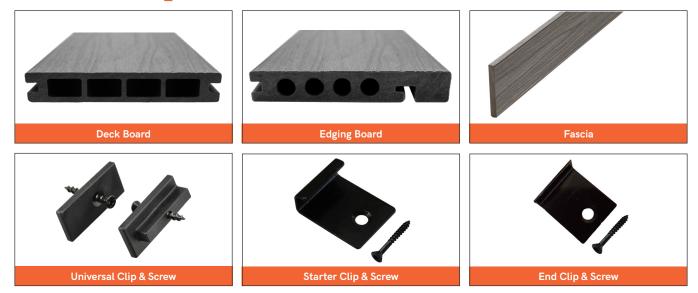






Guide to Planning & Installing Hunter Decking

Decking System Components



Tools Required for Installation



It is your responsibility to ensure that you comply with all applicable health and safety legislation and guidelines.

How Much Product Do I Need?

Hunter Deck Boards

- In metres, multiply the length by the width of the area; Length(m) x Width(m) = (a)
- Multiply the answer (a) by 2.
- If there is a decimal, round it up to the next number.

Example based on an area of 3.6m length by 4.8m wide: 3.6 x 4.8 = 17.28 x 2 = 34.56. Rounded up to nearest full board = 35 boards required.

Starter Clip

- In millimetres (mm), measure the total length of the boards with the grooved side facing you
 = (a)
- Divide the answer (a) by 300
- Add 1 to the answer

Example based on 3600mm 3600 / 300 = 12 12 + 1 = 13

Universal / Edging Clip

13 Per Board

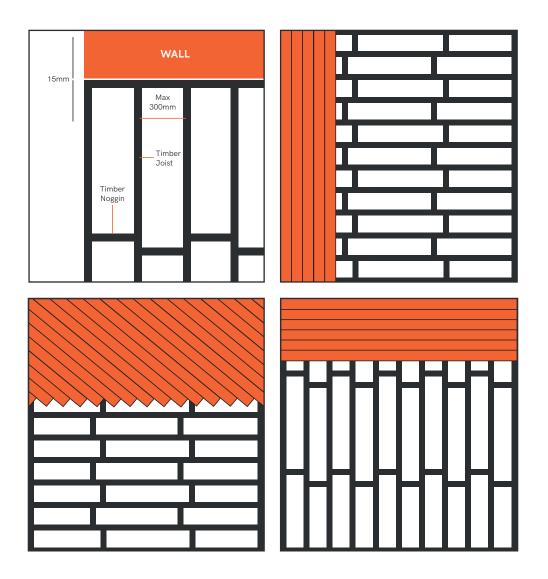
Edging Board & Fascias

As required subject to the design of the deck.

Installation Considerations

Timber Subframe Considerations

- C16 treated timber should be used for constructing the subframe.
- Recommended sizes: 100 x 47mm or if elevated 125 x 47mm.
- We recommend 300mm joist centres.
- A 15mm gap should be left between the frame and any walls to allow for air flow.
- We recommend covering the ground underneath the frame with a membrane to prevent weeds from coming through.
- Levelling the frame: allow a 1 in 100 gradient away from any building to assist with water run off.
- Always use screws suitable for outdoor use when constructing the frame.



Pre-Installation Considerations

- Fully read our Understanding Piranha Guide for more tips and advice, particulary, if you are inexperienced in installing our Piranha ranges.
- Always purchase all the boards for the project together as colour may vary from batch to batch. Batches brought at different times will vary due to natural and process variables, from material batching to temperature and humidity.
- Always inspect the boards for any damage upon delivery.
- Always allow for wastage (10% is recommended subject to design).
- Consider how you're going to store the product once it arrives on site or at your store. Stack on flat ground with supports at each end and spaced no more than 600mm apart.
- Do not stack packs more than four high.
- Store opened packs under cover if possible or cover with tarpaulin.
- We'd recommend allowing your delivery to acclimatise for 24 hours prior to starting installation.

Installation Considerations

- All composite decking boards will naturally contract and expand, subject to temperature conditions. Suitable gaps should be maintained between board joints. This is outlined in the table below.
- Variation is designed into the shade spectrums using colour mixing, but some packs may have a more predominant shade to the next. Bear this in mind and inspect each pack to see if you need to consider mixing to create a natural blend.
- For best results, we'd normally recommend you try and install each board with the grain in the opposite direction. This further helps with creating a natural look and avoids any remote possibilities of spotting repeats in the grain.
- If you are not satisfied or concerned about any aspect of your delivery, please report it to your supplier before you start work, so we can support all parties to resolve the situation, as appropriate and as urgently as possible. Talasey Ltd will not accept liability or costs when product was deemed to be unsatisfactory but then installation continued.

Temperature Guidance Table	
Outside Temperature	End-To-End Gap
Below 4°C	6mm
Between 4°C - 25°C	3mm

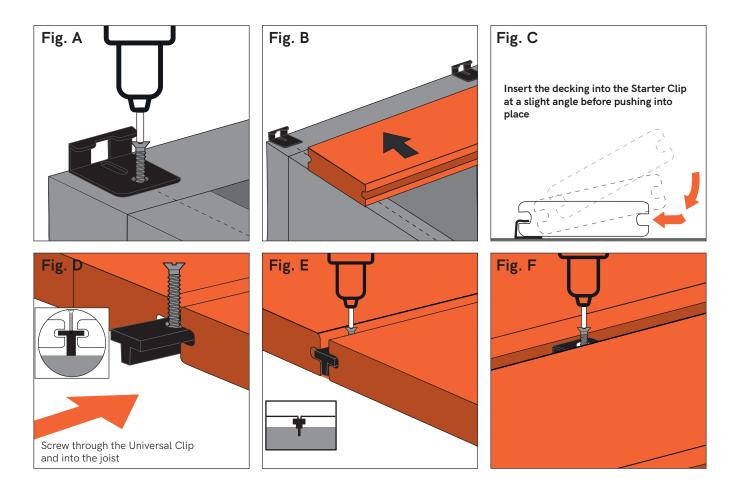


Handling Considerations

When storing the boards outside always put the boards on a flat surface and cover them with a layer of sheeting to protect them from dirt and grit that could damage the boards. Do not drag or slide the boards over one another when laying the deck.

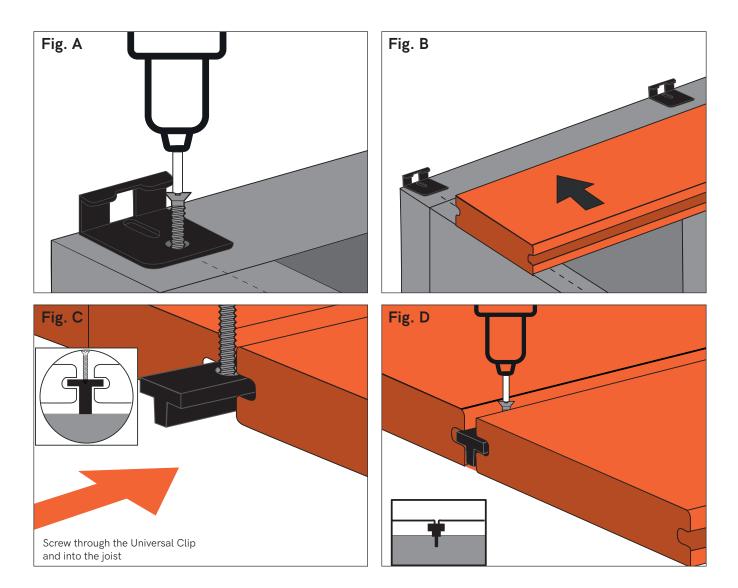
Installing Hunter Deck Boards

- Position the starter clips at the intersection of each joist and secure. These should be level with the edge of the frame. (Fig. A)
- Place the deck board with the grooved edge facing the starter clips. (Fig. B)
- Insert the deck board into the starter clip at a slight angle before pushing into place. (Fig. C)
- Place Hunter universal clips on each joist and into the side groove of the board. Using the screw provided, secure the clip. Do not tighten them up. (Fig. D + E)
- Line up the next board with the clips and push it into place. Now tighten the first row of clips. (Fig. F)
- Repeat the process for subsequent boards.



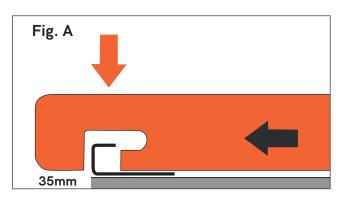
Installing the Last Deck Board

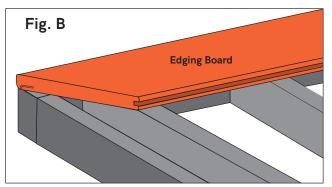
- To fit the last board, first measure the width of the final board. Trim the board to size, if required.
- Do not fit the penultimate board yet.
- Fit starter clips and slot the last board in place. (Fig. A + B)
- Now insert the penultimate board.
- Slide the required Hunter universal clips in between the boards. (Fig. C)
- Once the clips are positioned over the joists, secure in place. (Fig. D)

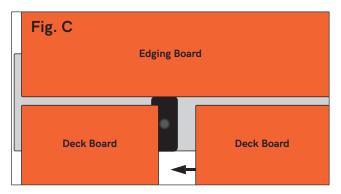


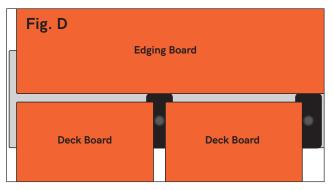
Installing Hunter Edging Boards

- Position and fit the starter clips as described in the previous section.
- Place the Hunter edging board over the starter clip and push the board (as shown in the diagram) to secure in place (Fig. A, Fig. B).
- Continue fitting the rest of the boards as previously described.
- This will give you a 35mm overhang less the thickness of the fascia used.
- If you are fitting the Hunter edging board perpendicular to the rest of the boards you will need a double joist on your frame (see section "Picture framing").
- To secure the Hunter edging board perpendicular to the rest of the boards, you will need to insert the Universal Edging Clip as shown in the diagram with the front of the clip positioned in the groove of the edging board. Fig. C
- Secure the Universal Edging Clip to the joist, then push the next deck board in place.
- Repeat this process for the remaining deck boards, making sure the fronts of all the Universal Edging Clips are firmly in the groove of the edging board. Fig. D

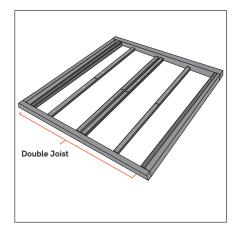


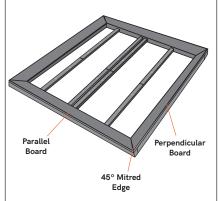


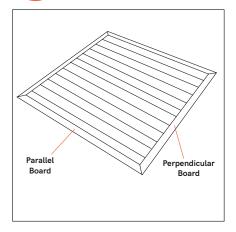




Picture Framing







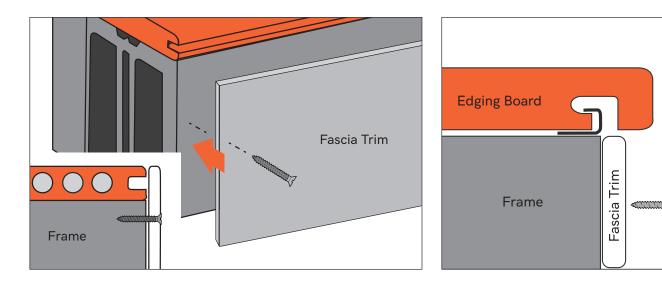
A double joist is needed on Boards will need to be cut with the perpendicular side of the 45 degree mitred edges. frame.

After installing the perimeter boards, install subsequent boards.

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Fitting Fascia Trims

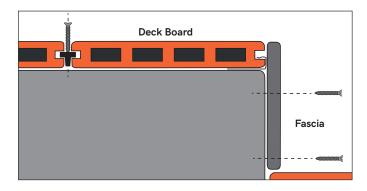
Deck board edges can be finished with a fascia trim. Run some grip adhesive on the back of the trim and secure in place by either using panel pins or screws. Always pre drill pilot holes in the fascia.

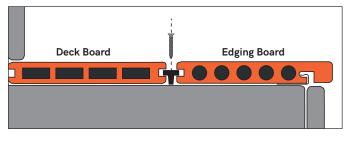


Building Decking Steps

- Steps can be made by building a number of boxes and stacking them on top of each other.
- The tread height (including the deck board) should be a maximum of 150mm.
- Joists centres 300mm.
- Secure the steps to the subframe.

Box-Framed Steps





Steps using Hunter deck boards and fascia boards.

Steps using Hunter edging boards and fascia boards.

General Information Colour Stabilisation

All our Piranha products contain UV stabilisers, however, due to their high natural content, all composite landscaping products will go through an initial colour stabilisation. This will commonly be noticed when moving seasonal fixtures, such as flowerpots or garden furniture. When the products are initially exposed to variable temperatures and humidity, some shade change can occur as the product stabilises. It is often imperceptible until you move one of the seasonal fixtures. Any patch left behind will catch up with the rest of the area, if the fixture is not placed back in the exact same spot. This period of stabilisation generally occurs over the first cycle of the seasons.

TerraFuzion provides increased protection against fading & weathering, providing the boards with an extra long life, due to its HDPE capping.

Colour Banding

Variation is designed into the shade spectrums using colour mixing, but some packs may have a more predominant shade to the next. Bear this in mind and inspect each pack to see if you need to consider mixing to create a natural blend.

Orders bought at different times will exhibit shade difference.

Even products purchased at the same time but then split into two separate projects at different times will stabilise at different rates. For example, if an area is installed and then extended some time later, even with the same consignment of product, there will be variation exhibited.

Dark Patching/Anaerobic Zones

On rare occasions, fixtures such as rubber doormats can cause anaerobic bacteria zones where there is a depletion of oxygen. This may cause the area under the mat to darken significantly.

Caring For Your Hunter Deck

We recommend cleaning your deck every 3-6 months.

General Cleaning - Apply warm soapy water to the surface of the boards and clean with a soft bristled brush.

Deep Cleaning - Use Pavetuf Composite Cleaner which is specifically designed for the removal of built up surface dirt. It is biodegradable and is a non-acidic, non-caustic formula. Alternatively use a jet wash with no greater than 3100 PSI to clean the surface of your deck. Have the jet wash on a fan setting and hold 30-45cm from the surface. Regardless of which cleaning method you choose, always clean along the length of the boards to prevent any accumulation of debris that can interfere with water drainage.

Stubborn Spot Stains - For stubborn stains, such as oil and grease marks, we recommend that you use the techniques outlined above as well as the advice below: Treat the affected area within the first 7 days. Pavetuf Deep Cleaner can be used, as it contains a degreasing agent which assists in the removal of heavy soiling such as oil and grease stains from the surface of hard landscaping products, including composite deck boards.

Surface Mildew and Mould Growth - Piranha deck boards are resistant to the damaging effects of both mould and mildew growth, this type of growth can occur on almost every outdoor surface and may collect on the surface of the boards. General routine cleaning will help avoid excessive build-up of such growth. Pavetuf Green-Off Cleaner can be use if there is a build-up of organic growth. It is a fast acting cleaner specifically designed for the treatment of organic growth.

Water Stains - Use warm soapy water to thoroughly clean the affected boards. You may want to use a jet wash on the affected area to assist with the removal of surface residue. To further speed-up this process, use Pavetuf Composite Cleaner.

Ice and Snow - Avoid using metal shovels, rakes, ice chippers and any other sharp objects to clear snow or ice off your deck. We recommend using a plastic shovel, otherwise you run the risk of scratching or damaging the surface of the boards. We recommend using a salt-free, noncorrosive ice melt which is designed not to leave any residue on the surface of the boards and is generally more effective than salt-based alternatives. Rock salt can be used on our composite decking, but we advise that this is cleared away shortly after it has been applied to ensure that it does not damage or scratch the surface of the boards.



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