

# Pro Tips for the Best Deck Install Experience

- Always review and follow your deck board manufacturer's gap spacing and on-center span requirements for deck board installation.
- Use proper personal protective equipment for every job.
- Before installing deck boards on wood framing, apply Deckorators Deck Tape to top of joists, rim joists, ledger boards, deck blocking, and under joist hangers. Deck Tape creates a waterproof membrane to protect the deck framing from moisture and rot.
- You may use CAMO starter clips to start your decking project.



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- Double (sister) joists are required at all butt joints to accommodate one clip on each joist. See BUTT JOINT instructions on QR code.
- You must have unobstructed airflow under 50% of the deck to allow for sufficient cross-ventilation from one side to the other.
- Unless you are using the Deckorators Surestone sleeper system and Surestone decking, your deck should **not** be installed directly over any solid surface such as concrete.



## Installation Guidelines for Specific Deck Board Materials

### Surestone™ Technology Deck Boards



- Please refer to the Decking Installation Instructions.
- Two fasteners per joist minimum.
- Ends of each board must fall on a joist. 1" maximum cantilever.
- Install the entire deck at same temperature.
- Install the deck boards starting from the outside edge of the platform and work toward anchor wall so that ripped pieces abut the wall. Start installing from one end of the board and work toward the other end of the board.

### Gapping requirements

	Above 32° F (0° C)	Below 32° F (0° C)
<b>Side-to-Side</b>	1/8"	3/16"
<b>End-to-End</b>	1/16"	1/8"
<b>End-to-Side</b>	1/16"	1/8"
<b>Abutting Solid Objects</b>	1/8"	1/4"

- Grooved Hardwood Deck Boards
  - Boards should acclimate on-site for at least 7 days before installation.
  - Use the sticker method while acclimating to allow proper airflow.
  - Hardwood decking has a maximum overhang of one inch on the end of the board and should be supported if overhanging more than 1/4" along the edge of the board.

