

CLADDING FAQs

- 1) Can the Deckorators Mineral-Based Composite Decking be used as cladding?** Yes, our MBC decking can be installed as wall cladding in a vertical and horizontal direction for residential applications. Please contact your Deckorators representative about commercial applications.
- 2) Does Deckorators MBC Decking used as cladding have comprehensive installation instructions to explain what is required to apply the cladding properly?** Yes, there is a 3 page summary complete with figures to help with mounting the cladding.
- 3) Can I use hidden fasteners with my Deckorators MBC Decking used as Cladding?** Yes, we sell a hidden fastener known as the Stowaway clip that can easily be used to mount the slotted deck boards. NOTE: The Stowaway Clip can only be used when the long length of the boards are in the horizontal direction.
- 4) Is it possible to attach Deckorators MBC Decking used as cladding by applying screws to face of the board without showing the screw head?** Yes, we offer a screw made by Starborn known as the Pro-Plug system. This system allows you to counterbore a face screw with the head of the screw partially into the board with the tip of the screw fully engaged into a furring strip and then cover the head of the screw hole with a plastic cap that is the same color as the cladding.
- 5) Is it possible to use pressure-treated Southern Yellow Pine furring strips that are 1.5" wide by 0.75" thick?** Yes. This is acceptable since it is treated to resist rot and decay.
- 6) What size Deckorators MBC Decking can I use as cladding?** Deckorators offers three different widths: 3.5", 5.5", and 7.25" and they can be bought in 12', 16' and 20' foot lengths.
- 7) Can the Deckorators MBC Decking used as cladding be attached to the wall with the long length of the board running vertically or at an angle?** Yes, you can do this however this can only be achieved by face-screwing into the furring strips. NOTE: The Stowaway clip does not work with the the long length of the boards installed vertically or at an angle.
- 8) When two boards are placed end-to-end, are there special instructions for fastening along with gapping requirements?** Yes, there are easy-to-read details in the installation instructions that tell what to do in this scenario.
- 9) Do the 1.5" wide by 0.75" thick furring strips need to be attached to the vertical 2x4 studs?** No - the furring strips spaced at a maximum of 24" on/center are only required to be fastened to 7/16" thick rated OSB or plywood wall sheathing.
- 10) What type of screw is used to attach the furring strip to the wall sheathing?** Since the exterior wall cladding is out in the elements, it is required to use a #10 x 2" long Starborn Epoxy-Coated or 316 Stainless Steel Screw.
- 11) The building inspector is requesting technical information on this product and application. What do I give the inspector?** Deckorators has partnered with a 3rd party evaluation report writer known as ICC-ES who has issued ESR-4548 showing specific engineering details to help the inspector accept the product very easily.