

# Everything Ipe should be

### Drawbacks of Ipe

Beautiful and durable, Ipe is one of the most popular decking options. But, in some remote areas of the rainforest, this has led to less regulated harvesting operations and more harm to the environment.

#### **DEMAND OUTPACES GROWTH**

Some Ipe species can take 100 years to reach maturity—with only one adult sized tree grown every 25 acres<sup>1</sup>. Despite this slow growth, demand for Brazilian Ipe grew 76% (by volume) between the periods 2010–2016 and 2017–2021.<sup>2</sup>

#### A LONG JOURNEY

Brazilian Ipe travels approximentaly 8,000 miles to reach the UK, consuming massive quantities of fossil fuels and polluting the atmosphere with CO<sup>2</sup> along the way.

### The Elements® Advantage

Elements® Advanced Polymer has several realwood looks that rival the beauty of Ipe. It is also more durable than Ipe over time and requires minimal maintenance.

#### 100% TREE-FREE

Elements® Advanced Polymer is made from zero trees and approximately 60% recycled PVC material, following sustainable sourcing and manufacturing practices and 100% recyclable.

#### SUSTAINABILY MADE IN THE USA

Elements<sup>®</sup> Advanced Polymer is made in the USA. So, our products travel much shorter distances and contribute considerably less pollution.



# Elements® is a more sustainable choice with a lower life cycle carbon footprint



### Ipe Decking

#### HIGHER LIFE CYCLE CARBON FOOTPRINT<sup>4</sup>

10,774 kg Carbon Emissions

#### CONTRIBUTES TO DEFORESTATION

- Land damage and habitat loss to Amazon flora & fauna
- Inconsistent enforcement of regulations can lead to illegal trade
- Carbon reserve loss

#### **NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF TRANSPORTATION**

- Ipe travels about 8,000 miles just to get from Brazil to the U.K
- Transportation fuels pollute the atmosphere with CO<sup>2</sup>

#### FREQUENT & TOXIC MAINTENANCE

- Annual (at minimum) maintenance requires chemical cleaning
- Higher water consumption to wash & rinse the deck
- Ipe oils can contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs)

### Elements® Decking

#### LOWER LIFE CYCLE CARBON FOOTPRINT<sup>4</sup>

1,170 kg Carbon Emissions

#### MADE WITH RECYCLED MATERIALS

- Elements® Advanced Polymer is made of about 60% recycled material — and is fully recyclable at the end of its useful life
- No trees are cut down to make our decking
- Azek divert hundreds of millions of pounds of plastic waste from landfills each year

# SUSTAINABLE MANUFACTURING IN THE USA

- Up to 97% of the water in our closed-loop filtration system is reused
- Approximately 99% of internal scrap in our facilities is reused

# LOW MAINTENANCE, ECO-FRIENDLY CLEANING

 Low-maintenance decking means less frequent cleanings — and less water used

## Elements® As beautiful as Ipe

Whether you prefer the oiled or weathered Ipe look, you'll love our Elements®. Engineered using a combination of multitonal color blending, a tight grain pattern, and a wire-brushed, low-gloss finish it delivers the nuanced, nature-inspired beauty of hardwoods like Ipe.

To learn more about Elements®, the Ipe Alternative, scan QR the code:





### PERFORMANCE WE CAN PROMISE

In addition to delivering real wood beauty, Elements® Advanced Polymer offers unparalleled performance.



FADE & STAIN WARRANTY

Our boards maintain their rich colour and resist staining for decades.



LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

Advanced Polymer is highly resistant to moisture and won't splinter, crack, peel, or rot. No sanding, staining, or sealing ever needed.



FIRE CLASSIFICATION

Elements® Decking has been rated as Class B in fire safety testing.



60% RECYCLED, 100% RECYCLABLE

Made from 60% recycled material, including post-construction scrap polymers, and 100% recyclable at end of life.







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- 2. https://www.forest-trends.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Demand-for-Luxury-Decks-in-Europe-and-NA-is-Pushing-lpe-to-the-Brink-of-Extinction.pdf.
- 3. Transportation miles calculated in a base scenario within a life cycle assessment of Ipe decking performed by ACV Brasil in partnership with The AZEK Company Inc.
- 4. According to life cycle assessment studies commissioned by The AZEK Company, independently performed by Sphera and ACV Brasil, combined with company estimates assuming 60% recycled material in Elements® Advanced PVC decking.