

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Prior to installing the BlackTalon Universal Deck Fastener, check with your local regulatory agency for special code requirements in your area and review the decking material installation instructions provided by the lumber supplier and/or manufacturer. Acclimatize your deck boards prior to installation; allow moisture/temperature of the deck board to reach the ambient moisture/temperature level of the surroundings prior to installation. All wood and composite decking products require proper ventilation and drainage in order to ensure longevity.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1 Installing the First Board: The first row of deck boards should be squared accurately to the substructure, drilled and screwed through face with 1 stainless steel screw on the opposite edge of clip. Pre-drilling may be required.

2 Assembling Boards: Place clips onto joist and slide into groove. Set up two to five rows of deck board sections or the entire deck with one clip on each joist. Do NOT screw the clips down as you go. Push everything in place with hand pressure, or set up a board straightener tool (i.e. Bow Wrench®) or clamp, if needed to straighten boards. (A deck board straightening tool helps to squeeze multiple boards tight against clip legs to create automatic gap spacing).

Be sure clips are aligned in the grooves before the section is squeezed tight. Look the section over one more time for defects, which may need to be trimmed out. Check for the following: boards tight to the clip legs to insure proper spacing; straight lines; and color/aesthetics. Refer to decking manufacturer for recommended butt joint gapping, and other required spacing.

3 Secure Fastener to Joists, Applying Pressure to Deck Boards: Squeeze section TIGHT, secure to the joist with the stainless steel screws provided. Do not screw the outside edge of the last board until the next section of boards is installed. Repeat above process until the final row is installed.

4 Installing the Last Row: Similar to installing the first board: drill and screw through the deck board face on the opposite edge of clip with 1 stainless steel screw provided. Pre-drilling may be required.

GENERAL NOTES: Please refer to the supplier and/or manufacturer of your decking material for specific recommendations, butt joints, fascia, safety and handling as well as maintenance and finish.

Angled Decks: For 4" joist or angled applications request our "Angled clips".



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