

OFFICIAL INSTALLATION GUIDE

IMPORTANT SUGGESTED ADHESIVES

To install Deck-Top properly and maintain your investment for years to come, we strongly recommend using. only a "**Polyurethane**" based adhesive, such as the following:

OTHER RECOMMENDED ADHESIVE:

- Titebond Fast Set Polyurethane Construction Adhesive
- Liquid Nails Polyurethane
- Liquid Nails "Fuse It"
- DAP Dynagrip Heavy Duty Max Construction Adhesive
- Gorilla Glue Heavy Duty Construction Adhesive
- HYBRI-SIL[®] Polyurethane Adhesive OR Bostik PRO-MS 50[™] Polyurethane Adhesive

NOTE: One standard size tube of adhesive will generally secure up to 12 – 14 ft. of Deck-Top. HYBRI-SIL or Bostik PRO-MS 50 can be ordered at Lazer Mfg. PH:1-800-233-0076 (Mention Deck-Top for special pricing)

PRIOR TO PURCHASING DECK-TOP:

- 1. First determine how many planks of Deck-Top are needed on your dock or deck and measure their lengths. Deck-Top is currently produced in 8ft and 12 ft. standard lengths. Other lengths and colors are available by special order with a minimum run amount. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.
- 2. Determine how many edges will be exposed and require optional 1 1/2" x 1 3/4" PVC edge trim covering. Trim pieces are available in 8 ft. lengths. Note: 1 1/2" x 1 3/4" PVC trim can be installed using the same adhesive used on Deck-Top planks.
- **3.** To allow proper fit and drainage, it is recommended to have a minimum 3/16" space between deck boards before starting to install Deck-Top.

DECK-TOP INSTALLATION PREPARATION:

- Make sure that the existing structure is free from grease and/or loose debris prior to Deck-Top application. Deck-Top will conform to the shape of your existing decking, so distressed and/or warped boards should be removed and replaced prior to installation.
- 2. If dock/deck boards (composite or wood) are not securely nailed down to floor joists, it is strongly recommended to screw each board down at all points of contact with the floor joists (stainless steel screws are recommended). This will help ensure that there are no loose boards after Deck-Top is installed. If possible, we also advise the removal and reattachment of all existing fasteners and cleats after the adhesive has cured.
- 3. If the existing gap between your deck boards is 3/16" or more, but it has been filled in by paint or other debris, additional steps should be taken. Apply a 1/4" router bit or circular saw run between the board, at least 1/2" deep to provide enough room for Deck-Top to fit over the original planks. If your existing deck boards were installed too close together and are less than 3/16" apart, it is recommended that you remove the planks and re-space them accordingly. This process will ensure that your existing decking is securely attached prior to installing Deck-Top.



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DECK-TOP ADHESIVE INSTALLATION:

 Select a Deck-Top approved adhesive. <u>You must use a Polyurethane PVC to Wood All-Weather based adhesive with</u> <u>Deck-Top.</u> These types of adhesives have been vigorously tested and tried over time against the elements. Please see page 1 for a complete list of recommended adhesives.

Note: Regular non-polyurethane adhesives are not a recommended adhesive as they did not perform to our satisfaction during testing.

- 2. Apply a bead of adhesive on each inside vertical lip on the right and left sides of Deck-Top.
- 3. On the underside of the Deck-Top plank, run a back-and-forth bead of adhesive (in a z-like motion) from end-toend over the full length of the plank. This will ensure proper coverage when Deck-Top is placed on top of your decking. One 9 oz. tube of approved adhesive should be used for every 12 linear feet of Deck-Top.
 - If any excess glue is applied to any other surface, clean area immediately. Any uncured sealant needs to be removed by using the manufactures' recommended cleaners. Bostik Specialty Sealant Remover™ or Mineral Spirits are the recommended cleaning agents. Cured sealant is usually very difficult to remove without altering or damaging the surface to which the sealant has been misapplied.
- 4. Place the adhesive-covered Deck-Top plank on top of a decking board with the adhesive-covered side touching the decking board.
- 5. Once Deck-Top is placed on top of the decking board, immediately apply pressure to the top surface from end to end.
- **6.** Follow the adhesive manufacturer's instructions and recommendation on drying time before walking on your new deck surface.
- 7. Note: Optional J-Cladding needs to be installed before installing any edge trim.
 - The J section on the cladding may need to be cut or removed based on the current construction or desired application.
 Example: If you are covering step risers the J section must be removed before the cladding can be installed. The bottom of the cladding may need to be notched to properly fit around the ends of floor joists.
 - Once the J-Cladding has been prepared for installation, make sure all ends have a bead of adhesive in a "Z"-like pattern through the center portion. Any excess adhesive must be removed as soon as possible. Install immediately and apply pressure. A roller works best to apply even pressure to the cladding. Make sure wood is dry, properly secured, and clean of any debris. Masking Tape may be temporally needed to hold J-Cladding in place until the adhesive cures. Once the adhesive has cured the tape can now be removed.
 - Edge trim should be installed after Deck-Top, and J-Cladding (if used) is properly secured. Edge trim can be precut or drilled for hardware before installation. One bead of adhesive is needed for each underside of the Trim edge in a "Z" like pattern. The edge trim should be immediately installed applying pressure to both the top and the side. Any excess adhesive must be removed as soon as possible. Masking Tape may be temporally needed to hold edge trim in place until the adhesive cures. Masking tape should be removed as soon as adhesive has cure.

CLEANING

Deck-Top is stain-resistant. Common dirt, scuffs, or stains on the flooring can appear over a period, but they can be easily cleaned away with soap and water.

• For stains such as rust or other similar marks on the Deck-Top surface, acetone can be used to clean the area. Be sure to clean the area with soap and water immediately after using acetone.

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? JUST NEED SOME HELP? CONTACT CUSTOMER SUPPORT:

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