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Ipe Clip® Fastener Installation Instructions

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Tools Needed

Electric Screw Gun used to pilot holes for and installing the stainless steel screws.

Caulk gun & exterior construction adhesive. (Used as a leveling agent for uneven joists.)

Biscuit Joiner* (common cabinet maker tool, available at most hardware stores & home centers) used to make a slot in the edge of the board to allow insertion of the Ipe Clip® fasteners.

Router* can be used if you do not have access to a biscuit joiner, a #20 biscuit cutting router bit (also called a 5/32" slot cutting bit) will work fine. This method is actually preferred by some installers.

***Note: Pre-grooved decking is now available from many decking suppliers. This eliminates the need for using a biscuit joiner or router.**

Fastening the Starter Board

STEP #1

On the first deck board install face screws along the starter side of deck board. These few screws can be installed by countersinking a 3/8" hole and installing the wood plugs provided. It is recommended to apply a small amount of construction adhesive on the joist before laying the starter board.

Remaining Deck Boards

STEP #2

If you are not using pregrooved decking, use a biscuit joiner or a router to cut a slot in the edge of deck board above each joist. Assure that the slot height is such that the bottom tab of the Ipe Clip® fastener lies just above the joist. It is recommended to apply a small amount of construction adhesive on the joists as deck boards are installed.

STEP #3

Insert Ipe Clip® fastener into the groove on edge of the deck board.

STEP #4 - Use 4a for hardwood decking. Use 4b for composite decking.

(a) Run the stainless steel screws at approximately a 45° angle through the hole in the center of the Ipe Clip® fastener, through the deck board, and down into the joist. The head of the screw should be flush with the surface of the Ipe Clip® fastener. Fasten each board using one clip and one screw per joist. Where two boards meet on a single joist, only one fastener is needed. Sometimes it will be necessary to predrill pilot holes for the screws when using denser hardwoods.

(b) Run the stainless steel screws straight down through the center of the Ipe Clip® fastener and into the joist. The head of the screw should be flush with the surface of the Ipe Clip® fastener. Fasten each board using one clip and one screw per joist. Where two boards meet on a single joist, only one fastener is needed.

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