



HALLMARK DECKING INSTALLATION MANUAL

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Congratulations on the purchase of your Hallmark dual sided composite decking. To ensure that you keep your low maintenance decking looking its best we recommend that you follow a few easy guidelines.

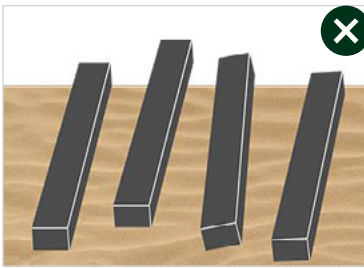
For periodic cleaning use a soft bristle brush and a dilution of mild soap and warm water. For those using a power washer we recommend that you stand at least 1m away from the area you are to clean. Spray in the direction of the grain to avoid damaging the product. Always follow the safety precautions when operating a power washer. Be sure that water effectively drains from your wood plastic composite decking.

For those harder to clean areas or where the castellated side of the decking may have been damaged by the dropping of charcoal etc, we recommend using a 400 grit sandpaper or above. Lightly sand the decking in the same direction of the grain. Rinse thoroughly with water after sanding. On the woodgrain side we would recommend the use of colour coded furniture crayons to hide those difficult to remove scratches.

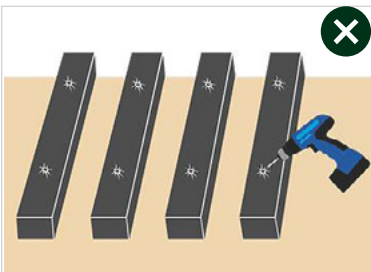
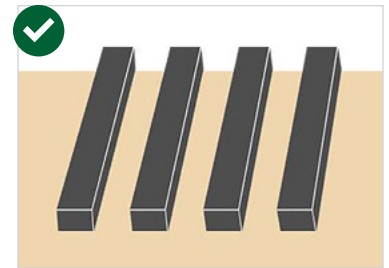
These guidelines may not cover every maintenance scenario. If you have additional questions please contact our friendly service team on 0800 799 9082.

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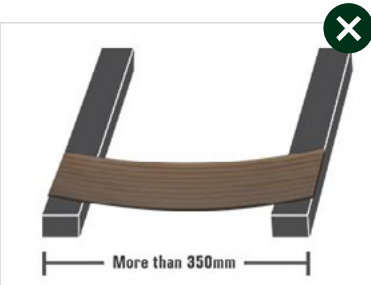
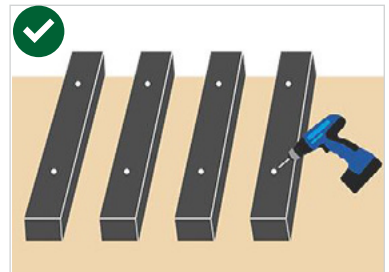
NOTE: WHEN SCREWING THROUGH COMPOSITE PRODUCTS ALWAYS PRE DRILL ANY HOLES



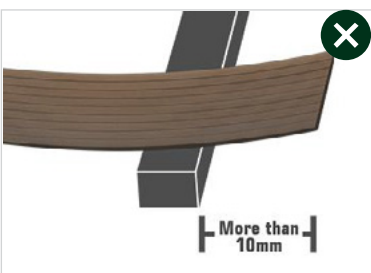
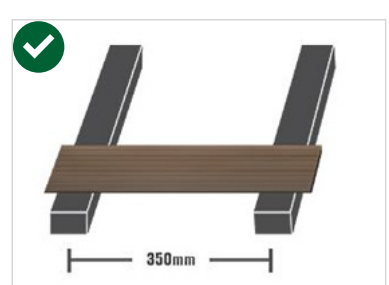
Joists must be laid on a solid flat surface such as concrete. Grass, uneven paving slabs or sand will cause movement.



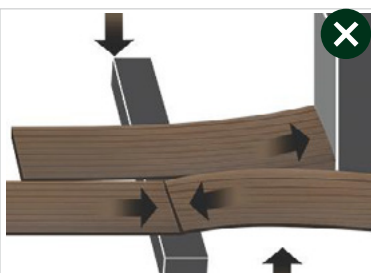
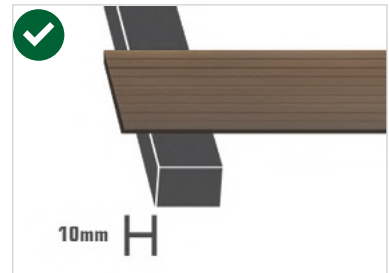
Always pre drill composite wood products using a minimum of a 4.5mm drill bit. If you do not you risk damaging the product over time.



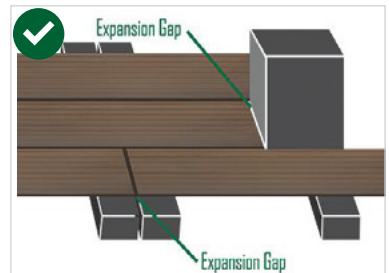
Joists must be set to 350 mm centres. If not boards may warp or move. Composite boards need to be supported across their length.



Ends of deck boards must be supported and not have an overhang of more than 10mm. If not boards will move or be damaged.



Butted boards must have an expansion gap of 5mm between boards & be supported by separate joists. At edges a gap must be left for expansion. If not boards may warp or crack under pressure.



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IMPORTANT NOTE:

When designing your deck please make note of the joist spacing in your frame. Composite wood behaves differently to traditional timber, hence for different spacings that you may be used to.

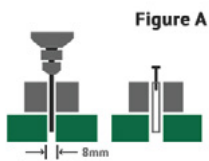
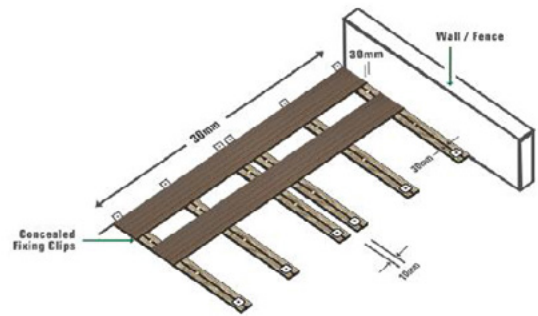
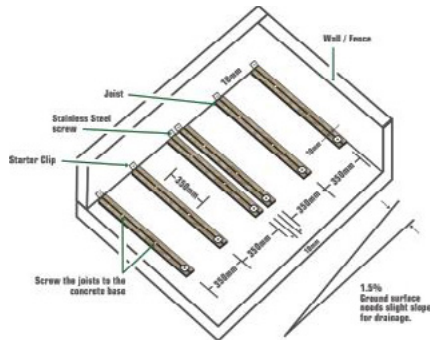


Figure A

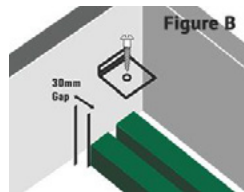


Figure B

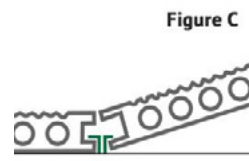


Figure C

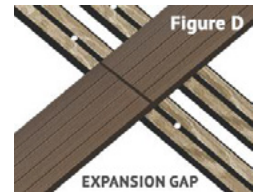


Figure D

1. Lay your Joists 350mm centre to centre, running the opposite way to the direction of the Deck Boards. Make sure to leave a 30mm gap between your walls / fence to allow for expansion.
2. Pre-drill and screw the Joists to your concrete base. (If using Composite Joists pre-drill & over-drill holes to allow for expansion. Use of expansion screws are recommended). See Figure A.
3. Fix Starter Clips along the edge of each Joists at the end you wish to start laying boards from. Pre-drill the screw holes & screw in place. See Figure B.
4. Push your first board into place, clipping into the Starter Clips
5. Clip Concealed Fixing Clips into the first board along each of the Joists. Pre-drill and screw in place. See Figure C. Space between boards should be 5mm.
6. If joining 2 lengths of board together, make sure both ends are supported by separate Joists. Leave a gap calculated on the expansion rate of 0.3% -0.5% of the board length to allow for expansion. See Figure D.
7. Push the next board in place. Repeat until your deck is the required length.
8. Measure out the width of the last board and mark Joists ready for Starter Clips to finish the deck. Pre-drill the holes and screw Starter Clips in place.

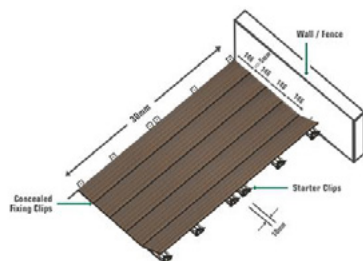
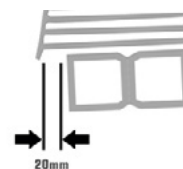


Figure E



Overhang

Overhang of boards from joist should not exceed 20mm.

Finishing L Trim For

Non Step / Non Walking Edge
Lay your final joist with a 20mm overhang to allow for expansion. Screw the 90° angle directly into the joist. If for a walkway or doorway, use an aluminium L shaped cover from your local DIY store to hide the gap.

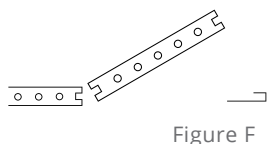
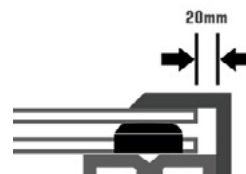


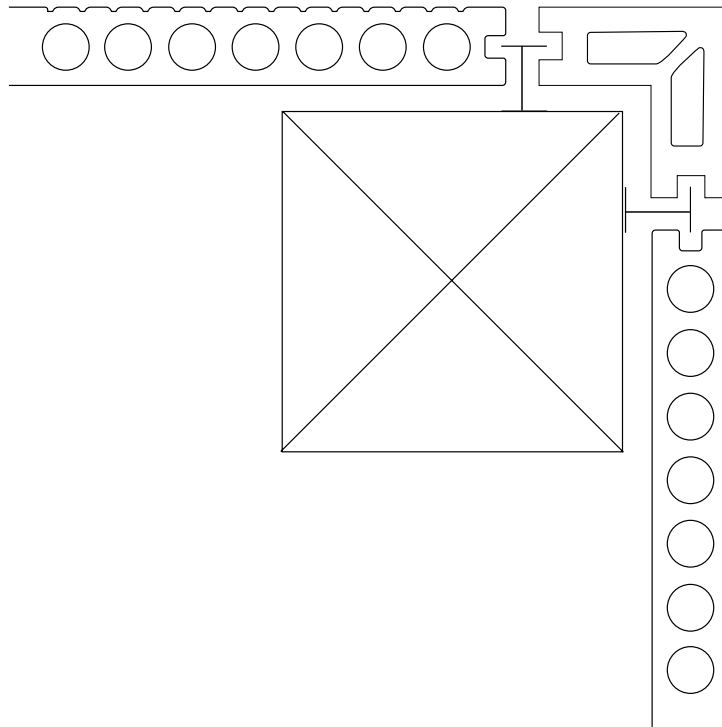
Figure F

9. Clip your last board into the previous board and push down into place using a rubber mallet if required. See Figure F.



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STEP FINISHING SECTION



COLOUR EXPECTANCY

Due to sun bleach, Teckwood composite products are subject to fade, as our composite wood is manmade and a recycled product, thus color variations are expected. Our warranty does not cover color fade, water marks or discoloration or stains on our products. Our deliveries colour variations may occur in different batches.

DISCLAIMER

The information given in this guide is based on guidelines for installation of domestic properties. This guidance does not cover any guidance for commercial decks as they require a more robust design, materials and construction that can deal with loads placed on them. This is just a general guide, it may not cover every scenario envisaged. It will be the sole responsibility of the installer for the installation methods they use and its performance as every installation differs and could be unique. Teckwood recommends that all designs should be reviewed by a licensed architect or engineer before installation, and that every plan or design meets that building regulations and permission before the beginning installations. Please use suitably qualified personnel to prevent injuries or accidents.

