Surface abrasion may promote better paint adhesion. An abrasive pad or steel wool can be used to dull/buff the surfaces to be painted.

- Clean surfaces with Acetone, Isopropyl alcohol, or denatured alcohol before painting.
- Never use ketones (MeK, MiBk) or xylene as surface conditioners.
- Allow all surfaces to dry completely before painting.

**Trex Signature® Railing:**

**Can Signature railing be painted?**

- No, Signature railing should not be painted. If there are scratches that need to be repaired, we recommend Trex Signature Railing Touch-up Color Matched paint. To address smaller imperfections use Trex Signature Touch –up Color Matched Pens.

**Trex Early Generation Trex Composite Decking (Trex Accents® & Origins®), Trex Designer® & Traditional Railing**

**Can early generation Trex composite decking and railing be painted?**

Yes, you can paint or stain early generation decking or railing to achieve a custom color, but it is not necessary for protection. Paints and stains that adhere well to wood will work as well or better with early generation products. Early generation decking and railing that has been faded (approximately 12 – 16 weeks for new product) can be painted or stained at any time, even years after it has been installed. Use a paint or stain that is designed for a walking surface. Contact the manufacturing to make sure these meet ADA requirements for walking surfaces before applying.

**What types of paints and stains can I use?**

Most exterior construction paints or stains that you would apply to wood can be applied to early generation products (this does not include Trex Escapes® decking).

**What about cleaning my painted or stained early generation products?**

Consult your paint or stain manufacturer’s directions before cleaning.

**Trex Escapes® Decking**

**Can Escapes decking be painted?**

Trex recommends the following company be contacted regarding the painting of Escapes Decking. Note that Versacryl coating can also be used on early generation Trex Composite Decking.

Versacryl	877-977-6545	Refer to <a href="http://www.versacrylrs.com">www.versacrylrs.com</a> for detailed information
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