

Composite Decking

The high-performance, durable and slip resistant alternative to traditional timber decking.

- ◆ Better. Does not rot, unlike timber decking, weather resistant and easy to clean.
- ◆ Faster. Quick and easy to install.
- ◆ Safer. Durable, slip resistant, split and splinter-free surface.
- ◆ Choice of grooved or woodgrain effect finishes in three colours.
- ◆ Low maintenance.
- ◆ Hidden fixing system.
- ◆ Environmentally friendly.



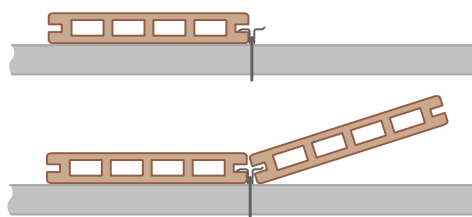
Have more time to do what you love on a composite deck.

A high-performance, eco-friendly wood alternative, that offers the warmth and appeal of natural hardwood without all the time and expense of regular maintenance.

Choose from a range of colours and finishes to suit your style and budget. Finishes can be 'mix and matched' or reversed after a period of time.

Deck boards are quick and easy to fix using the supplied grab clips - a simple 2-step operation.

Composite Decking is slip resistant, splinter-free and very low maintenance with no requirement for annual treatment or oiling to keep that 'just installed' look.



Suelo double-sided hollow deck boards, woodgrain and narrow ribbed, available in charcoal, grey and brown: 146 mm x 25 mm x 3.6 m.

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Water
Resistant



Natural Look
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Quick and Easy
Installation



Slip
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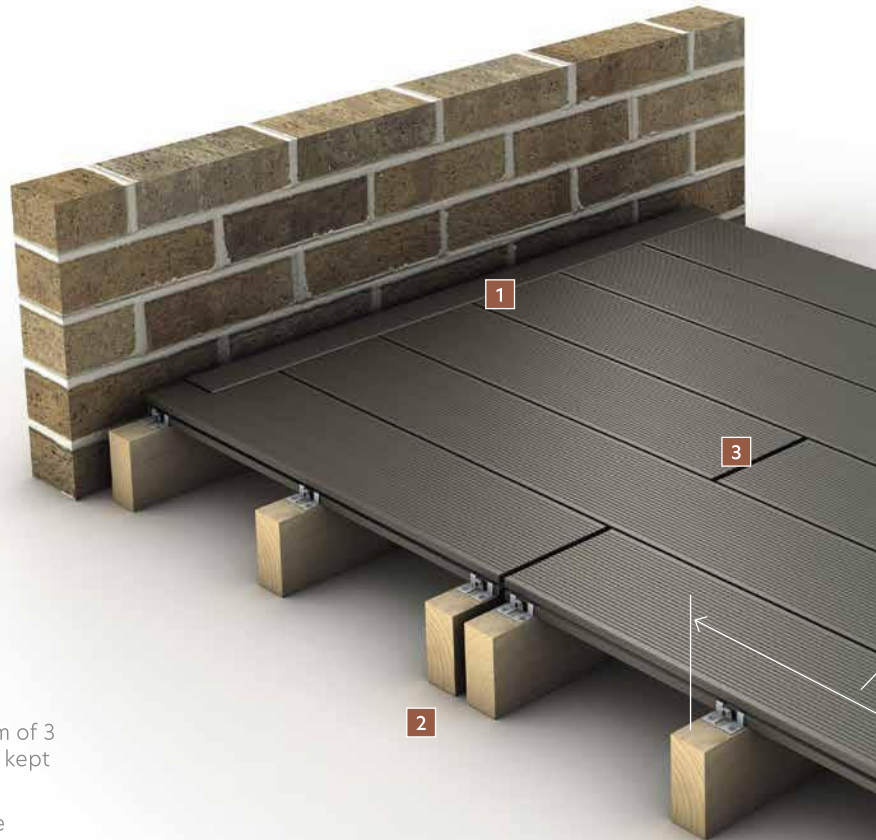
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Composite Decking Installation

Supplied complete with stainless steel fixings for quick and easy installation, and with a colour coded edging and fascia trim available for that finishing touch.



Before you start

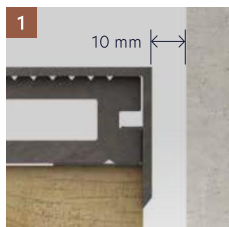
- ◆ Allow Composite Decking to acclimatise for a minimum of 3 days, raised 100 mm off the ground ensuring that it is kept flat and dry.
- ◆ Guardian recommends that installation conditions are stable and flat to avoid the possibility of the decking surface deforming.

Preparing the area

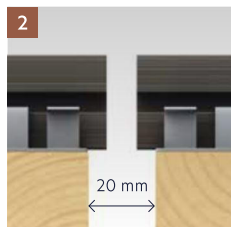
- ◆ Composite joists/keels must be laid on a solid surface such as concrete. Grass, uneven paving slabs or sand will cause movement and damage the installation.
- ◆ Guardian recommends that you do not fix composite joists/keels directly to foundations and that joist/keel centres are no greater than 300 mm, except when fitting Composite Decking boards on the diagonal where we recommend that joist centres are 250 mm and you work from the centre out. If used above ground level we recommend 250 mm centres.
- ◆ When installing above ground level, consult with an engineer.
- ◆ Guardian recommends that a drainage channel be included in the foundations to allow for the free flow of excess water. Drainage channels should be every 600–800 mm.

Installation

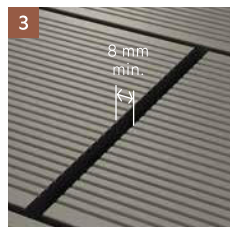
- ◆ A drainage slope along the length of the board of 0.5% or 5 mm per metre should be allowed to ensure sufficient water run-off.
- ◆ Composite Decking boards must have a 6 mm gap between each board, and must be fitted using Composite Decking electrophoretic coated grab deck clips and stainless steel screws. A minimum of 12 clips at 300 mm centres per 3.6 m length is recommended.
- ◆ Composite Decking stainless steel starter clips are recommended for securing the first line and the last line of decking boards with a minimum of 12 clips at 300 mm centres per 3.6 m length.
- ◆ Guardian recommends the use of double joists under butt joints, with one clip each side of the butt joint and an 8 mm end to end gap for drainage and expansion.
- ◆ When butt jointed to walls, or other fixed objects, a 10 mm gap is required.
- ◆ Composite Decking boards should be 50 mm off the ground.
- ◆ Composite Decking boards must be supported along their length. The ends of boards must be supported and not have an overhang of more than 10 mm.
- ◆ When using pressure treated timber joists, Guardian recommends that they are a minimum of 30 mm off the ground to allow air ventilation and water flow.
- ◆ Composite Decking Keel must be raised a minimum of 25 mm above a solid base.
- ◆ Guardian does not recommend the use of composite deck where the space is walled in on all four sides.
- ◆ To ensure correct ventilation, Guardian recommends deck boards are raised above the base with a minimum space of 70 mm to allow airflow under the deck to prevent build up of moisture.



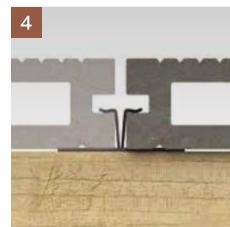
Provide a minimum 10 mm gap between edge of decking and any adjacent wall. Allow 8 mm gap if deck boards run parallel to a wall.



Double joists under butt joints, with one clip each side of the butt joint. Provide a 20 mm gap between joists.



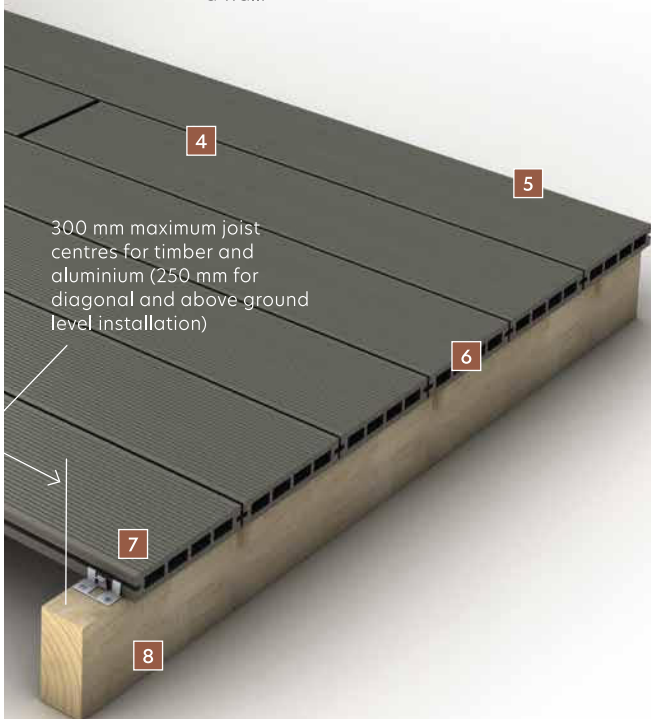
Minimum 8 mm end to end gap between butt jointed boards. This gap is important for drainage and to avoid expansion caused by long term immersion.



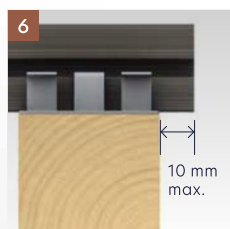
Composite Decking stainless steel fixing clips provide a secure fit and with the recommended 6 mm spacing of boards.



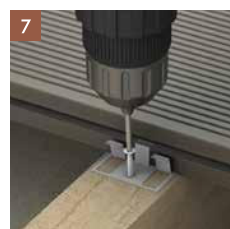
Composite Decking stainless steel starter clip fixed using 3 mm x 25 mm stainless steel screws.



300 mm maximum joist centres for timber and aluminium (250 mm for diagonal and above ground level installation)



10 mm maximum board end overhang from joists.



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Alternative to joists: Composite Decking Keel fixed to height adjustable pedestals using 3 mm x 25 mm stainless steel screws.

Accessories



Colour matched Edging Trims - 40 mm x 40 mm



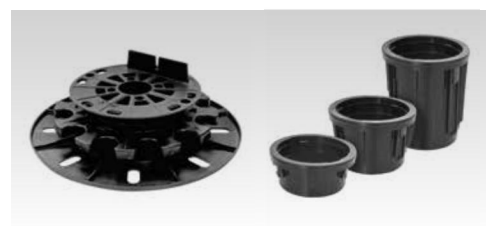
Colour matched Fascia Trims 150 mm x 10 mm x 3.6 m



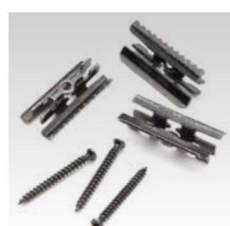
Composite Keels - 40 mm x 30 mm x 3.6 m and 61 mm x 41 mm x 3.6 m



Pack of 30 stainless steel Starter / End Clips



Height adjustable pedestals - 35 mm to 60 mm. Extension inserts - 25 mm, 50 mm and 100 mm.



2.5 m² pack 50 Electroplated Coated Grab Deck Clips with 40 mm Torx Head wood screws and T15 bit

- ◆ Recommended pedestal spacing is every 400 mm (or 10 per 3.6 m length) along 61 mm x 41 mm composite joists and every 450 mm (8 per 3.6 m length) when using 60 mm x 40 mm treated timber joists. Pedestals adjust from 35 mm to 60 mm.
- ◆ Post and deck rails should be fixed directly through the deck to the substructure, allowing for an expansion of 10mm for seasonal movement.
- ◆ Composite Decking Keel must be supported at a maximum of 400 mm centres along its length and a maximum of 250 mm apart for Suelo deck.
- ◆ Composite Decking Keel should have a 20 mm gap when butt jointing end to end.
- ◆ Composite Decking Keel is non-structural and therefore must only be used on solid surfaces. A drainage slope of 0.5% or 5 mm per metre is required to ensure sufficient water run-off.

Composite Railing System

For looks that impress, and performance that endures, the Composite Railing System is the durable alternative to traditional timber ballustrading.

Complete the look of your decking with our Composite Rail system to complete the outdoor living space, adding both beauty and safety to your outdoor space.

- ◆ Better. Does not rot, unlike timber ballustrading, weather resistant and easy to clean.
- ◆ Faster. Quick and easy to install.
- ◆ Safer. Durable, split and splinter-free surface.
- ◆ Flat, 'sanded' effect finish available in grey, charcoal or brown to match our Suelo decking.
- ◆ Low maintenance.
- ◆ Hidden fixing system.
- ◆ Environmentally friendly.



Charcoal

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Scuff and
Stain Resistant



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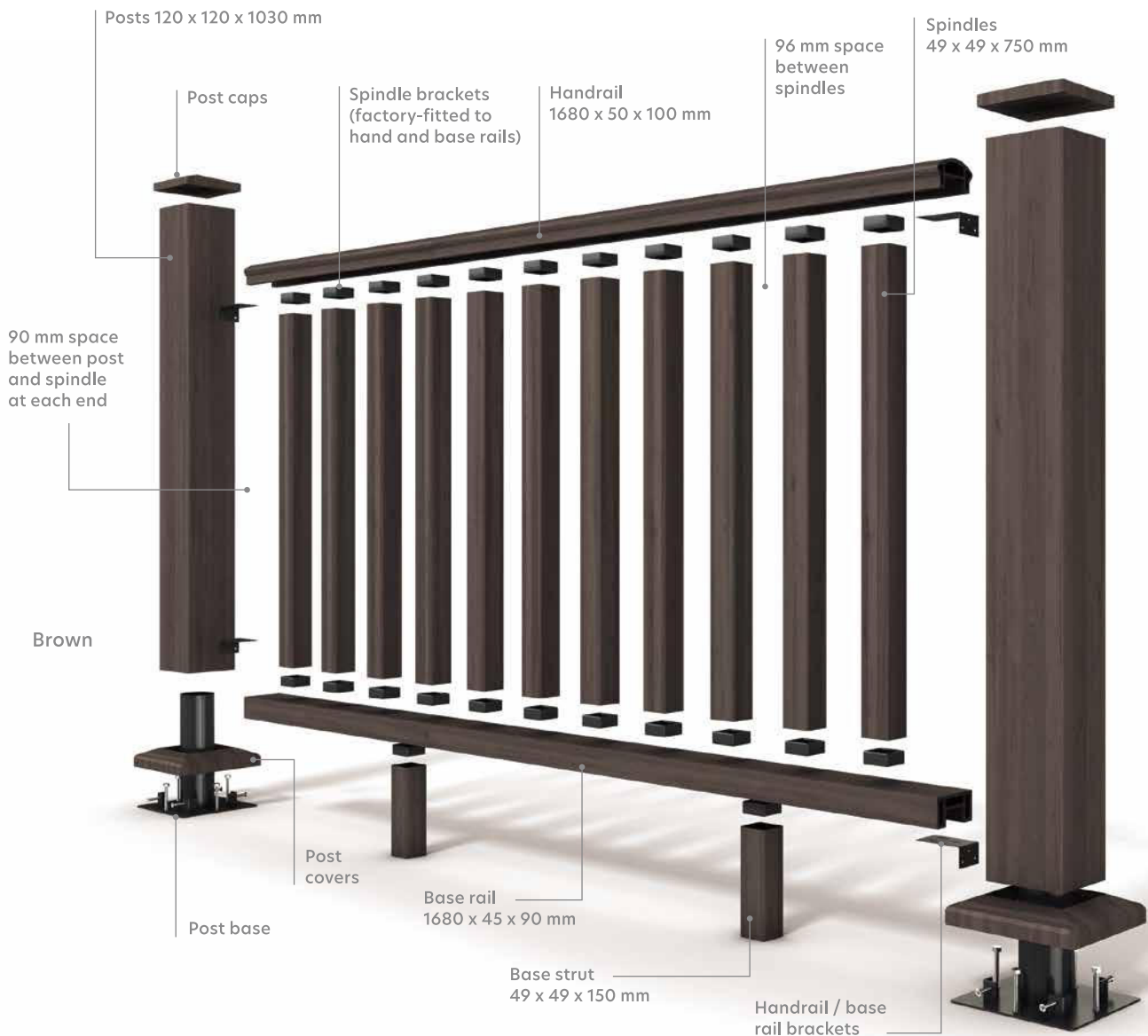
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- ◆ Fit the post base to the sub-base (concrete or joists).
- ◆ Fit the posts to the post base.
- ◆ Fit the post covers.
- ◆ Fit 4 L-shaped brackets and position 2 base struts equally spaced along base rail (L-shaped brackets are fitted with the long angle fixed to the rails).
- ◆ Fit the base rail with 2 spindle mounts in position below the rail to accommodate the base struts.
- ◆ Fit 11 spindles into the factory-fitted spindle brackets mounted on the base rail.
- ◆ Fit the corresponding top hand rail then fit to the post.
- ◆ Finally, fit the post caps.



A 1.8 metre balustrade module consists of a single post assembly, top and bottom rails and 11 spindles, plus all struts brackets and fixings. Therefore an additional post assembly would normally be required to complete a run of balustrade.

Composite Fencing

Elegant modern composite fencing system that will enhance any garden.

Easily installed aluminium posts are available with two different anchoring systems: bolted directly to pre-existing concrete base using flat bottomed supports; or impaled in concrete using spike supports. Featuring 4 separate slots, the aluminium posts allow for multi-directional installation - straight, 90° or T-section.

Boards can be used as replacement panels with our unique composite post adaptor - simply slot the composite post adaptor into the concrete channel in existing concrete posts and slide the boards in place. Use in conjunction with the starter rail and finishing trim kit to complete the look.

Another unique development is our aluminium trim to allow you to install in front of existing neighbouring fencing using our top and bottom trim. Fix the aluminium trim into the concrete channel and insert the fence boards into the aluminium U-channel in conjunction with the starter rail and finishing trim kit.



Hollow fence boards available in grey and brown with a woodgrain effect finish to both sides.



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- ◆ Better. Long-lasting and durable, will not rust or rot.
- ◆ Faster. Quick and easy to install.
- ◆ Safer. Strong, impact resistant, split and splinter-free.
- ◆ Woodgrain effect finish to both sides.
- ◆ Low maintenance - no additional oiling or painting required.
- ◆ Ideal for replacement panels or new build projects.
- ◆ Fade resistant (can fade up to 10% in the first 6-8-week period, thereafter stable).



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Post supports for hard / concrete surfaces



Powder coated aluminium posts (1.88 m height) and caps



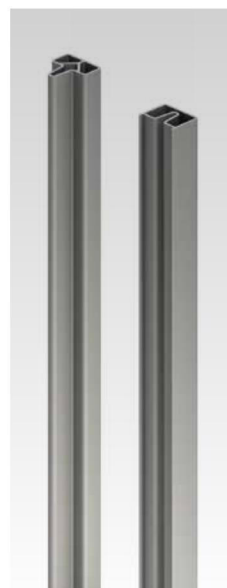
All fixings and brackets supplied



Powder coated aluminium posts finishing trims



Composite concrete post adapter (1.8 m height)



Fence board starter rail and finishing trim



Existing neighbouring fence adapter trim

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