

IMPORTANT

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Prior to installing

Any composite decking, it is recommended that you check with the building codes or your local city law for any special requirements or restrictions. The consumer assumes all risks and liability associated with the construction and use of his decking.

Acclimation

Acclimating at least 2 days prior to installation is recommended. Acclimating the boards will minimize unwanted shrinkage or expansion issues during and after installation.

Note: Always remember when allowing the boards to acclimate at the job site that it is important to put them on a flat and even surface. If put on an uneven surface there is a possibility that the boards could warp to the shape of the terrain.

Ventilation

All composite products CANNOT be directly installed onto a flat surface. It must be installed onto a substructure, so there is adequate and unobstructed air flow under the decking to prevent excessive water absorption. A minimum of 6 inches for Elegance Premium and 12 inches for Elegance Plus of continuous net free area under the decking surface is required for adequate ventilation on all decking so air can circulate between adjacent joist to favor drainage and drying.

Expansion and Contraction

Composite deck boards will experience expansion and contraction with changes in temperature. Expansion and contraction are most significant where extreme temperature changes occur. Fasten the deck boards according to the gapping requirements for these variations.

Fasteners

When fastening composite products, all screws that are face fastened should always be driven in at a 90-degree angle to the decking surface. Toe nailing/screwing should never be done on the boards. An extra joist should be added if a 90-degree angle cannot be driven into the board. All fasteners should be on their own independent joists; when two boards end meet each other, there must be a sister joist. The end of each board must sit on its own joist.