## DECKING SPECIFICATIONS AND PROFILES



##  <br> TREX HIDEAYAY HIDDEN <br> FASTENING SYSTEM <br> DESCRIPTION

Connector Clip (stainless steel)

Gun Pail

Start Clip (stainless steel)


Universal Starter Clip

## Universal Fastener

(glass-filled nylon)


Router Bit

## 50 sq. ft. box

500 sq. ft. bucket
500 sq. ft. (46.5 m²) bucket with collated pneumatic screws

400 sq. ft. bag

400 sq. ft. bag

50 sq. ft. box
500 sq. ft. bucket

Router Bit

## CONNECTCLIP

CLIPPAIL
GUNCLIP

STARTERCLIP

UNIVSTARTERCLIP

JNIVCONCLIP DA00002

ROUTBIT

|  | TREX® PRODUCT LINES |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Transcend ${ }^{\text {® }}$ | Enhance ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | Select ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | Accents ${ }^{\text {® }}$ | Escapes ${ }^{\text {s }}$ |
| Trex Hideaway ${ }^{\text {® }}$ Hidden Fastener | X | x | x | x | x |
| FastenMaster ${ }^{\text {® }}$ TrapEase II Composite Screw | x | X | X | X |  |
| FastenMaster ${ }^{5}$ TrapEase ${ }^{8} 3$ Ulitimate Composite Decking Screw (Available Spring 2014) | X | X | X | X | X |
| Quick Drive ${ }^{\text {t }}$ Composi-Lok Deck Screw |  |  |  | X |  |
| UFO Ballistic NailScrews ${ }^{\text {T }}$ |  |  |  | $x$ |  |
| Dexxter ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Composite Screw - 6 Lobe Drive Only | X | X | X | X |  |
| Fastenmaster ${ }^{\text {T }}$ TrimTop Screw |  |  |  |  | $x$ |
| Scrudinir"Hand Drive Screws |  |  |  |  | x |
| Camo ${ }^{\text {® }}$ Marksman Pro ${ }^{\text {s }}$ |  |  |  |  | X |
| DeckFast ${ }^{\text { }}$ Cap-Tor ${ }^{8} \mathrm{xd} /$ /HeadCote ${ }^{\text {® }}$ CapTor ${ }^{\text {® }}$ xd | X | X | X | $x$ | X |
| Screw Product C-Deck Exterior Star Drive Composite Deck Screw | X | X | X | X | x |
| C-Deck Exterior Star Drive <br> Composite Deck Screw (See note below) | X | X | X |  |  |
| Phillips II Plus* Pozisquare |  | X | X | X |  |
| Cortex ${ }^{\text {® }}$ Conceled Fasteners | X | X | X | X |  |
| Muro ${ }^{\circledR}$ T-Screw Torx Stainless Steel Screw Collated (TX0212SFD or M-TX0300SEP) | X | X | X | X |  |

NOTE: C-Deck screw listed above is also color matched for use with white Trex 1x8 and 1x12 composite fascia. NOTE: Muro T-Screw M-TX0300SEP listed above is approved for $2 \times 6$ decking (can also be used with standard 1" ( 2.5 cm ) decking as listed above). This screw is collated and can be used with Muro Auto Feed Screw Gun FDVL41 Speed Driver. (NOTE: This is not a color match screw.) For best results, we recommend the above fasteners, which work well and provide an attractive appearance. Unless you are toe screwing, you will not have to pre-drill when you use these screws. See Framing and Fastening Tips, page 37.

## Trex recommends the use of two screws per joist.

| MINIMUM FASTENER SIZE |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SCREWs |  |
| Profile | Length | No. |
| $1^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}$ | $2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}(6.4 \mathrm{~cm})$ or $2-3 / 4^{\prime \prime}(7 \mathrm{~cm})$ | $\# 8, \# 10$ |
| $2^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}$ | $3^{\prime \prime}(7.6 \mathrm{~cm})$ | $\# 8, \# 10$ |

If any condition occurs which is attributable to the use of non-recommended fasteners, such condition shall not be covered under Trex's Limited Warranty.

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## DECKING FASTENERS/continued

## FASTENING TIPS FOR TREX ESCAPES®*

You can fasten Trex Escapes ${ }^{3}$ with the recommended fasteners at least $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}(1.25 \mathrm{~cm})$ and not more than $4^{\prime \prime}(10.2 \mathrm{~cm})$ from the board edge without splitting. You do not have to predrill with Trex Escapes.
*Use Trex Universal Hideaway ${ }^{\circledR}$ hidden fasteners for Escapes grooved product. This includes additional screws for installation.

## FASTENING TIP FOR TREX ESCAPES®, TREX TRANSCEND®, TREX ENHANCE®, AND TREX ${ }^{\circledR}$ SELECT ${ }^{\text {" }}$

NOTE: When using pneumatic or battery-operated equipment, adjust the pressure so that you only shoot the head of the nail to be flush with the board's cap. DO NOT shoot the fastener head completely through the cap.

## TREX AND STATIC ELECTRICITY

The buildup of static electricity on a flat surface can affect walking surfaces. This phenomenon can occur in dry climates, where hot dry winds and dust-born particles can create static electricity on the surface of the decking. (This static electricity is the same as when people drag their feet on a dry day or rub a balloon on fur or wool.) In most cases, hosing down the decking surface will dissipate the static charge, however if this continues the deck can be grounded. Consult with an electrician to determine the best methods for this.

## TREX PRODUCTS NEAR LOW-E WINDOWS

Low-E glass reflects more sunlight, and it has been observed that the extra reflectivity combined with any concavity in the glass can act like that of a concave mirror, concentrating sunlight onto outdoor objects, including that of decking and railing. This can result in an extreme amount of heat concentrated on areas of the decking surface, which in turn can sometimes char the decking surface or cause the decking to slightly bow.

Composite decking is a great alternative to traditional wood decking. When building your deck and railing, it is recommended that code-approved structural material be used as the framing and joists. One option is using Trex Elevations ${ }^{\circledR}$ steel deck framing. Refer to www.trex.com for more information on Trex Elevations. Check your local building codes for restrictions. Trex ${ }^{3 / 3}$ decking cannot be used for structural applications.
DO NOT attach Trex decking directly to any solid surface or watertight system. See Sleeper Systems on page 38. In most cases, install fasteners at a $90^{\circ}$ angle (perpendicular to the board).

At board ends on the deck's edge, you can install screws placed perpendicularly at the recommended distance, at minimum of $1^{\prime \prime}(2.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ from the board end and edge, without splitting the board.

For butt joints, where boards meet over a single joist, add a 2" x 4 " ( $5.1 \mathrm{~cm} \times$ 10.2 cm ) "nailer" board at the butt joint. This allows you to install a screw at a $90^{\circ}$ angle.


## FASCIA FASTENING TIPS

» Trex fascia around the base of a deck must be gapped the same as the decking to allow for air flow.
" Attach the fascia every 12" ( 30.5 cm ) with three Trex approved screws. Place the top screw $1^{\prime \prime}(2.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ from the top of the rim joist, the second screw at the rim joist's center, and the third screw 1" ( 2.5 cm ) from the bottom of the rim joist.
» A construction grade weather resistant adhesive is also recommended to be used as a SECONDARY fastener when attaching fascia.

## HIDDEN FASTENER TIPS

## Start Clips Needed

You will need 0.75 clips for every lineal foot of decking. For example, 40 feet of decking would require 30 start clips.
0.75 x $\qquad$ ft of decking = \# of start clips

NOTE: When using hidden fasteners (both start and connector clips), one must be used on every joist.

## Calculating the Number of Connector Clips Needed

» \# of joists x \# of decking boards = \# of connector clips needed.
" Ninety (90) connector clips will cover approximately 50 sq. ft. ( $103 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$ ) using $5.5^{\prime \prime}$ ( 14 cm ) decking boards on $16^{\prime \prime}(40.6 \mathrm{~cm})$ centers.

| CONNECTOR CLIPS NEEDED |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Joist Spacing | Deck Size Square Feet |  |  |  |  |
| (on center) | 100 | 200 | 300 | 400 | 500 |
| $12^{\prime \prime}(30.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ | 210 | 441 | 672 | 882 | 1113 |
| $16^{\prime \prime}(40.6 \mathrm{~cm})$ | 175 | 336 | 512 | 672 | 848 |
| $24 "(66 \mathrm{~cm})$ | 110 | 231 | 352 | 462 | 583 |

## DOCK APPLICATIONS

Trex decking contains no materials that will harm marine life and is safe for the environment. As long as dock is in intermittent contact with water, i.e., splashing and not in continuous direct contact with water, the durability of the Trex decking should not be affected. For docks, a 3/8" (1 cm) width-to-width gap between boards is recommended to allow for increased drainage due to increased contact with water. In addition, stainless steel fasteners should be used. If there is sufficient contact with the dock and gasoline, grounding of the dock is also recommended.

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A sleeper system is a buffer between a solid surface and Trex decking. Drainage, access, and airflow are crițical. Waţer must pe able to flow through and away from the geck. For repairs and removal of depris, joist system access is necessary. Good airflow will keep the decking dry and in good condition.

Trex, when useğ with a sleeper sysțem, musṭ pe supported pelow its ențire length and if used in a roofing application, the supports must run the direction of the pithch of the roof to facilitatae proper drainage. In addition, sleeper joists must be attached to the roof structure in a manner that stabilizes the deck frame. Failure to do so may result in a poor structure which will compromise deck performance.

In areas of application where a sleeper system is required that would not be susceptible to excessive debris buildup (examples would include covered areas such as balconies, porches, etc.), a minimum height of $1-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}(3.8 \mathrm{~cm})$ for pressure-treated joists as well as a minimum 1/4" ( 0.6 cm ) gap between Trex decking would be acceptable. These areas would still have to be designed to allow for proper drainage and hidden fasteners would be acceptable. However, if access to the structure under the decking is required, it would be recommended to use either the universal fastener
(plastic) or 2" ( 5.1 cm ) composite decking screws. A $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}(Q .6 \mathrm{~cm})$ to $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}(1.3 \mathrm{~cm})$ gap is still required when aputting walls or other fixed okjects.

In all other areas where there could pe excessive waţer kuildup along with depris puildup, Trex would recommend a minimum height of $3-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}(8.2 \mathrm{~cm})$ for pressure-treaţeḑ joisțs, as well as a gap of $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}(1 \mathrm{~cm})$. For this application, hidden fasteners would not pe recommended and standard $\mathbf{\beta}^{\prime \prime}(7.6 \mathrm{~cm})$ composiţe screws would pe useg.

ALWAYS consult your local building code authority for proper details on roof and railing installation to the roof structure if required.

## ROOFTOP DECK TIPS

» If you want to access the roof, you must build the Trex deck in removable sections or with removable fasteners.
» You must attach the sleeper joists to the roof structure so that they stabilize the deck frame. Failure to do so may result in a poor structure which will compromise deck performance.

## CODE COMPHANCE Joist Spanning for Decking

Trex ${ }^{\text {® }}$ decking meets all applicable national model building codes. The joists must be spaced on center

ADJUST JOIST SPANNING TO ACCOMMODATE ANGLED DECKING PATTERNS* according to the chart below. Be sure that joists are level and plumb. Trex decking must span at least three joists. For heavy items such as hot tubs, planters, etc., consult a local building engineer or inspector for span recommendations. If you want to minimize the appearance of joists through the spaces between boards, paint the top of your joists black.

## Code Listings

Trex complies with major model building codes and has been evaluated by the International Code Council evaluation service.

## Trex Complies with these Model Building Codes:

" 1997 Uniform Building Code (UBC).
" 1999/2009 Standard Building Code (SBC).
»2006/2009 International Residential Code (IRC).
»2006/2009 International Building Code (IBC).
» International One and Two Family Dwelling Code 1998.
» BOCA® National Building Code/1999 (BNBC).
» Trex decking is included in the National Research Council of Canada's Registry of Product Evaluations. See trex.com for CCMC Evaluation Report 13125-R.

For an Materials Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), please visit trex.com


Perpendicular to joists. See chart below.


At a $45^{\circ}$ angle, maximum joist spanning is 4 "
( 10.2 cm ) less than listed in the chart below.


At a $60^{\circ}$ angle, maximum joist spanning is $2^{\prime \prime}$ ( 5.1 cm ) less than listed in the chart below.


At a $30^{\circ}$ angle, maximum joist spanning is $1 / 2$ of the distance listed in the chart below.

## Trex Transcend ${ }^{\circledR}$ and Trex Escapes ${ }^{\circledR}$

Trex Transcend ${ }^{\circledR}$ and Trex Escapes ${ }^{\circledR}$ are compliant with the Wildland-Urban Interface, California State and San Diego County fire codes. For more information, e-mail question@trex.com or call 1-800-BUY-TREX (1-800-289-8739).

|  | TREX DECKING SPAN CHART (On Center) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |


|  | TREX RAILING SPAN CHART |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | Maximum Railing Span for all Applications (on center of posts) |
| Transcend, Select, and Reveal Railing | $96^{\prime \prime}(244 \mathrm{~cm})$ on center |
| Traditional Railing | $72^{\prime \prime}(183 \mathrm{~cm})$ on center |

## GAPPING

You must gap Trex ${ }^{\oplus}$ decking, both end-to-end and width-to-width. Gapping is necessary for drainage and the slight thermal expansion and contraction of Trex decking boards. Gapping also allows for the shrinkage of the wood joist system.
" ALWAYS follow Trex-recommended gapping guidelines.
» Maximum allowable perpendicular overhang for Trex is $4^{\prime \prime}(10.2 \mathrm{~cm})$ for non-walking surfaces only.
» All decks require air circulation to keep them dry and looking good. To improve air flow, leave openings under the decking or increase gapping to $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}(1 \mathrm{~cm})$.

| WIDTH-TO-WIDTH GAP |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Above $40^{\circ} F^{*}\left(4.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)^{*}$ | $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}(0.6 \mathrm{~cm})$ |
| Below $40^{\circ} F^{*}\left(4.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)^{*}$ | $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}(1 \mathrm{~cm})$ |

*Temperature at installation.

## END-TO-END/END-TO-WIDTH AND ABUTTING GAP

|  | End-to-End/ <br> End-to-Width | Abutting Gap |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Above $40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}^{*}(4.5 \mathrm{C})^{*}$ | $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}(0.3 \mathrm{~cm})$ | $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}(0.6 \mathrm{~cm})$ |
| Below $40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}^{*}(4.5 \mathrm{C})^{*}$ | $3 / 16^{\prime \prime}(0.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ | $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}(1.3 \mathrm{~cm})$ |

*Temperature at installation.

When you use the recommended hidden fasteners, the placement of the hidden fastener establishes the designated gap size.

When installing fascia, gapping rules must apply.


## Width-to-Width

The minimum required width-to-width gapping is $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}(0.6 \mathrm{~cm})$. When installing in temperatures below $40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\left(4.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$, Trex recommends $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}(1 \mathrm{~cm})$ gapping. For docks and heavily wooded areas, Trex recommends a $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}(1 \mathrm{~cm})$ gap as well. No gapping should ever exceed $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}(1.3 \mathrm{~cm})$.


## End-to-End/End-to-Width

Gap Trex decking end-to-end, based upon the temperature at installation. See chart at left. For fastening tips, see page 37.


## Abutting Solid Objects

When decking is abutting a wall, you must also gap it $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}(0.6-1.3 \mathrm{~cm})$ depending on the temperature at installation. See chart at left.

## STAIRS

## Stairway Detail

» Stair treads built with Trex ${ }^{\circledR}$ meet requirements by the major national building codes. Consult your local municipality for specific requirements.
» Fasten stair treads continuously across at least four stringers.
» See chart (at right) for center-to-center spacing of profiles.
» Dress the sides of the stringers and risers with Trex fascia or trim for a finished look.
» Most model building codes require the stair treads to be constructed under the following requirements: > Stairways must be at least 36" (91.5 cm) wide* , Stair treads must be at least 11 " $(28 \mathrm{~cm})$ deep
» Gapping between Trex boards on stair treads must be 1/4" - 3/8" (0.6 cm-1 cm).
» The overhang of the stair tread is not to exceed 1/2" (1.3 cm).

* For railings that are installed directly over stair treads, the stair treads may need to be larger than 36" wide. Refer to local building code regulations for details prior to installing stairs and railings.

NOTE: Trex rails meet all major building codes for use as a guardrail system. Local municipalities may require a graspable handrail on stairways. Check with your local building code official for local requirements. See Trex ADA Handrail System on pages 125-128.

MAXIMUM SPACING ON CENTER OF JOIST

| $2 " \times 6 "(5.1 \times 15.2 \mathrm{~cm})$ | $12^{\prime \prime}(30.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| $1 " \times 6 "(2.54 \mathrm{~cm} \times 15.2 \mathrm{~cm})-$ Includes Trex Transcend, <br> Enhance, Select, Escapes, and Style Selections | $9^{\prime \prime}(24 \mathrm{~cm})$ |



## NOTE: 4 stringers are required if 12 " (30.5cm) span; 5 stringers are required if 9 " ( 22.9 cm ) span

## TIPS FQR INSTALLING A TREX HIDEAWAY® HIDDEN FASTENING SYSTEM

## Installing Angled Deck Boards in Corners



For Universal and Stainless Steel (Universal shown here)

ALWAYS start in corner with a small triangular piece of decking at $45^{\circ}$ and work outwards. Install Trex Hideaway fasteners $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}(1.3 \mathrm{~cm})$ off center to keep fastener screws in middle of joists.

## How to Butt Seams



1. Install $10^{\prime \prime}-12$ " $(25.4 \mathrm{~cm}-30.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ framing boards along joists where seams will butt.
2. Place additional fasteners on the adjacent board over the joist and framing boards where the seam will be.
3. Put the first board of the seam in place and secure with fastener.
4. Butt end of second board to first and secure with fastener.

NOTE: Follow end-to-end gapping specifications on page 40.
5. Place second set of fasteners on each side of butt seam for next board.

## Routing Square Edge Boards for Trex Hideaway Fasteners

NOTE: The following Trex Square Edge decking boards (Trex Transcend ${ }^{\circledR}$, Trex Enhance ${ }^{\circledR}$, Trex Escapes ${ }^{\circledR}$, Trex Accents ${ }^{\circledR}$, and Trex Select ${ }^{\circledR}$ ), either $1 \times 6$ or $2 \times 6$, can be routed.


Using a Trex router bit/groove cutter available at your local Trex dealer:

1. Rout from bottom side of board.
2. Rout the entire length of the board, or at every intersection where the board is over support joists.


NOTE: Hidden Fasteners MUST be used at every joist.

## HOW TO INSTALL TREX HIDEAWAY ${ }^{\circledR}$ STAINLESS STEEL FASTENERS (TREX TRANSCEND*, ENHANCE*, ACCENTS*, AND SELECT ${ }^{*}$ ) <br> NOTE: Cannot be used for Trex Escapes*.

## PARTS



Start clip


Connector clip

TOOLS NEEDED


NOTE: Maximum spacing of deck boards using the Hideaway system is 16" ( 40.6 cm ) on center. Fasteners provide 1/4" ( 0.6 cm ) gap when installed correctly.

Installing Start Clips and First Board


1. Install start clips on edge of ledger board, centered on each joist. Secure clips with screws.
2. Push grooved edge of deck board into start clips. Important: First deck board MUST be straight and well secured

Installing Stainless Steel Connector Clips

3. Insert connector clip into grooved edge of deck board at approximate $45^{\circ}$ angle by seating the teeth in the top of the groove.
4. Center connector clip on joist and secure with screw (provided) at $45^{\circ}$ angle while standing on board and applying pressure to clip. Install one connector clip on each joist. Connector clips MUST be vertical to deck boards with screws securing clips in board's grooved edge.

Installing Second Board

5. With next deck board in position and $2^{\prime \prime}(5.1 \mathrm{~cm})$ from connector clips, push the boards with enough force to fully seat the clips in its grooved edge. Check gaps between boards. Fully engaged, the connector clip's bump stop tab provides a consistent $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}(0.6 \mathrm{~cm})$ gap.

## Installing the Last Board

Option 1:
Using a Fascia Board
6a. Pre-drill pilot holes at an angle through grooved edge of deck board into ledger board. Install 2-1/2" ( 6.4 cm ) decking screw using pilot holes to secure. Attach a fascia board flush with deck surface.

## Option 2:

With Deck Board Overhang
6b. Pre-drill pilot holes at $45^{\circ}$ angle from below deck surface through rim joist. Seat last board into fasteners overhanging rim joist.
 Secure last board with
 2-1/2" ( 6.4 cm ) decking screws using pilot holes. Position fascia board below overhanging deck board.

## PARTS



Universal fastener

TOOLS NEEDED


NOTE: Maximum spacing of deck boards using Hideaway system is 16 " ( 40.6 cm ) on center. Fasteners provide 1/4" ( 0.6 cm ) gap when installed correctly.

Installing Start Clips and First Board


1. Install start clips on edge of ledger board, centered on each joist. Secure clips with screws.
2. Push grooved edge of deck board into start clips. Important: First board MUST be straight and well secured

## Installing Universal Fasteners


3. Insert fastener into grooved edge of deck board
4. Align screw hole in fastener with center of joist. Continue along the length of the board at every joist.

NOTE: Screw only halfway down. DO NOT fully tighten.

## Installing Second Board


5. Slide second board into place, making sure fasteners fit into groove. Install the next universal fastener on the other side of the second board in the same manner as Steps 3 and 4. DO NOT fully tighten the screw.

## Complete Installation

6. Tighten screws on fasteners in first row. Proceed with Steps 3 through 5, tightening down each row after board that follows is in place. Be sure to use a long \#1 square bit.


Installing Last Board Option 1:
Using Fascia Board
7a. Pre-drill pilot holes at an angle through grooved edge of deck board into ledger board. Install 2-1/2 $(6.4 \mathrm{~cm})$ screws through pilot holes to
 secure. Attach a fascia board flush with deck surface.

## Option 2:

## With Deck Board

## Overhang

7b. Pre-drill pilot holes at $45^{\circ}$ angle from below deck surface through rim joist. Seat last board into fasteners overhanging rim joist.
 Secure board with 2-1/2" ( 6.4 cm ) screws using pilot holes. Position fascia board below overhanging deck board.

## HOW TO INSTALL ESCAPES® ${ }^{\circledR}$ BOARDS WITH TREX HIDEAWAY ${ }^{\circledR}$ UNIVERSAL FASTENERS

1. Follow Steps 1 and 2 for installing start clips and first board. See page 44.
2. At both ends and center of first board, toenail screw (provided with Escapes universal hidden fasteners), at
 an angle through grooved edge of deck board.
3. Follow Steps 3-5 for installing universal fasteners See page 44.
4. For every consecutive board installed, toenail screw at an angle through grooved edge of deckboard as stated in Step 2.
5. Follow remaining steps for completing installation and installing last board. See page 44.

HOW TO REPLACE TREX ${ }^{\circledR}$ BOARDS
INSTALLED WITH STAINLESS STEEL (TREX TRANSCEND®, ENHANCE®, ACCENTS® ${ }^{\circledR}$, AND SELECT ${ }^{\circledR}$ )

## Stainless Steel Fasteners



1. Mark the board to be replaced in thirds. Cut each side of middle section and remove it. Remove remaining two sections.

2. Hammer down the exposed side of the connector clips. Place the new board into position using a pry bar to maneuver it into place. Secure board on grooved edge with finish nails, screws or use counter drill, screws and plugs.

## Universal Fasteners



1. Remove screws from fasteners on both sides of board to be replaced and remove board.
2. Angle new board to place. See inset box (above).
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HOW TO REPLACE TREX® BOARDS/continued
INSTALLED WITH TREX HIDEAWAY` UNIVERSAL FASTENERS (TREX TRANSCEND*,
ENHANCE }\mp@subsup{}{}{\circledR}\mathrm{ , ESCAPES }\mp@subsup{}{}{\circledR},\mp@subsup{A}{}{\prime
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## Universal Fasteners

3. Slide a fastener for each joist into board grooves from both ends of the board.

NOTE: You may have to loosen adjacent boards to slide fasteners into position.
4. Position replacement board and secure fasteners on center of each joist.

## HOW TO INSTALL STAIR TREADS (TREX TRANSCEND, ENHANCE, ESCAPES, ACCENTS, AND SELECT)

## Installation Options

NOTE: For best results, use square edge decking and manually route sides that will be used to attach hidden fasteners.

## Option 1: Face Screw

1. Install start clips against riser on each step.
2. Install first board. Follow steps on pages 43-44.
3. Install second board. Follow steps on pages 43-44.
4. Secure with screws from top of second board into stringer boards.

## Option 2: Using 2" x 4 " ( $5.1 \mathrm{~cm} \times 10.2 \mathrm{~cm}$ ) Wood Support Blocks

1. Install start clips against riser on each stair tread.
2. Install first board. Follow steps on pages 43-44.
3. Attach $2^{\prime \prime} \times 4$ " $(5.1 \mathrm{~cm} \times 10.2 \mathrm{~cm})$ blocks between stringers.
4. Pre-drill holes up through blocks.
5. Install second board. Follow steps on pages 43-44.
6. Secure with screws from bottom through blocks and into stair treads.


## HOW TO INSTALL TREX TRANSCEND® ${ }^{\circledR}$ PORCH FLOORBOARDS

NOTE: When installing Trex Porch Floorboards in a non-covered environment, the porch structure should be slightly sloped to help allow for proper drainage. Joists should be sloped 1/8" ( 0.3 cm ) per foot away from the house to facilitate drainage. Refer to your local building code official for recommendations BEFORE building sub-structure. When installing Trex Porch Floorboards under cover of a roof, no slope is required.

PARTS



Universal fastener

## TOOLS NEEDED



NOTE: Refer to page 39 for proper joist spanning requirements.

Installing Start Clips and First Porch Floorboard


1. Measure $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}(1 \mathrm{~cm})$ off of edge of ledger board, and install start clip onto ledger board, centered on each joist. Secure clips with screws.
2. Push grooved edge (Ionger edge side) of porch floorboard into start clips. Important: First board MUST be straight and well secured.

## Installing Trex

## Hideaway ${ }^{\circledR}$ Universal

 Fasteners3. Insert fastener into grooved edge (shorter edge side) of porch floorboard, making sure to align screw hole in fastener with center of each joist.
4. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT IN ORDER TO KEEP THE FASTENER STRAIGHT AND SECURE, CUT AN 18" ( 45.7 cm ) PIECE OF PORCH FLOORBOARD SCRAP BOARD AND USE THIS AS AN AID
 (USE SMALLER LIP SIDE) TO HELP HOLD THE HIDDEN FASTENER DOWN BEFORE SCREWING THIS IN. This will help make sure the fastener stays fully straight for remaining boards to be attached.
5. Fully tighten (but

DO NOT over tighten)
the screw into each joist while keeping the scrap board in firm place against the hidden fastener.


Installing Second Porch Floorboard

6. Slide second porch floorboard into place, making sure fasteners fit into groove. Install the next universal fastener on the other side of the second porch floorboard in the same manner as Steps 3-5.

## HOW TO INSTALL TREX TRANSCEND® PORCH FLOORBOARDS/continued

## Installing Last Porch Floorboard

## Option 1:

Using Fascia Board
7a. Pre-drill pilot holes at an angle through grooved edge of porch floorboard into ledger board. Install 2-1/2" ( 6.4 cm ) screws through pilot holes to secure. Attach fascia
 board flush with porch floorboard surface.

NOTE: In most cases there will be additional screws that come with the Trex Hideaway ${ }^{\circledR}$ Universal Hidden Fasteners. These screws can also be used for attachment of the last board in the method shown above.


7b. Pre-drill pilot holes at $45^{\circ}$ angle from below deck surface through rim joist. Seat last porch floorboard into fasteners overhanging rim joist. Secure porch floorboard with 2-1/2" ( 6.4 cm ) screws using pilot holes. Position fascia board below overhanging porch floorboard.

## HOW TO INSTALL PORCH STAIR TREADS

NOTE: Use square edge composite decking boards and manually route these on one side to allow for use with hidden fasteners.

Option 1: Using Hidden Fasteners and Face Screwing

1. Install start clips against riser on each step.
2. Install first board. Follow steps on pages 43-44.
3. Install second board. Follow steps on pages 43-44.
4. Secure with screws from top of second board into stringer boards.


Option 2: Using Hidden Fasteners and $\mathbf{2 " ~}^{\prime \prime}$ x $4^{\prime \prime}$ ( $5.1 \mathrm{~cm} \times 10.2 \mathrm{~cm}$ ) Wood Support Blocks

1. Install start clips against riser on each stair tread Follow steps on pages 43-44.
2. Install first board. Follow steps on pages 43-44.
3. Attach $2^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime \prime}(5.1 \mathrm{~cm} \times 10.2 \mathrm{~cm})$ blocks between stringers.
4. Pre-drill holes up through blocks.
5. Install second board. Follow steps on pages 43-44.
6. Secure with screws from bottom through blocks and into stair treads.

## HOW TO INSTALL POST MOUNTS ON DECK BOARD

NOTE: Cannot be used with Trex Transcend ${ }^{\circledR}$ Classic railing,

Trex Traditional railing styles or Trex Reveal Railing.
NOTE: If using Trex 48" (121.9 cm) newel post, a post mount system must be used.

## PARTS

"(1) Post mount
" (2) Guide blocks
"(4) $5 / 16^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}(0.8 \mathrm{~cm} \times 15.2 \mathrm{~cm})$ Hex (mounting) bolts
" (4) $5 / 16^{\prime \prime} \times 1^{\prime \prime}(0.8 \mathrm{~cm} \times 2.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ Hex (leveling) bolts
" (1) Leveling plate
" (1) Back plate
" (8) Flat washers
" (4) Hex nuts
" (4) $3 / 4$ " $(1.9 \mathrm{~cm})$ Self-tapping screw
" (8) $1-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}(3.8 \mathrm{~cm})$ Stainless steel screws
" (8) $2^{\prime \prime}(5.1 \mathrm{~cm})$ Stainless steel screws

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## TOOLS NEEDED



## Install Blocking at Post Location



1. Install at least two $2^{\prime \prime} \times 8$ " $(5.1 \mathrm{~cm} \times 20.3 \mathrm{~cm})$ boards as blocking under post location. Securely attach blocking using wood screws, penetrating blocking a minimum of $1-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}(3.8 \mathrm{~cm})$.

## Position Leveling Plate


2. Using leveling plate as a template, mark locations of the four holes. Drill through decking and blocking using a $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}(1 \mathrm{~cm})$ diameter drill bit.

Place and Level Post Mount


3a. Partially thread four $5 / 16^{\prime \prime} \times 1^{\prime \prime}(0.8 \mathrm{~cm} \times 2.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ hex (leveling) bolts through center holes in post mount. Place leveling plate on decking surface with holes aligned
3b. Place post mount on leveling plate and adjust $5 / 16^{\prime \prime} \times 1^{\prime \prime}(0.8 \mathrm{~cm} \times 2.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ hex bolts to plumb.

Installing Mounting Bolts and Back Plate

## 4a



4a. Thread the $5 / 16^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}(0.8 \mathrm{~cm} \times 15.2 \mathrm{~cm})$ hex (mounting) bolts through the post mount, leveling plate, and blocking. Place back plate on underside with mounting bolts through appropriate holes and secure with washers and hex nuts.

## HOW TO INSTALL POST MOUNTS ON DECK BOARDS/continued



4b. Use center holes for inline applications and offset holes for corner applications.

## Install Guide Blocks


5. Place the two guide blocks onto post mount. Insert self-tapping screws (provided) to secure.

Install Railing System of Choice
NOTES: If installing a Trex ${ }^{\circledR}$ railing system:
" Mark screw placement on post sleeve for the rail support brackets (RSBs).
" Pre-drill screw holes through post sleeve and aluminum guide blocks with a $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}(0.3 \mathrm{~cm})$ drill bit.
" Attach RSBs using 1-1/2" (3.8 cm). screws (provided) for $4^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime \prime}(10.2 \mathrm{~cm} \times 10.2 \mathrm{~cm})$ Trex post sleeves.
" Attach RSBs using 2" ( 5.1 cm ) screws (provided) for $6^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}(15.2 \mathrm{~cm} \times 15.2 \mathrm{~cm}$ ) Trex post sleeves.

NOTE: If installing Trex Decklighting ${ }^{\text {TW }}$ on posts, drill hole through bottom plate as well as any support blocks to allow wiring for lights to be below surface of the decking.

## DECKING:

## HOW TO INSTALL POST MOUNTS ON CONCRETE

NOTE: Cannot be used with Trex Transcend ${ }^{\circledR}$ Classic
railing or Trex Traditional railing styles.

## PARTS

" (1) Post mount
" (2) Guide blocks
" (4) $3 / 8^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}(0.8 \mathrm{~cm} \times 15.2 \mathrm{~cm})$ Concrete boits
(4) $5 / 16^{\prime \prime} \times 1^{\prime \prime}(0.8 \mathrm{~cm} \times 2.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ Hex (leveling) bolts
(1) Leveling plate
(4) Flat washers
(4) $3 / 4^{\prime \prime}(1.9 \mathrm{~cm})$ Self-tapping screw
(8) $1-1 / 2$ " ( 3.8 cm ) Stainless steel screws
(8) 2 " ( 5.1 cm ) Stainless steel screws


## hOW TO INSTALL POST MOUNTS ON CONCRETE/continued



Position Leveling Plates


1. Using leveling plate as a template, mark locations of the four holes and drill into concrete at least $3-1 / 2$ " ( 8.9 cm ) using a $1 / 4$ " $(0.6 \mathrm{~cm})$ masonry bit.

Install Leveling Bolts and Level Post Mount


2a. Partially thread four $5 / 16^{\prime \prime} \times 1^{\prime \prime}(0.8 \mathrm{~cm} \times 2.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ hex (leveling) bolts in post mount. Place leveling plate on concrete holes aligned.
2b. Place post mount on leveling plate and adjust $5 / 16^{\prime \prime} \times 1^{\prime \prime}(0.8 \mathrm{~cm} \times 2.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ hex (leveling) bolts to plumb.

Install Mounting Bolts

3. Secure post mount with four concrete bolts and washers.

NOTE: Torque recommended is $5-10 \mathrm{ft}$. Ibs.
Install Guide Blocks

4. Place the two guide blocks on post mount and secure with self-tapping screws (provided).

## Install Railing System of Choice

NOTES: If installing a Trex ${ }^{\oplus}$ railing system:
" Mark screw placement on post sleeve for the rail support brackets (RSBs).
" Pre-drill screw holes through post sleeve and aluminum guide blocks with a $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}(0.3 \mathrm{~cm})$ drill bit.
" Attach RSBs using 1-1/2" ( 3.8 cm ). screws (provided) for 4" $\times 4^{\prime \prime}$ ( $10.2 \mathrm{~cm} \times 10.2 \mathrm{~cm}$ ) Trex post sleeves.
" Attach RSBs using 2" ( 5.1 cm ) screws (provided) for $6^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}(15.2 \mathrm{~cm} \times 15.2 \mathrm{~cm})$ Trex post sleeves.


[^0]:    $1^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}(2.5 \mathrm{~cm} \times 15.2 \mathrm{~cm}), 2^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}(5.1 \mathrm{~cm} \times 15.2 \mathrm{~cm})$

