

The Deck Clip™

(Patent Pending)

The ultimate solution in hidden Deck Fasteners.

Installing The Deck Clip™

As with all blind fasteners you will need to get the first board down along one edge or the wall of the house. Use our 2" stainless steel screws to accomplish this. Pre-drill with a 3/16 bit and install a screw every 16 to 24 inches along the edge. This screw is strong so you can drive it just slightly below the surface of the deck board or you can screw it down 3/8 of an inch or more and plug the hole. On composite decking do not drill a pilot hole, instead run the screw below the surface about an eighth of an inch and hammer the fibers over the screw and it will basically disappear.

If you are using a biscuit jointer you need to make sure the bottom of your biscuit slot is about 3/8 of an inch from the bottom of the board on 5/4 material and 5/16 of an inch from the bottom on 4/4 decking. You don't want the leg to touch the joists and keep the clip from doing its job. If you are using slotted decking you should have plenty of room for the leg. We recommend using a top gauge on your biscuit jointer to set your slot instead of using the base plate.

Insert a clip in the slot and slide in a screw and drive the screw in till it just touches the top of the clip. (see picture) The clips should be just level, do not over tighten or they will tip down and you will have a devil of a time sliding on the next board. After a few you will get the feel of it and they will go fast.

Slide the next board onto the clips at least halfway up or so and tighten the screws down. Don't worry about the gap yet. Just make sure all the clips are in the slot. Tighten the screws enough so that The Deck Clip™ actually bows down some. On most clutch drills this is about 2/3 of the way up. Now just tap the board over with a mallet till you get the gap you want and The Deck Clip™ will hold it right were you want it! The screw head will nest right into the slot. Please review info on spacing on the back of this page.

Continue this procedure till the deck is finished. On the last board you will need to screw it down like you did the first board. That's all there is to it! No pre-drilling, messy glue, or stripped out screws! You now have a beautiful deck installed with the best hidden fastener on the market.

The Little Things

A couple of things that could save you a bunch of time. If some of your boards are bowed more than 3/4 of an inch, we recommend using a Bo-Wrench Deck Tool to straighten them. Set the bow so it is out in the middle, not on the ends, and use a 3/8 spacer to hold the boards apart while screwing down the clips. The Deck Clips will hold the board after tightening the screws unless the board is really, really bowed. Just pull the spacers and tap over the board till you get the appropriate gap.

