



## ecodek® Installation Instructions

These instructions are designed as a quick and simple guide to using ecodek®, please ensure that you have also read and understood the *Technical Data* (available to download from our website) in full before commencing any construction projects.

### **Substructure:**

Normally C16 or C24 grade 6" x 2" treated softwood.

### **Maximum Joist Spacing (centre to centre):**

Residential use: Must not exceed 455mm (330mm if at 45° angle). Please refer to the *Load Span Table* available on the website

### **Airflow Requirements:**

Always allow for adequate ventilation under the deck, use larger gaps and air vents if the deck is to be sunken or enclosed (contact us for more detail).

### **Board Spacing:**

Minimum 5mm (increase this to 10mm for hot, humid, damp or poorly ventilated areas).

### **Butt Joint Gaps:**

5mm in between boards and where a board meets a wall. If area is often hot, humid, damp or poorly ventilated, a 10mm gap to the wall must be left.

### **Fixing Method:**

Only use ecodek® approved stainless steel composite deck screws. Screw holes must be countersunk with a Smart-Bit® (available from Ecodek).

Fit decking over at least 3 joists with 2 screws at every joist point and decking must be screwed down 20-40mm in from the cut end of the board.

### **DO NOT:**

- Lay the boards directly onto a non self-draining surface without consulting with our technical department first.
- Use hidden fixings or clips.
- Butt boards up end to end closer than the specified amount.

### **Drill & Countersink:**

Ecodek can supply a Smart-Bit® that will pre-drill and countersink in one quick operation, designed specifically for composite decking.

### **Fascia Boards:**

When attaching fascia boards to the side of a deck, it is important to make sure they are screwed down every 200mm (with 2 screws) along their length. Please allow the same spacing between fascia boards as for decking boards - both for board spacing and butt joint gaps.

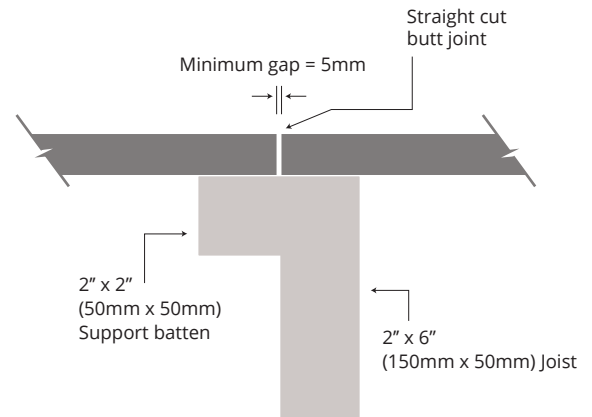
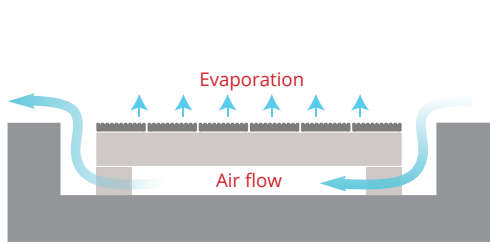
### **Using ecodek® Heavy Duty Posts:**

If you intend to use the ecodek® Heavy Duty Post at any length over 1.4m, then you must use a 2" scaffold pole down the centre to reinforce it (pole must come up to within 500mm of the top of the post).

### **ecodek® Post Caps:**

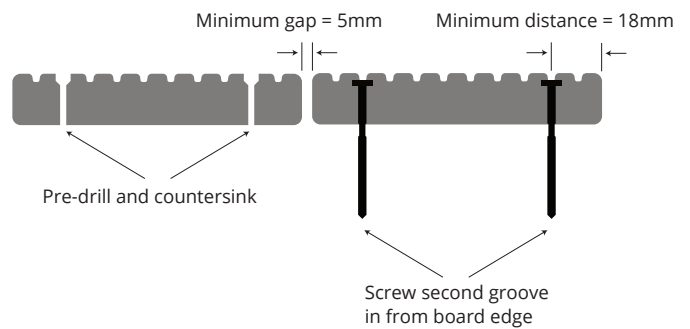
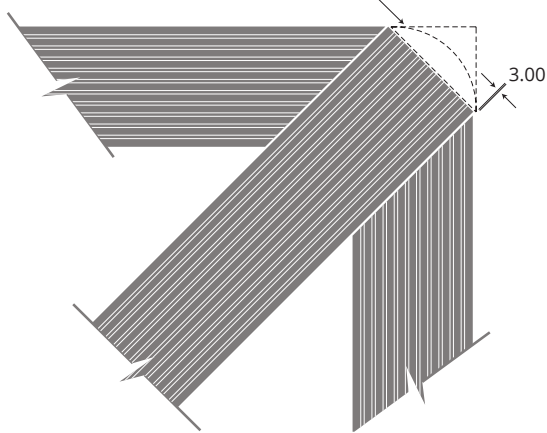
These are designed to be a push fit but the legs can be trimmed to suit if necessary.

## ecodek® Installation Instructions - Fixing Detail



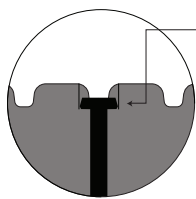
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Cut edge to suit (e.g. Flat/Round/Point)



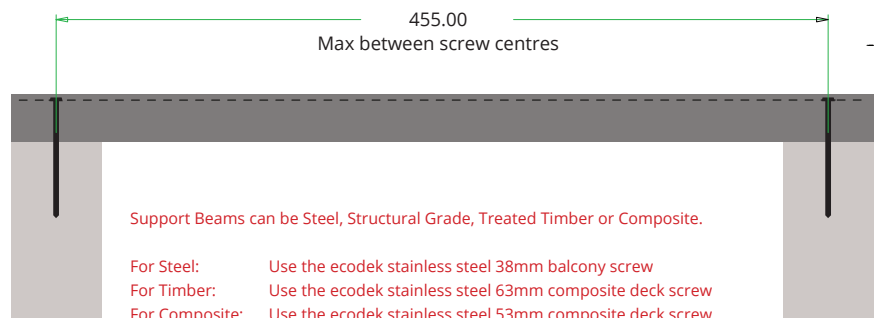
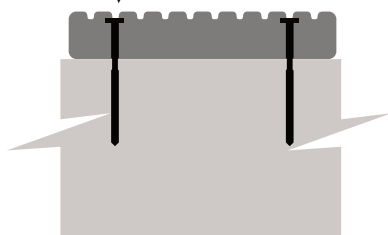
## Balcony Screw Fitting Instruction

Pre-drill deck board only with a 3mm dia HSS drill bit



Method of fitment:

- 1- Pre-drill deck board with Smart-Bit®, second groove in
- 2- Remove swarf residue (a 2-3mm slice of deck board snapped in half to give a rough edge makes a good swarf removal tool)
- 3- Preferably use an impact driver as this prevents over-screwing
- 4- Screw head will not go flush with the bottom of the groove but it must not protrude about the deck surface, see the picture for detail



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