

# INFINITY AND INFINITY IS DECKING INSTALLATION GUIDE

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## Introduction

Thank you for choosing an Eva-last<sup>®</sup> decking product. This guide aims to provide the essential information needed to successfully install an Infinity and I-Series deck. It is assumed, however, that the user of this document has a basic understanding of deck building practices and pertinent building codes. Compliance with the requirements captured herein must be met for full warranty coverage.

Infinity bamboo composite is the ultimate in durability and one of the toughest co-extruded composite ranges available. Its resilient protective cap made of advanced polymer resists scratches, fade, mould, and mildew, and makes Infinity exceptionally low maintenance, requiring only the most basic cleaning for ultimate longevity. Enjoy the stain and slip resistance of this environmentally friendly alternative to wood. See the list of profiles and corresponding fasteners captured in Appendix A.

## 1. Critical installation points

This summary of critical installation points in no way replaces the full Infinity Installation Guide which is available for download on www.eva-last.com. It is recommended that you download and familiarise yourself with the full installation guide.

#### Substructure:

- Plan your substructure to align with the intended deck layout and ensure support of the boards along all cut edges.
- Use double joists at all butts joins so that both board edges are fully supported.
- Use noggins between joists where breaker boards are used. The spans between noggins must not be greater than the maximum centre-to-centre span of the applicable deck board profile.
- Ensure the substructure members are appropriately sized for the requisite spans.
- Ensure the installation thereof is sound and level. Ensure suitable connections are utilised between members and between the substructure and the applicable substrate. Consult an appropriately qualified professional wherever necessary.
- Use appropriate spans. This will depend on regional legislative requirements. Most regions require the satisfaction of both ultimate and serviceability conditions.
- Spans may need to be adjusted for stair spans (See section 4.2 of the full Installation Guide), snow loads (See section 4.3 for more information), or diagonal board laying patterns (See section 4.4).
- See Section 4.1 for more information.

The table below summarises typical achievable spans (excluding stair applications and/or snow loads, please refer to the appropriate section for more information regarding these scenarios) of various profiles for the conditions outlined above and in Section 4.1. The profile's moment of inertia and elastic section modulus is also captured for convenience. Profile availability may differ per region, please refer to www.eva-last.com or contact your local distributor for more information. For additional information please refer to the Infinity Technical Data Sheet (TDS).

	Profile detail	s		Maximum span (Metric - mm)							
			119 -	pproach		Eurocode (and	similar) appr	oach			
	Moment	Elastic			Reside	ential (2 kPa)	Comm	ercial (4 kPa)	EN		
Profile code	of inertia, lx (mm <sup>4</sup> )	sectional modulus, Sx (mm³)	Ultimate	Serviceability	Ultimate	Serviceability	Ultimate	Serviceability	15334		
STGJ06AE I-Series groove 136 x 23 (5.36 x 0.91)	106 857 (0.26)	8 376 (0.512)									
STGJ07AE I-Series groove 173.4 x 23 (6.83 x 0.91)	132 923 (0.32)	10 426 (0.637)									
STGJ131 Solid groove 136 x 23 (5.36 x 0.91)	136 768 (0.329)	11 893 (0.726)		406 (16)		500 (19.7)		450 (17.7)	400 (15.7)		
STGJ132 Starter 173.4 x 23 (6.83 x 0.91)	137 002 (0.33)	11 913 (0.727)									
STGJ04XX Solid grooved 140 x 23 (5.51 x 0.91)	191 506 (0.46)	15 020 (0.92)									
STGJ02AE I-Series Groove 136 x 25.4 (5.36 x 1)	144 053 (0.35)	10 292 (0.63)									
STGJ03AE I-Series Square 136 x 25.4 (5.36 x 1)	143 296 (0.35)	10 197 (0.62)		406 (16)		500 (19.7)		450 (17.7)	400 (15.7)		
STGJ04AE I-Series Square 136 x 25.4 (5.36 x 1 )	134 807 (0.32)	9 363 (0.57)									
STGJ113 I-Series 134.1 x 25.4 (5.28 x 1)	124 689 (0.3)	8 434 (0.52)		406 (16)		500 (19.7)		400 (15.7)	300 (11.81		
STGJ02AEN Solid Square edge 140 x 25.5 (5.51 x 1)	189 274 (0.46)	14 903 (0.91)		406		400		400	300		
STGJ0.5 Square edge 140 x 25.4 (5.51 x 1 )	140 392 (0.34)	12 208 (0.75)		(16)		(15.7)		(15.7)	(11.81)		

#### Note:

• The full end-use adjustment factor was used.

• The duration of load and creep was not included in the analyses.

• The calculation for spans is based on the lesser of a factor of safety of 2.5 for the average test results and 2.1 for the minimum test results.

• Serviceability span assessment is based on a deflection limit of L/180 and often dictates.

• A conservative gap of 5 mm between boards was assumed.



#### Fastening:

- Chain Collated Clips must be used when installing Infinity. The manufacturer cannot guarantee a successful install using other clips which could then affect the product warranty.
- Use two fasteners (hidden clips or top fixings) at every joist.
- Do not over-tighten any fasteners. The torque setting of your driver must be less than 30% of the maximum allowable.
- When top fixing boards (decking and fascia), ensure a spacing of 30 mm (1.182") between fasteners and from any board edge.
- Maintain a hidden clip fastening distance of between 10 mm (0.38") (minimum) and 20 mm (0.79") (maximum) from the end of the board.
- To ensure individual fasteners are not overloaded, it is important to have an adequate distribution of fasteners. Individual clip screws and Chain collated clips have been tested to withstand withdrawal forces of up to 3.8 kN (854 lbf) per unit. The Chain collated clip is expected to match or exceed this performance when using a 6.0 mm board gap. To meet a minimum of 7.2 kPa (150 psf), ensure that the board application allows for at least six clips span and width will allow for at least six clips per square meter (per 10.7 ft<sup>2</sup>). If the withdrawal resistance is insufficient for the intended application, consider reducing the deck board span, using alternative substructure or opting for top-fixing screws instead or in addition to hidden fasteners. For further details, please refer to Section 3.3 of the full Installation Guide and/ or the relevant appendix in the Infinity TDS.
- Appropriate fasteners must be used when top fixing.
- Do not over-tighten any fasteners. The torque setting of your driver must be less than 30 % of the maximum allowable.
- When installing I-Series profiles use an adjustable depth stopping bit or collar to prevent overdriving.
- A sacrificial block can be inserted between the feet of the board to provide additional support to the top fixing screw.

#### **Ripping:**

- Use a solid profile when it is necessary to rip a profile.
- I-Series profiles can be ripped but must have a minimum of two feet after ripping with an overhang no greater than the foot width.
- Do not rip solid groove boards narrower than 60 mm (2.113") or square edged boards narrower than 90 mm (3.554").

#### Trim or Fascia:

- Install your trim or fascia beneath the lip of the boarder board.
- Leave a small gap between the trim and deck board for Expansion and contraction.

#### Expansion:

- Infinity can expand and contract up to similar rates experienced with typical wood-plastic composite materials.
- To allow for an appropriate expansion gap per board, multiply the length of the board (L) by 0.04 (0.000022) and by the difference between the installation temperature and the possible maximum temperature of the boards (Change in Temp.):

Change in board length =  $L \times 0.04 \times Change$  in Temp.

Example: Change in board length =  $5.45m \times 0.04 \times (36 - 18)|(18' \times 0.000022 \times (96.8 - 64.4))$ Change in board length = 3.924mm|(0.155'')Expansion gap = 3.924mm / 2|(0.270'' / 2)Expansion gap = 1.962 mm (0.078'')(either end of the board)

Please refer to the Section 3.5.1 for more information on this topic.

- Use the same method to estimate maximum gap size (when boards are fully contracted) to ensure this is suitable for the project.
- Where the expected temperature range is high consider using lighter coloured deck boards to reduce the required expansion gap.
- To further reduce the expansion gap, boards can be cut to shorter lengths.
- Breaker boards must be used between boards that are installed end-to-end to assist in controlling expansion and contraction.
- Use boarder boards around the perimeter of an installation to further assist in controlling expansion and contraction.
- Do not use grooved decking boards for stairs, breakers and/or boarder boards, only use square edge boards.
- If the expansion and contraction is not managed appropriately, the warranty may be affected.

#### Excessive and unusual heat sources

Eva-Last products are designed for typical exterior installations but are not covered under warranty for damage caused by excessive heat, including as a result of concentrated sunlight reflected from Low-E glass or other reflective surfaces, which can damage the product's surface, cause immoderate movement, and affect its flexural properties both in the short and long term. If the intended site could result in such exposure, consult the Low-E glass manufacturer for solutions to reduce the reflection/concentration from such surfaces and resultant impacts before installation. Consider using screens, glass treatments/layers, or obstructions, such as vegetation, to block/diffuse sunlight (before and/ or after reflection) to help mitigate impact of such scenarios.



## 2. Pre-installation

#### 2.1 Standards

Legislation may differ between jurisdictions. Before installing any Eva-Last product, ensure that the application is rational and complies with the local regulations and building codes. Wherever necessary, consult a suitably qualified professional. Be sure to comply with material manufacturer specifications. Where manufacturer's specifications and building codes differ, revert to the building code requirements. Check that your choice of product is suitable for its intended application. For further product specification and information visit www.eva-last.com.

#### 2.2 Safety

Refer to the applicable Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for additional information. Please do not hesitate to contact Eva-Last should you require any additional assistance.

Always wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the various activities involved in installing a decking system. This includes, but is not limited to, equipment such as safety glasses, helmets (where necessary), gloves and boots, masks when cutting or similar, and harness systems when working at heights or similar, as dictated by the local occupational health and safety legislation.

Be mindful of the following:

- Ensure to comply with the local occupational health and safety legislation.
- Cutting (and similar processing activities) of Infinity can produce fine particulate matter that contains wood dust, as a result, ensure to:
  - Work in well-ventilated areas.
  - Use tools with vacuum attachments.
  - Avoid contact where possible with dust and fibres as the material may cause skin and eye irritation.
  - Wear safety goggles that provide an adequate seal around the eyes when disposing and processing the material, particularly during cutting.
  - Wear gloves, long sleeved shirts, long trousers, and/or overalls during disposal and processing of the material, particularly during cutting. Where possible or necessary, seal shirt and trouser cuffs.
  - Wear suitable masks when disposing and processing the material, particularly during cutting. Use masks with adequate seals around the nose and mouth. Use mask with respirators and appropriate filters, especially if regularly exposed to dust of this nature.
  - After exposure to dust of this nature, wash with soap and running water. In addition, wash any equipment and clothing separately.
  - Do not rub affected areas that feel irritated. Instead, wash these areas with soap and running water. Contact an appropriate medical professional for further advice and/or when experiencing any symptoms related to exposure.
  - Clean workspace thoroughly. Wet-wipe, mop or vacuum surfaces. Do not dry sweep as this can disperse the dust. Use of drop sheets may assist.
  - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the product.
  - Store and dispose of off-cuts, dust and/or contaminated materials appropriately.
  - Cut boards may have sharp edges (particularly mitered cuts).
- Ensure any parties necessary of the above when handling and installing this material, in the vicinity where this is required, or as users of the installed product.



#### 2.3 Storage and handling

Note the following:

- Individual boards are lighter than typical wood-plastic composites (WPC) and can be more easily handled. Boards are, however, bundled for convenience which can be heavy. Take care when lifting, placing on to, or removing from raised pallets. More than one person may be required for lifting depending on the length of the boards and the number of boards. Ensure the mass handled does not exceed safe limits as defined by applicable local legislation.
- When handling lengths of boards greater than 4 m (13 ft), ensure both ends are lifted simultaneously and evenly. Hold the boards 1 m (3ft) from each end to provide better control.
- Handle the boards carefully. Dropping the boards (and all high impact loads in general) can result in damage to the profiles.
- During transportation use corner protectors where strapping is required.
- All components should be stored completely under cover.
- When storing boards, a pallet or flat surface should be used to support the full length of each component.
- All components should be securely stored.
- No component should sit in water or similar.
- Avoid over-stacking and/or eccentric stacking.
- Keep boards strapped until they are needed for installation.
- Avoid cutting boards until they are needed for installation.
- I-Series profiles may be slotted into one another for more compact storage. To release a profile, slide the profile out from one end.

#### 2.4 Planning and site preparation

- Consult an appropriately qualified professional whenever necessary to ensure the product, this document and the intended application complies with all applicable legislation for that region.
- Assess the environment of the site and ensure the product is suitable for the intended application.
- Identify aspects such as the corrosion category, loading class, etc. of the site and project that may influence the selection of the products or the application thereof.
- Determine appropriate spans for the selected material technology and profile. This will depend on the application as well as the loading class as defined by the local legislation. Suggested spans are provided for typical residential scenarios
- (refer to Section 4).
- Develop a maintenance plan to ensure the longevity of the system. This should consider aspects such as drainage, corrosion, vegetation growth, cleaning, etc.
  - With respect to drainage, ensure pooling water and/or erosion below and around the deck footprint is prevented.
  - With respect to corrosion, ensure any exposed metals are coated whilst accessible. In areas of high corrosion classes, add additional coating layers and regularly check for signs of corrosion.
  - With respect to vegetation below the deck footprint, ensure all vegetation has been removed prior to installing the deck. Install a suitable geotextile or plastic membrane to prevent further regrowth. Ensure the geotextile/membrane is fixed in place and protected from weathering.
- Decking at certain heights will require railing. Refer to the local legislation, or consult a suitably qualified professional, for guidance as to what height this is required at and the railing requirements thereof.

## 3. Cutting and fastening

#### 3.1 Cross cutting

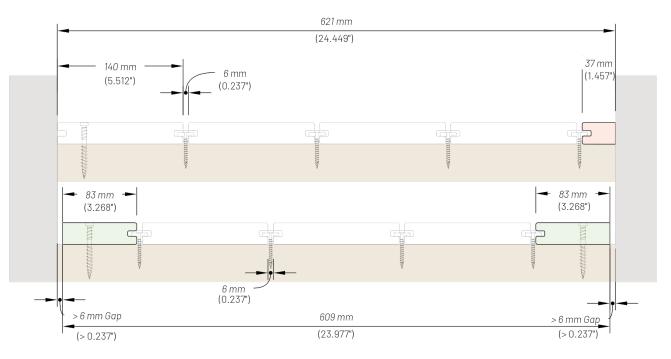
- Please ensure that the appropriate PPE and safety precautions are adhered to whilst cutting composite material.
- Use a fine toothed, carbide tipped blade to cut composite material.
- Use an 80-tooth or finer, 260 mm (10") diameter, cross-cut blade.
- Infinity boards are provided as factory cut. Ends should be trimmed to carpentry cut.
- Boards can be mitred, angles less than 30° are to be avoided. Be sure to account for the additional length required in the joins when doing so.

#### 3.2 Ripping

- For best results when ripping composite boards use a table saw or ripping jig.
- Cutting boards will expose the core of the board. Plan the board layout/install appropriately to limit the visibility of these edges so as not to negatively impact the aesthetics of the install.
- Do not rip boards thinner than 60 mm (2.113") for grooved boards or 90 mm (3.544") for square edged boards.
- In the case where it would be necessary to cut a board to less than 60 mm (2.113") wide, rip both the first and last board of the deck footprint to balance the required widths instead. Refer to below infographic for guidance.



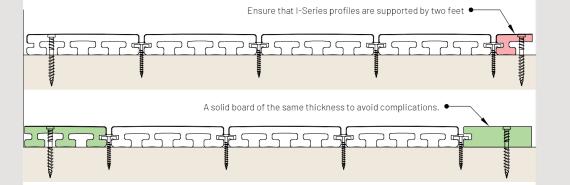
The following illustration outlines typical installation principles for ripping a deck board, which can be used for boards of any size. By following the above principles, you can ensure a successful installation.



#### 3.2.2 Ripping I-Series boards.

- Ensure grooved profiles that ripped are supported by a minimum of two feet. This will dictate minimum ripping width.
- In cases with Square edge I-Series profiles, ensure that there are a minimum of three feet.
- Ensure that the ripped lip of the profile does not extend past the foot.
- A solid board of the same thickness can be used for ripped applications.
- Ensure that ripped profiles maintain minimum fastening distances.

The following illustration outlines typical installation principles for ripping an I-Series deck board.



#### 3.3 Fastening frequency

While some boards can span more than 500 mm (19.7 in.), it is crucial to use enough fasteners to meet load requirements. Should this not meet the withdrawal requirements, consider reducing the span or switching to top-fixing screws instead of hidden fasteners. Please see the relevant appendix in the Infinity TDS.

The following table provides withdrawal results for reference

Screw	Material	Withdrawal resistance (kN)	Minimum number of clips per m <sup>2</sup> (10.7 ft <sup>2</sup> ) to match US Approach	Structure and notes
Metal deck screw	C1022	3.3	7	2.0 mm (14 ga) Guage steel
Composite deck screw	SS316	5.7	4	Pine with Specific gravity of 0.46
Metal clip screw and Chain collated deck clip	C1022	3.8	6	2.0 mm (14 ga) Guage steel
Timber clip screw and Chain collated deck clip	SS316	3.8	6	Pine with Specific gravity of 0.46
Chain collated deck clip	SS304	3.4 to 5.0	6	Normal performance at 6.0 mm groov Worst case at 8.9mm groove

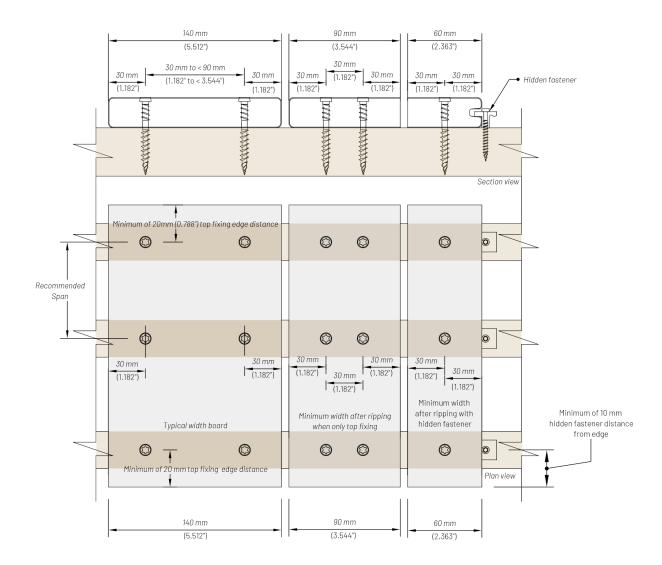
Boards	Width mm (in)	Largest possible span rating based on USA requirements mm (in)	Clips/m² (Clips/10.7ft²)*	Load capacity of Chain collated clips per m <sup>2</sup> (10.7 ft <sup>2</sup> ). kPa (psf)**	Requirement per US Approach wit Safety factor of 3.0 kPa (psf)**		
STGJ113 134.1 x 25.4 (5.28 x 1)	134.1						
STGJ06AE 136 x 23 (5.36 x 0.9)	136	_					
STGJ131 136 x 23 (5.36 x 0.9)	136	406.0 (16″)	14	42 (877)	21.6 (450)		
STGJ02AE 136 x 25.4 (5.36 x 1)	136						
STGJ04AE 136 x 25.4 (5.36 x 1)	136						
STGJ02AEN 140 x 25.5 (5.51 x 1)	140						
STGJ04XX 140 x 23 (5.51 x 0.9)	140	406.0 (16″)	12	36 (751)	21.6 (450)		
STGJ0.5 140 x 25.4 (5.51 x 1)	140						
STGJ07AE 173.4 x 23 (6.83 x 0.9)	173.4	406.0		30	21.6		
STGJ132 173.4 x 23 (6.83 x 0.91)	173.4	(16")	10	(626)	(450)		



#### 3.3 Top fixing

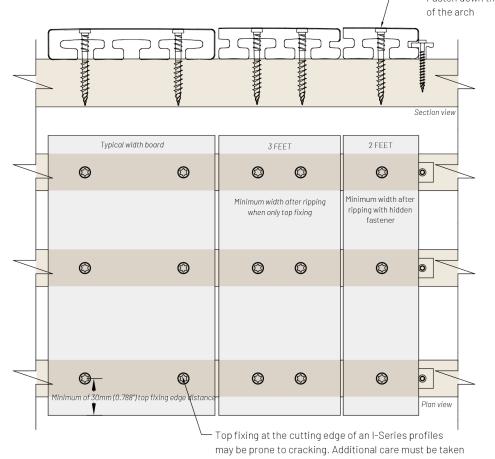
- When top fixing boards, fasten the boards exactly 30 mm (1.182") from any edge of the board.
- When top fixing boards, adjacent screws should be at least 30 mm (1.182") apart.
- Fasten at every joist and use a minimum of two fasteners per joist to board connection.
- Maintain a clip fastening distance of between 10 mm (0.379") (minimum) and 20 mm (0.788") (maximum) from the end of the board.
- Pre-drill composite in temperatures below 5°C (41°F), pre-drilling hole sizes should be equal to the minor diameter of the screw.
- Do not use nails to fasten Infinity boards.
- Use high quality fasteners suitable for the life span of the deck and the atmospheric conditions of the site. Consider the corrosion category of the site relative to the corrosion protection offered by the fastener. Consult with a suitably qualified professional where necessary. Feel free to also contact a member of Eva-Last for further assistance.
- A drill with adjustable torque settings is recommended. Set the torque settings to less than 30% of the maximum allowable torque of the driver. Do not use an impact driver.
- Do not over drive the screw.
- When installing I-Series profiles use appropriate torque settings and use an adjustable depth stopping bit or collar to prevent overdriving.

The following illustrations outline typical fastening principles for a top fixing application on the minimum ripped profile size as related to the recommended fastening edge distances, which can be implemented for profiles of any size.





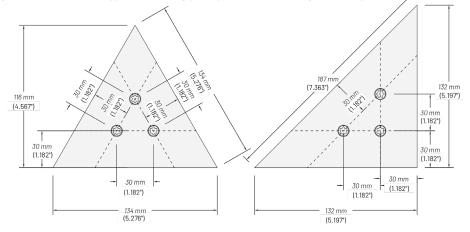
The following illustrations outline typical fastening principles for a top fixing I-Series application on the minimum ripped profile size that are dictated by the support that can be provided by the I-Series profile.



#### 3.4 Cutting and fastening triangular pieces.

- Where deck boards are cut to odd shapes, additional fasteners may be required.
- All three edges of a triangular piece should be supported. All three corners of a triangular piece should be fastened.
- Spacing between fasteners should be at least 30 mm (1.182″) apart and must maintain 30 mm (1.182″) from any edge.
- Geometry of triangular pieces are limited by the fastening and edge distance. Below infographics provide an indication of minimum allowable sizes of different theoretical triangular pieces.
- I-Series profiles are not suitable for this application. Use solid boards of the same thickness should small parts be needed.

The following illustrations outline typical fastening principles for small triangular deck pieces, which can be used for profiles of any size.





### 3.5 Cutting length

Before boards are laid, the final cut length of a board must take into consideration the possible changes in length of the board due to thermal expansion and contraction. Appropriate expansion gaps must always be maintained between boards and/or between boards and other obstacles for full warranty coverage.

#### 3.5.1 Fundamentals of expansion and contraction

- The expansion, and contraction, of a board is influenced by:
  - The material of the board,
    - The length of the board, and
    - The change in temperature the board experiences relative to the temperature of the board at installation.
- The linear coefficient of expansion for the Infinity material technology is up to 40 x 10-6 mm/m/°C (0.000022 "/"/°F). This means that a board of this material can expand, and contract, up to 0.04 millimetres per meter length, (0.000022" inches per inch length), per degree change in temperature.
- To estimate an appropriate expansion gap (ΔL) per board, multiply the length of the board (L) by a coefficient of 0.04 (0.000022)(a) and by the maximum difference in temperature between the installation temperature and the possible temperature of the boards (ΔT):

 $\Delta L = L \times a \times \Delta T$ 

- The temperature change of the board will be influenced by the colour of the board. Darker board colours will result in board temperatures higher than the ambient temperature of the site.
- A summary matrix of expansion gaps for different temperature and length conditions is captured in Appendix C for convenience.

#### 3.5.2 Steps to determining expansion and contraction gaps

#### 1. Research the site temperature extremes.

a. Find the record high and low temperatures for the site. Weather forecast websites usually provide historical data for specific areas, which helps indicate the most extreme temperatures the deck will experience.

#### 2. Account for sunlight exposure.

- a. Boards exposed to direct sunlight can often be 25 to 30°C (77 to 86°F) hotter than the air temperature.
- b. Add a buffer. A good rule of thumb is to use the difference between the installation temperature and the maximum site temperature as:

#### Temperature buffer = (Maximum site temperature - Ambient temperature)

- c. Adjust the buffer for excessive exposure to account for reflective surfaces or extreme UV conditions.
- 3. Determine Change in temperature.
  - a. Expansion gap temperature = Maximum site temperature Ambient temperature + Buffer
  - b. Contraction gap temperature = Ambient temperature Minimum site temperature
- 4. Calculate the Expansion and contraction.
  - a. Use a linear coefficient of expansion to estimate board movement. For Infinity, this coefficient is +- 0.034 mm/m/°C. The formula to calculate the

#### Required gap size = Length of the board in meters (inches) x 0.045 mm/m/°C or (0.0252 in/in/°F) x change in temperature

Alternatively use this table to find the expected gap size based on temperature change. Multiply the gap size per meter by the length of your board in meters to get the required gap size. Remember to add the buffer.



Gap size per meter of board per temperature change (gap size (mm) /m/°C) *												
Temperature change (°C)	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
Gap size per meter (mm)	0.23	0.46	0.69	0.91	0.14	1.37	1.59	1.82	2.05	2.27	2.5	2.73
Temperature change (°F)	41	50	59	68	77	86	95	104	113	122	131	140
Gap size per foot (in)*	0.003	0.006	0.009	0.0011	0.014	0.017	0.020	0.022	0.025	0.028	0030	0033

\*When using the table to determine imperial units add 32° to F to adjust the temperature scale.

#### 3.5.4 Example for Bloemfontein South Africa

- Board Length: 5 meters or 16.4 feet
- Ambient installation temperature at time of installation: 22°C (71.6°F)
- Maximum temperature: 58°C (40°C Record high + (40-22)) °C buffer) or 136°F (118.4°F + (118.4-71.6)) °F buffer)
- Minimum temperature: 14 °F (As it is unlikely the deck will be used below freezing temperatures and the aesthetic impact of the gaps will be minimal the lower temperature can be adjusted to 0°C. (32°F))

Temperature change example

- Max temperature change: 58°C 22°C = 36°C
- Min temperature change: 22°C (0°C) = 22°C

Calculation example using the expansion formula

- Total required gap size: 5m x 0.045 x 36°C = 8.1mm
- Potential gap increase: 5m x 0.045 x 22°C = 4.95mm
- Max potential gap possible: 8.1 + 4.95 = 13.05mm

Temperature change example for direct conversion (IMPERIAL)

- Max temperature change: 136°F 71.6°F = 64.4°C
- Min temperature change: 71.6°C 32°F = 39.6°C

Calculation example using the expansion formula (IMPERIAL)

- Total required gap size: 196.85" x 0.0000252 x 64.4°F = 0.32"
- Potential gap increase: 196.85″ x 0.0000252 x 39.6°F = 0.19″
- Max potential gap possible: 0.32 + 0.19 = 0.52"

Calculation example from table

Max temperature change:  $36^{\circ}$ C -  $40^{\circ}$ C (round up)

- Gap size per meter: 2.8mm (from table)
- Total Gap size: 1.82mm/m x 5m = 9.1mm

Min temperature change: 22°C - (0°C) = 22°C - 25°C

- length change per meter:1.14mm (from table)
- Min temperature change: 1.14mm/m x 5m = 5.7mm
- Max potential gap possible: .1 + 5.7 = 14.8mm

Calculation example from table (IMPERIAL) Max temperature change: 96.8°F - 104°F (round up)

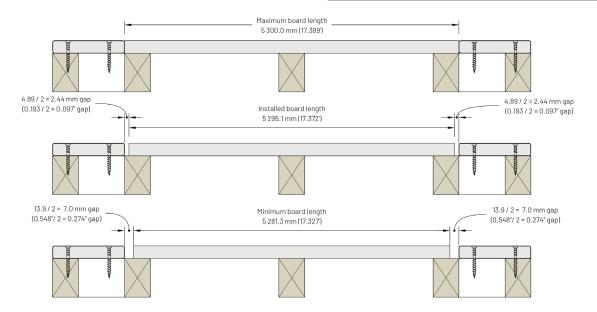
- Max temperature change:0.022" (from table)
- Min temperature change: 0.022" x 16.4ft = 0.36 inch

Min temperature change: 71.6°F - 77°F (round up)

• length change per meter:0.014" (from table)

• Min temperature change: 0.014 in/ft x 16.4 ft = 0.229"







#### 3.5.5 Implementing expansion gaps on site.

- Allow boards to acclimatise on site before installation to ensure uniform expansion.
- If the calculated maximum potential gap is gap sizes are larger than desired, the boards can be cut to shorter lengths to reduce the expansion gap. You may need to adjust the structural layout, accordingly, as detailed in section 4.0.
- Use boarders and breaker boards to create line breaks between boards, allowing them to be cut to the same length. This approach ensures that the expansion of acclimatized boards is more uniform and manageable than in a staggered pattern of different lengths.
  - If the boards are laid in an accessible straight line, the board edges can be cut after laying, though this is considered an advanced technique, and care must be taken not to damage the structure.
- When cutting the boards to length, remember to account for the final length needed to allow for expansion gaps based on the temperature at time of installation.
- When laying the boards, leave the expansion gap between the boards as calculated. You may need to adjust the gap size if the temperatures vary over the course of the installation.
  - Shims and spacers matching the required gap size can be used to automatically create the gaps.
  - Remember to leave a gap between the building and the deck

## 4. Planning and installation

#### 4.1 Substructure planning and installation

Below are guidelines to consider during the planning and installation of deck substructure:

- Ensure the substructure members are appropriately sized for the requisite spans. Ensure the installation thereof is sound and level. Ensure suitable connections are utilised between members and between the substructure and the applicable substrate. Consult an appropriately qualified professional wherever necessary.
- The US typically requires the satisfaction of a 100 psf (4.79 kPa) load with a factor of safety of 2.5 for ultimate conditions and a serviceability limit of the span/180. The failure load of a deck board is adjusted by a factor to account for the degradation of material performance due to long-term weathering, etc.
- Most other regions that Eva-Last typically distribute to have adopted some form of the Eurocodes. This designates different classifications of imposed load dependent on the intended application. There are relatively minor differences between the loads for these designations per region. As a result, to simplify the information presented herein, these loads have been broadly grouped into two typical classes
  - Residential application: imposed load of 2 kPa, and
  - Commercial application: imposed load of 4 kPa.

An imposed load factor of 1.6 is applied and the board failure load is adjusted by a material factor that is typically used to account for variability, etc. but is also used in this case to cater for the degradation of material performance due to long-term weathering, etc. The serviceability is also considered, and a limit of the span/300 employed.

- Based on the AC 174 test regime used to assess code compliance in the US, an adjustment factor of 0.9 for the Infinity material was established and is utilised herein as the long-term weathering/material factor. For further information, the background to the determination of this adjustment factor is captured in the Infinity TDS and underlying test reports.
- The approach and resultant summary herein do not consider concentrated loads. Information pertaining to this, and the use of the respective boards in applications such as stairs, can also be found in the Infinity TDS and underlying test reports.
- The assessment assumes a simply supported board that is unbraced.
- EN 15534 has additional requirements for the material performance of wood-plastic composite (WPC) products. This includes minimum failure loads (3 kN) and maximum deflections (2 mm) at specific loads (500 N) for the boards.
- I-series type profiles are susceptible to hairline cracks under the top flange when subjected to impact tests, however, testing indicates that the immediate resultant loss in ultimate load performance is relatively small.
- The table below summarises the achievable span of various profiles for the conditions outlined above. The profiles' moment of inertia and elastic section modulus is also captured for convenience. For additional information please refer to the Infinity TDS or email rad@eva-last.com.

Elastic Eurocode (and similar) approach													
	Moment			Sapproach Residential (2 kPa)				ercial (4 kPa)	- EN				
Profile ID	lx (mm <sup>4</sup> ) (in <sup>4</sup> )			x (mm <sup>4</sup> ) Sx (mm <sup>3</sup> )		lx (mm <sup>4</sup> ) Sx (mm <sup>3</sup> )		Serviceability	Ultimate	Serviceability	Ultimate	Serviceability	15334
STGJ06AE I-Series groove 136 x 23 (5.36 x 0.91)	106 857 (0.26)	8 376 (0.512)											
STGJ07AE I-Series groove 173.4 x 23 (6.83 x 0.91)	132 923 (0.32)	10 426 (0.637)	-										
STGJ131 Solid groove 136 x 23 (5.36 x 0.91)	136 768 (0.329)	11 893 (0.726)	_	406 (16)		500 (19.7)		450 (17.7)	400 (15.3				
STGJ132 Starter 173.4 x 23 (6.83 x 0.91)	137 002 (0.33)	11 913 (0.727)											
STGJ04XX Solid grooved 140 x 23 (5.51 x 0.91)	191 506 (0.46)	15 020 (0.92)											
STGJ02AE I-Series Groove 136 x 25.4 (5.36 x 1)	144 053 (0.35)	10 292 (0.63)											
STGJ03AE I-Series Square 136 x 25.4 (5.36 x 1)	143 296 (0.35)	10 197 (0.62)	_	406 (16)	500 (19.7)		450 (17.7)		400 (15.7				
STGJ04AE I-Series starter 136 x 25.4 (5.36 x 1)	134 807 (0.32)	9 363 (0.57)											
STGJ113 I-Series 134.1 x 25.4 (5.28 x 1)	124 689 (0.3)	8 434 (0.52)		406 (16)		500 (19.7)		400 (15.7)	300 (11.8				
STGJ02AEN Solid Square edge 140 x 25.5 (5.51 x 1)	189 274 (0.46)	14 903 (0.91)		406		400		400	300				
STGJ0.5 Square edge 140 x 25.4 (5.51 x 1 )	140 392 (0.34)	12 208 (0.75)	-	406 (16)		(15.7)	(15.7)		(11.81				

#### Note:

- The full end-use adjustment factor was used.
- The duration of load and creep was not included in the analyses.
- The calculation for spans is based on the lesser of a factor of safety of 2.5 for the average test results and 2.1 for the minimum test results.
- Serviceability span assessment is based on a deflection limit of L/180 and often dictates.
- A conservative gap of 5 mm between boards was assumed.
  - The information provided herein is purely indicative and all applications should be assessed and/or designed by a competent professional irrespective.
- Where boards are not installed perpendicularly to joists, the joist spacing must be modified to ensure that the board spans do not exceed the specified span for Infinity. See below table and figure for explanation thereof:

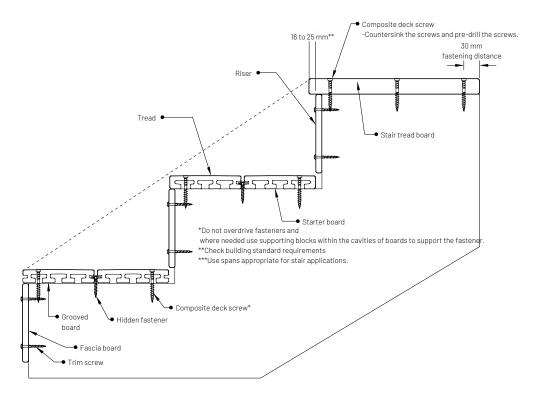


#### 4.2 Stairs span requirements

The following profiles have been tested in accordance with CCRR requirements limiting deflection to 3.2mm (0.125 in) for a 1.3 kN (300 lbf) point load and appropriate factor of safety. Please see the Mechanical section of the applicable TDS for more information. Please also see Appendix B for further installation details. Infinity profiles have not been tested in stair tread applications. Based on the performance of a 140 x 23 mm Infinity profile

Profile code	Maximum span for stair applications (mm)
STGJ02AE - I-Series Groove 136 x 25.4 (5.36 x 1)	
STGJ03AE - I-Series Square 136 x 25.4 (5.36 x 1 )	
STGJ04AE - I-Series starter 136 x 25.4 (5.36 x 1)	305 mm (12)
STGJ06AE - I-Series groove 136 x 23 (5.36 x 0.91)	
STGJ07AE - I-Series starter 173.4 x 23 (6.83 x 0.91)	
STGJ02AEN - Solid Square edge 140 x 25.5 (5.51 x 1)	406 mm
STGJ20X - Stair tread board 325 x 30 (12.8 x 1.2)	(12)

The following illustration outlines typical principles for stair applications.



#### 4.3 Snow load spanning capacity per ICC-ES AC174

The following snow load span calculations for deck boards are based on the ICC-ES AC174 Acceptance Criteria for Deck Board Span Ratings and Guardrail Systems (Guards and Handrails). These calculations utilise flexural test data obtained from internal and external testing sources. The analysis focuses on calculating the allowable spans for various snow load conditions, considering the specific material properties and configurations of each profile. Please refer to the relevant Technical Data Sheets (TDS) for specific profile and material properties and results. These calculations have not been reviewed by a third-party certified engineer and must be assessed by a competent professional before installation.



Profil	e details	Snow load span (mm (in))							
Profile Code	Board Width [mm (in)]	4.78 kPa 100 PSF	9.6 kPa 200 PSF	14.4 kPa 300 PSF	19.2 kPa 400 PSF	23.9 kPa 500 PSF			
STGJ02AE I-Series groove	136 x 25.4 (5.36 x 1)		406	355	305	305			
STGJ03AE I-Series Square	136 x 25.4 (5.36 x 1)		406	355	305	305			
STGJ04AE I-Series starter	136 x 25.4 (5.36 x 1)		406	355	305	305			
STGJ113 I-Series grooved	134.1 x 25.4 (5.28 x 1)		355	355	305	N/A			
STGJ06AE I-Series groove	136 x 23 (5.36 x 0.9)		406	355	305	305			
STGJ07AE I-Series groove	173.4 x 23 (6.83 x 0.9)	406	355	N/A	N/A	N/A			
STGJ131 I-Series grooved	136 x 23 (5.36 x 0.9)	(16)	355	350	N/A	N/A			
STGJ132 Starter board	173.4 x 23 (6.83 x 0.9)		355	N/A	N/A	N/A			
STGJ02AEN Solid Square edge	140 x 25.5 (5.51 x 1)		355	350	N/A	N/A			
STGJ30 Square edge	140 x 23 (5.5 x 0.9)		355	350	N/A	N/A			
STGJ0.5 Square edge	140 x 25.4 (5.51 x 1)		355	350	N/A	N/A			
STGJ20X	325 x 30 (12.8 x 1.2″)		305	350	N/A	N/A			

#### 4.4 Span adjustments for Diagonal laying patterns

Where boards are not installed perpendicularly to joists, the joist spacing must be modified to ensure that the board spans do not exceed that specified for the applicable profile. This can be calculated as follows

- Adjusted Span = Original Span ×cos(Ø)
- Where:
  - Adjusted Span refers to the new (reduced) perpendicular distance between the joists.
  - Original Span refers to the intended/unadjusted span of the actual deck board. This span is in principle maintained by adjusting the span.

øis the intended angle (in degrees) of the board direction relative to the joist layout. As the figure below indicates, it is specifically the angle from the previous (perpendicular) board position to the new intended board position.
 Example: Adjusted Span = 457 mm x cos 45° or 18" x cos 45°

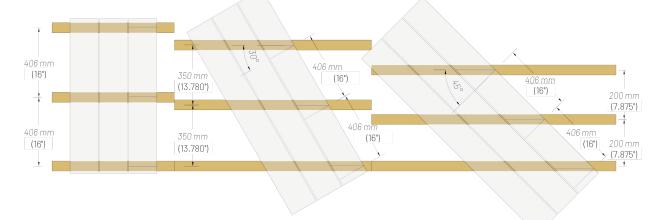
= 318.2 mm or 12.7″

The below table provides a quick summary of typical spans at common angles:

Typical spans	Reduced span at different board angles						
millimetres (inches)	30 °	45°					
550 mm (22 ")	485 mm (21.8 ")	395 mm (15.56 ″)					
500 mm (20″)	439 mm (17.3 ″)	359 mm (14.1")					
450 mm (18 ")	396 mm (15.4 ")	323 mm (12.7 ")					
400 mm (16 ")	351 mm (13.8 ")	287.4 mm (11.3 ")					
350 mm (12 ")	303 mm (12 ")	247.5 mm (9.4 ")					
300 mm (12 ")	264 mm (10.3 ")	215 mm (8.5 ")					



The following illustrations outline the typical principles of adjusting spans in relation to board angles as they change across supports.



A reminder to:

- Support boards along all cut edges.
- Use double joists at all butts joins so that both board edges are fully supported.
- Use noggins between joists where breaker boards are required. The spans between noggins must not be greater than the maximum centre-to-centre span of the applicable profile.
- Do not overhang boards by more than 20 mm (0.788") from a support edge.
- Allow for clearance between the ground and deck, and between the deck and other potential obstructions, such as doors opening out over the deck.
- Allow for drainage and water control. Consult a suitably qualified professional if required.
- Allow for railing where necessary. Consult a suitably qualified professional if required.

#### 4.2 Decking planning and installation

Below are guidelines to consider during the planning and installation of decking:

- The layout of a deck is often dictated by existing geometrical constraints on site. Best practice involves optimisation between the standard dimensions and constraints of the deck boards supplied with the desired aesthetics of the layout.
- Attempt to keep layouts symmetrical. As a result, where it is necessary to rip boards, rip both the first and last board of the deck footprint equally to balance the required widths. Where possible, avoid ripping boards at all.
- An ideal expansion gap size at maximum contraction would be 6 mm (0.237") to match that of the typical gap between boards installed parallel to each other.
- Use breaker boards and boarder boards to provide an aesthetically pleasing finish whilst assisting in controlling expansion and contraction.
- Use multiple combinations of shorter boards with breaker boards to balance long runs against expansion and contraction limitations.
- Butt joints can be installed so they align or are staggered. Both options have advantages and limitations with respect to aesthetics and installation practicality.
- Consider the orientation of the boards relative to typical foot traffic direction as well as the site layout. Typical approaches are to install deck boards parallel with the longest dimension of the site layout. In areas where better slip resistance is required, most composite textures have better slip resistance with the boards orientated perpendicular to common foot traffic direction. In general, Infinity deck boards have good slip resistance characteristics in all board orientations (please refer to the Infinity TDS for further information). Additionally, consider the length of the available space in relation to the lengths and widths of the boards available. In some cases, certain orientations can be very efficient from a material perspective. Finally, consider existing obstructions and their straightness, it is easier to



#### Deck clearances and ventilation

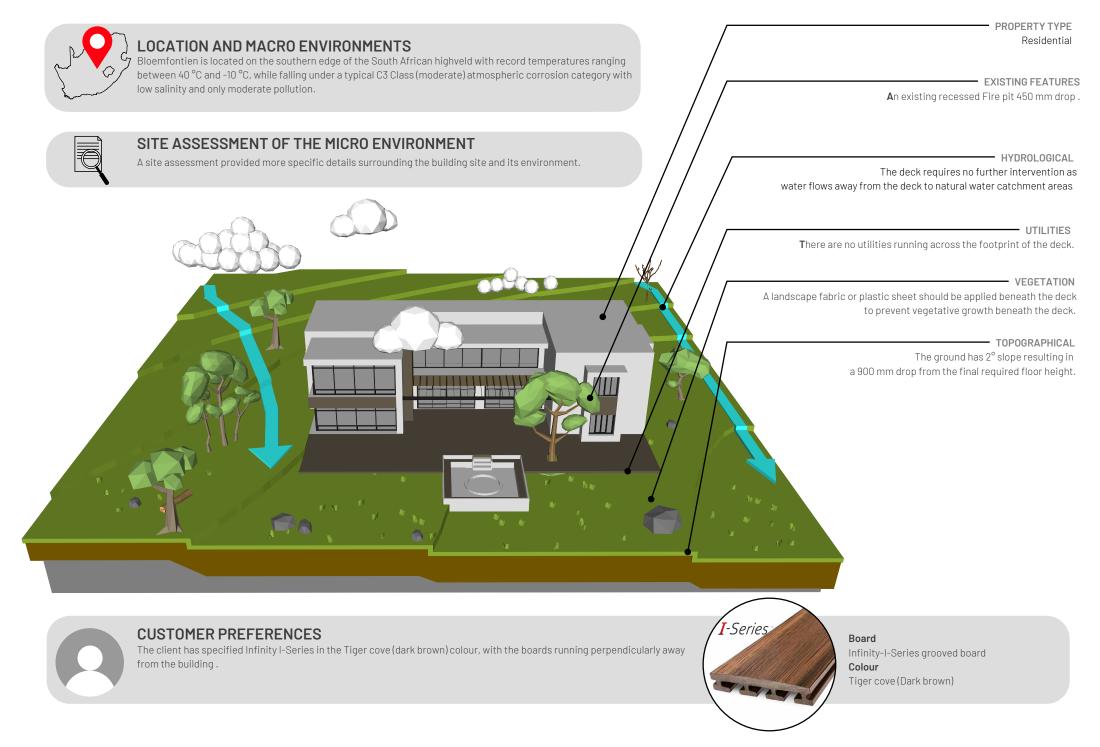
- Provide a minimum of 38 mm (1.5 ") clearance between the underside of the deck boards and the substrate. Ensure the substrate, substructure and any adjacent materials are suitable for these conditions.
- Ensure at least 50% ventilation/airflow, especially in confined or low-clearance areas. Ensure the substrate, substructure and any adjacent materials are suitable for these conditions.
- Ensure the installation allows for adequate drainage.
- Consult local building codes for any specific deck clearance or ventilation requirements related to the application.
- Ensure that the installation allows for maintenance, pest control, etc.

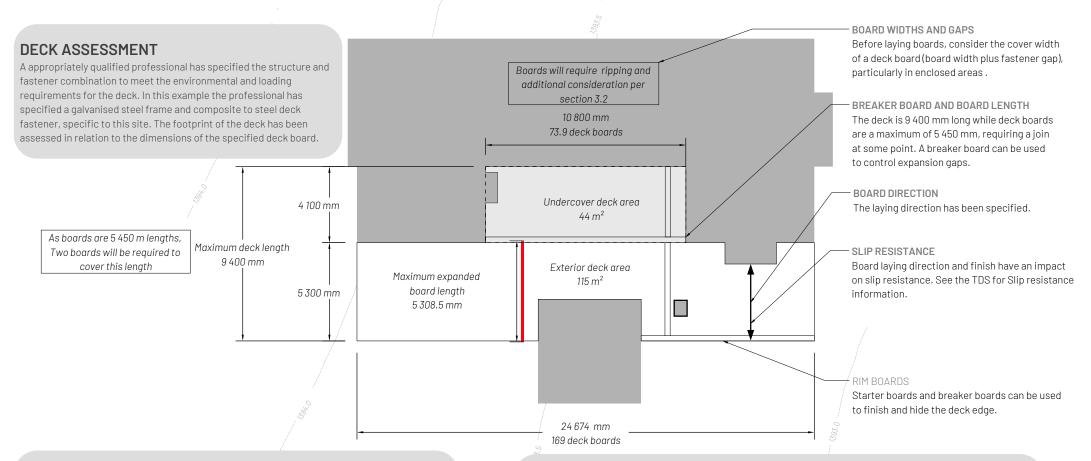
#### 4.3 Decking planning and installation

Below is a brief set of steps to assist with optimising a layout so that the site and environmental influences, client requirements, and material impacts are taken into consideration.

- 1. Layout and environment: Determine site layout/footprint and establish any critical environmental parameters that may influence the installation or performance of the installation. Particular aspects to consider include extreme temperature ranges, high corrosion classes, large catchment areas, steep slopes, etc.
- 2. Optimisation: Optimise deck layout relative to the site layout and the deck board dimensions. Incorporate allowances for the established critical environmental aspects in Step 1. Cater for additional factors that may influence the layout such as expansion and contraction, preferred aesthetics, foot traffic, existing obstructions, clearances, railing, etc. This step may take several iterations. Establish the primary board orientation first, then incorporate supporting elements, such as breaker boards, perimeter boards, etc. where necessary. Once finalised, the quantity of deck boards can be determined.
- 3. Substructure, fasteners and ancillaries: With a layout finalised, the substructure can be outlined based on the required supports and spans. Aspects such as supports for railing, pergolas, etc. must be allowed for at this stage. Once established, the deck board and substructure layout will allow the type and number of fasteners required to be calculated. Ancillary items such as railing, pergola etc. parts, can then be quantified.

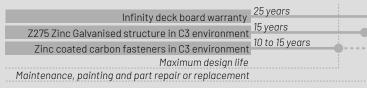
The diagram on page 20, below, is an example that lays out the implementation of the steps suggested above. The same example deck discussed in Section 3 is incorporated.





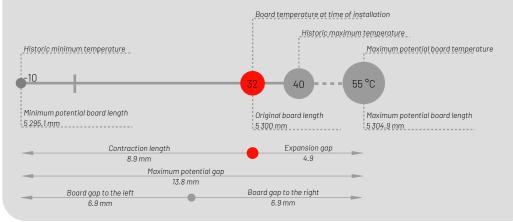
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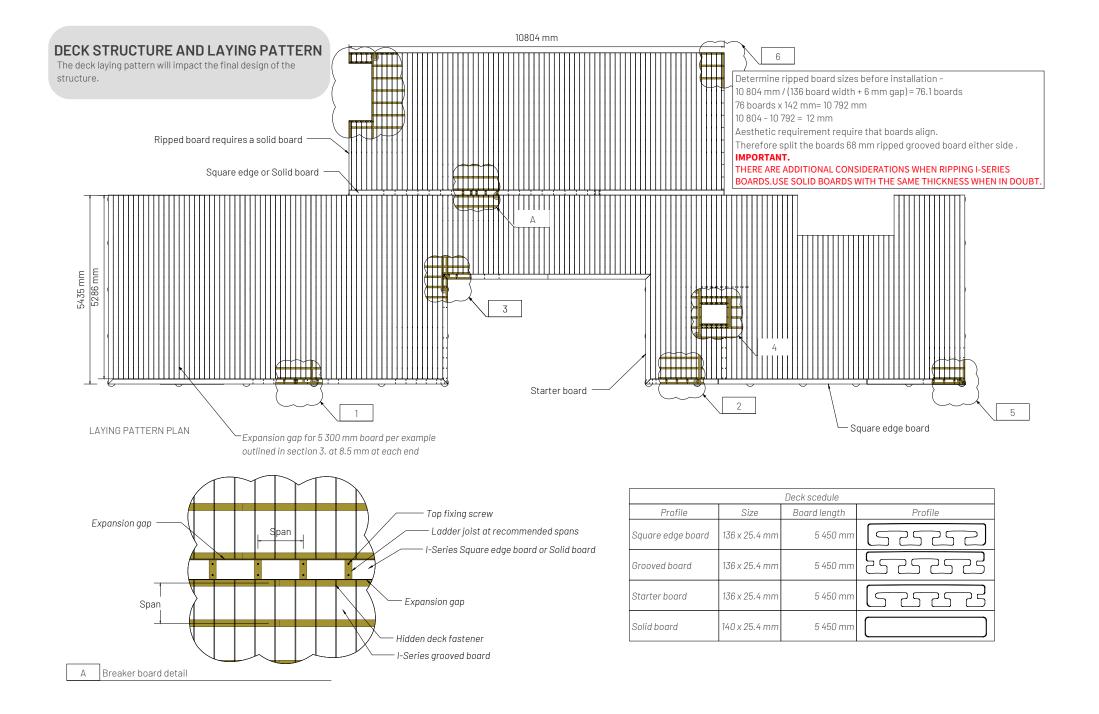
The design life of a deck system requires balancing the lifespans of the individual components, to the part with the lowest life span. The system life expectancy can be extended with proactive maintenance, painting, and replacing parts once the part expires.

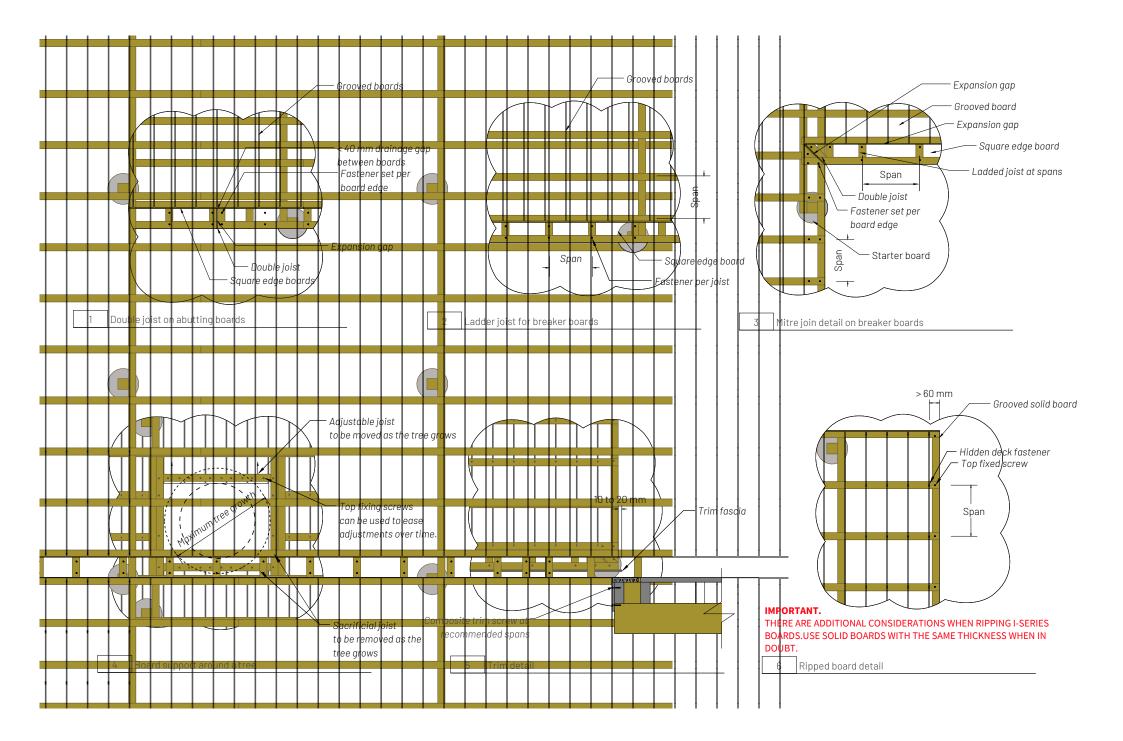


#### **EXPANSION GAP CALCULATION**

The final cut length of a board must take into consideration the possible changes in length of the board due to thermal expansion and contraction. The below infographic provides a summary of the example provided in section 3.5.2. as applied to the above deck example.









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Appendix A Profiles and compatible fasteners

### A.1 Infinity profile family

Below is a summary of profiles available in the Infinity material technology. Please refer to www.eva-last.com for profiles available to your regions.

Profile ID	Application type	Board width (mm) (inch)	Thickness (mm) (inch)	Mass per meter (kg/m)(lb/ ft)	Cover width (1) (mm) (inch)	Coverage (2)(m/m²) (ft/ft²)	Coverage mass (3) (kg/m²) (lb/ft²)
STGJ06AE	I-Series – Grooved deck board – Half cap	136.0 (5.355)	23.0 (0.905)	2.7 (1.81)	142.0 (5.591)	7.0 (2.133)	19.4 (3.94)
STGJ07AE	I-Series – Grooved deck board – Half cap	173.4 (6.827)	23.0 (0.905)	3.4 (2.29)	179.4 (7.063)	5.6 (1.707)	19.2 (3.93)
STGJ131	Grooved deck board - Half cap	136.0 (5.355)	23.0 (0.905)	3.9 (2.62)	142.0 (5.591)	7.0 (2.133)	27.6 (5.65)
STGJ132	Starter board – Single sided starter	173.4 (6.827)	23.0 (0.905)	4.0 (2.69)	142.0 (5.591)	7.0 (2.133)	28.1 (5.76)
STGJ02AE I-Series - Grooved deck board - Half cap		136.0 (5.355)	25.4 (1.000)	3.0 (2.01)	142.0 (5.591)	7.0 (2.133)	20.8 (4.26)
STGJ03AE	I-Series - Square edge deck board - Half cap	136.0 (5.355)	25.4 (1.000)	2.9 (1.95)	142.0 (5.591)	7.0 (2.133)	20.2 (4.14)
STGJ04AE	I-Series - Edge grooved board - Half cap	136.0 (5.355)	25.4 (1.000)	2.8 (1.88)	142.0 (5.591)	7.0 (2.281)	19.4 (3.97)
STGJ113	I-Series – Grooved deck board – Half cap	134.1 (5.280)	25.4 (1.000)	2.4 (1.61)	140.1 (5.516)	7.5 (2.286)	17.9 (3.67)
STGJ04XX	Grooved deck board - Full cap	140.0 (5.512)	23.0 (0.905)	4.5 (3.02)	146.0 (5.749)	6.8 (2.073)	30.5 (6.25)
STGJ02AEN	Solid square edge board – Full cap	140.0 (5.512)	25.5 (1.000)	4.4 (2.96)	146.0 (5.749)	6.8 (2.073)	30.3 (6.21)
STGJ30	Square edge deck board - Full cap	140.0 (5.512)	23.0 (0.905)	3.9 (2.62)	146.0 (5.749)	6.8 (2.073)	26.6 (5.45)
STGJ0.5	Square edge deck board - Half cap	140.0 (5.512)	25.4 (1.000)	4.0 (2.69)	146.0 (5.749)	6.8 (2.073)	27.5 (5.63)
STGJ20X	Square edge stair board - Full cap	325.0 (12.796)	30.0 (1.182)	12.2 (8.19)	325.0 (12.796)	3.0 (0.914)	36.8 (7.54)
STGJ14	Fascia board - Full cap	150.0 (5.906)	12.0 (0.473)	2.3 (1.55)	156.0 (6.142)	6.4 (1.951)	14.7 (3.01)
STGJ40	Fascia board - Half cap	184.0 (7.245)	16.5 (0.650)	3.8 (2.55)	190.0 (7.481)	5.3 (1.615)	20.0 (4.09)
STGJ41	Fascia board - Half cap	304.3 (11.981)	18.0 (0.709)	6.8 (4.57)	310.3 (12.217)	3.2 (0.975)	22.0 (4.51)
STGJ77	Screen board - Full cap	70.0 (2.756)	16.0 (0.630)	1.4 (0.94)	76.0 (2.993)	13.2 (4.023)	18.4 (3.77)
STGJ58	Joist - Full cap	35.0 (1.378)	35.0 (1.378)	1.3 (0.87)	N/A	N/A	N/A

(1) Coverage width = Board width + an assumed typical gap of 6 mm (0.237 ").

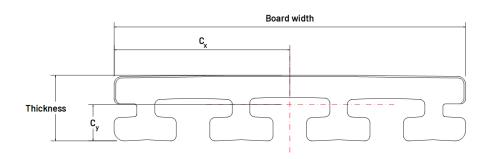
(2) Coverage = 1000/Coverage width.

(3) Coverage mass = Coverage x mass per meter.



### Sectional properties

The following table provides a sectional property summary of the currently available Infinity profiles in typical board orientation.



	Profile detai	Moments	s of inertia	Centroid		Elastic sectional modulus				
Profile ID	Application	Board width (mm) (inch)	Thickness (mm) (inch)	Area (mm²) (in²)	ا (mm <sup>4</sup> ) (in <sup>4</sup> )	ا (mm <sup>4</sup> ) (in <sup>4</sup> )	C <sub>x</sub> (mm <sup>4</sup> ) (in <sup>4</sup> )	C <sub>y</sub> (mm <sup>4</sup> ) (in <sup>4</sup> )	S <sub>x</sub> (mm⁴) (in⁴)	S <sub>y</sub> (mm <sup>4</sup> ) (in <sup>4</sup> )
STGJ06AE	I-Series - Grooved deck board	136.0 (5.355)	23.0 (0.905)	2 115 (3.279)	106 857 (0.26)	3 446 765 (8.281)	68.0 (2.678)	12.8 (0.504)	8 376 (0.512)	50 680 (3.093)
STGJ07AE	I-Series - Wide Grooved Deck Board	173.4 (6.827)	23.0 (0.905)	2 649 (4.106)	132 923 (0.32)	6 796 615 (16.329)	86.0 (3.386)	12.7 (0.5)	10 426 (0.637)	78 996 (4.82)
STGJ131	Solid Grooved Deck Board	136.0 (5.355)	23.0 (0.905)	3 011 (4.667)	136 768 (0.329)	4 338 111 (10.423)	68.0 (2.678)	11.5 (0.453)	11 893 (0.726)	63 796 (3.893)
STGJ132	Solid starter board – Single sided starter	173.4 (6.827)	23.0 (0.905)	3 067 (4.754)	137 002 (0.33)	4 563 080 (10.963)	69.2 (2.725)	11.5 (0.453)	11 913 (0.727)	65 976 (4.026
STGJ02AE	I-Series - Grooved deck board	136.0 (5.355)	25.4 (1.000)	2 368 (3.67)	144 053 (0.35)	3 821 506 (9.18)	68.0 (2.68)	14.0 (0.55)	10 292 (0.63)	56 210 (3.43)
STGJ03AE	I-Series - Square edge deck board	136.0 (5.355)	25.4 (1.000)	2 288 (3.55)	143 296 (0.35)	3 987 586 (9.58)	68.2 (2.69)	14.1 (0.56)	10 197 (0.62)	58 508 (3.57)
STGJ04AE	I-Series - Starter grooved board	136.0 (5.355)	25.4 (1.000)	2 208 (3.42)	134 807 (0.32)	3 772 763 (9.07)	68.6 (2.70)	14.4 (0.57)	9 363 (0.57)	55 036 (3.36)
STGJ113	I-Series 113 - Grooved deck board	134.1 (5.280)	25.4 (1.000)	1700 (2.64)	124 689 (0.30)	2 947 690 (7.08)	67.1 (2.64)	14.8 (0.58)	8 434 (0.52)	43 967 (2.68)
STGJ04XX	Solid grooved deck board	140.0 (5.512)	23.0 (0.905)	3 556 (5.51)	191 506 (0.46)	5 765 232 (13.85)	70.0 (2.76)	12.8 (0.50)	15 020 (0.92)	82 361 (5.03)
STGJ02AEN	Solid square edge board	140.0 (5.512)	25.5 (1.000)	3 542 (5.49)	189 274 (0.46)	5 742 960 (13.80)	70.0 (2.76)	14 903 (0.91)	14 903 (0.91)	82 055 (5.01)
STGJ30	Solid square edge deck board	140.0 (5.512)	23.0 (0.905)	3 103 (4.81)	140 084 (0.34)	4 755 942 (11.43)	70.0 (2.76)	11.5 (0.45)	12 192 (0.74)	67 954 (4.15)
STGJ0.5	Solid square edge deck board	140.0 (5.512)	25.4 (1.000)	3 206 (4.97)	140 392 (0.34)	51 93 565 (12.48)	70.0 (2.76)	12.7 (0.50)	12 208 (0.75)	74 194 (4.53)
STGJ20X	Square edge stair board	325.0 (12.796)	30.0 (1.182)	9 736 (15.09)	728 503 (1.75)	85 460 747 (205.32)	162.5 (6.40)	15.0 (0.59)	48 592 (2.97)	525 938 (32.09)
STGJ14	Fascia board	150.0 (5.906)	12.0 (0.473)	1786 (2.77)	21 221 (0.05)	3 296 470 (7.92)	75.0 (2.95)	6.0 (0.24)	3 537 (0.22)	43 953 (2.68)
STGJ40	Fascia board	184.0 (7.245)	16.5 (0.650)	3 033 (4.70)	68 669 (0.17)	8 536 716 (20.51)	92.0 (3.62)	8.3 (0.33)	8 324 (0.51)	92 806 (5.66)
STGJ41	Fascia board	304.3 (11.981)	18.0 (0.709)	5 470 (8.48)	147 350 (0.36)	42 088 861 (101.12)	152.1 (5.99)	9.0 (0.36)	16 383 (1.00)	276 63 (16.88)
STGJ77	Screen board	70.0 (2.756)	16.0 (0.630)	1 117 (1.73)	23 697 (0.06)	453 223 (1.09)	35.0 (1.38)	8.0 (0.32)	2 962 (0.18)	12 955 (0.79)
STGJ58	Joist	35.0 (1.378)	35.0 (1.378)	1008 (1.56)	120 387 (0.29)	120 387 (0.29)	17.5 (0.69)	17.5 (0.69)	6 879 (0.42)	6 879 (0.42)



#### A.2 Compatible fasteners

Below is a summary of fasteners available for fixing the Infinity family of profiles. Please refer to www.eva-last.com for profiles available to your regions.

Fastener type	Size (mm) ("or #)	Length (mm) (")	Material	Note
S6 decking clip	6.0 (0.237)	38 (1.497)	SS 430	Compatible with boards that have a 6 mm groove height.
S9 decking clip 9.0 38 SS 430 C (0.335) (1.497)		Compatible with boards that have a 9 mm groove height.		
Chain Collated decking clip         6.0         19         SS 316 or           (0.237)         (0.749)         SS 304			Compatible with boards that have a groove height of between 6 mm and 12 mm. To be used with hand tool.	
	M 4.2	40	C 1022	
Clip screw for timber substructure	(#8)	(1.575)	SS 316	<ul> <li>Compatible with all listed clips. Two corrosion resistance options.</li> </ul>
Clip screw for metal substructure	M 4.2 (# 8)	31 (1.221)	C 1022	Compatible with all listed clips.
	M 5.0	63 (2.481)	C 1022	_ For 20 to 25 mm thick boards into timber structures greater than 40 mm
Top fixing deck screw for timber	(#10)		SS 305	thick. Two corrosion resistance options.
Top fixing deck screw for metal	M 5.0 (# 10)	45 (1.772)	C 1022	For 20 to 25 mm thick boards into metal structures 0.8 to 2.0 mm thick.
Top fixing trim screw for timber	M 5.5 (# 10)	48 (1.890) -	10 B 21	For 11 to 16 mm thick boards into timber structures greater than 40 mm — thick. Two corrosion resistance options.
	(#10)	(1.090)	SS 316	
	M 5.5	35	10 B 21	For 11 to 18 mm thick boards into metal structures 0.8 to 2.0 mm thick.
Top fixing trim screw for metal	(#10)	(1.378)	SS 410 H	Two corrosion resistance options.

Appropriate fasteners must be employed relative to applicable legislation, the intended application, and the conditions present. Particular attention should be paid to the corrosion conditions of the site and the state of the substrate available. Applications should adhere to any applicable standards. All timber profiles should be treated appropriately, and all metal profiles should be coated appropriately. Movement of materials within the system can degrade connections over time, and it is prudent that this is avoided or reduced to an acceptable limit where possible. Coatings can degrade over time and regular, proactive maintenance should be employed.





Appendix B Installation

Profile properties	
Product code	
Sectional area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	
Approximate mass (kg/m)	



Sectional properties	
l <sub>x</sub> (mm <sup>4</sup> )	-
l <sub>v</sub> (mm <sup>4</sup> )	_
C <sub>x</sub> (mm)	_
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Grooved deck board installation
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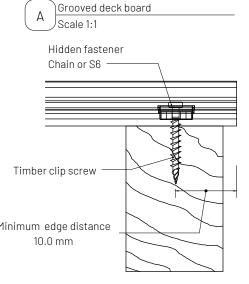
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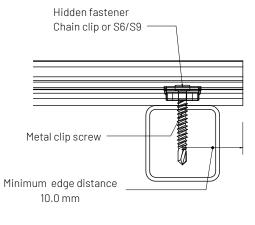


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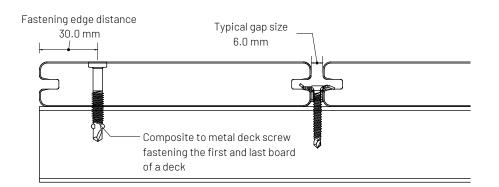


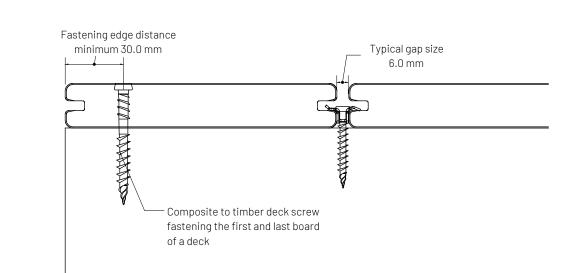


B1 Grooved deck board in a Timber application









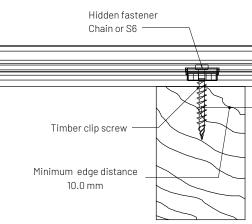
Product code

Sectional area (mm<sup>2</sup>)





Grooved I-Series deck board А Scale 1:1



Grooved deck board in a Timber application

Hidden fastener

Metal clip screw

Minimum edge distance 10.0 mm

Grooved deck board in a metal application

Chain clip or S6/S9

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Scale 1:2

Scale 1:2

Sectional properties  $I_{x}(mm^{4})$  $I_v(mm^4)$ C<sub>x</sub>(mm) C<sub>v</sub>(mm) S<sub>x</sub>(mm<sup>3</sup>) S<sub>v</sub>(mm<sup>3</sup>)

Grooved I-Series deck board installation

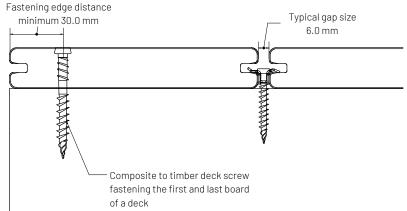
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Fastening edge distance Typical gap size 30.0 mm 6.0 mm Composite to metal deck screw fastening the first and last board of a deck

#### Profile properties Product code Sectional area (mm<sup>2</sup>) Approximate mass (kg/m)





Square edge board installation

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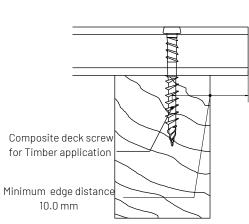
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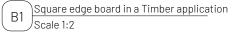


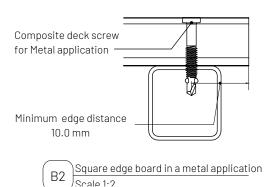


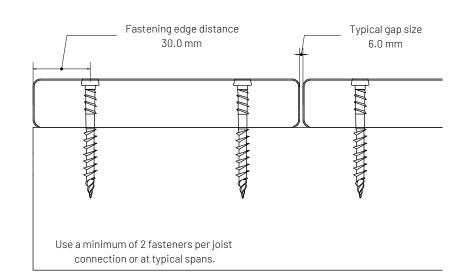
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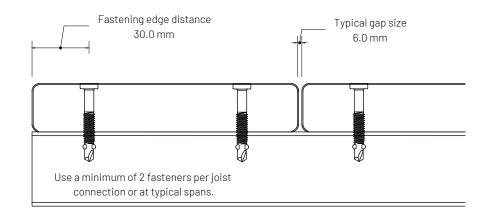
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#### **Profile propertie**

Product code Sectional area (mm<sup>2</sup>) Approximate mass (kg/m)



Sectional properties	
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l <sub>y</sub> (mm <sup>4</sup> )	
C <sub>x</sub> (mm)	
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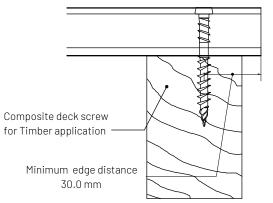
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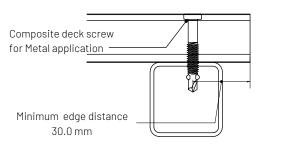




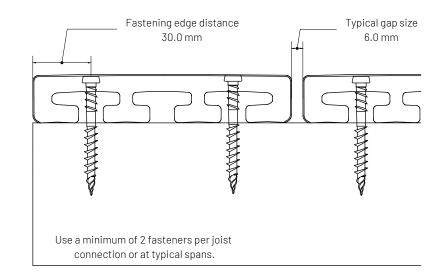


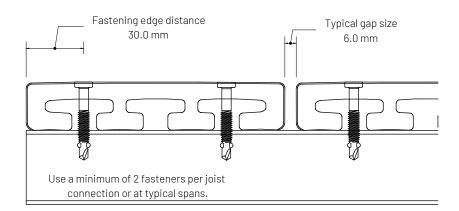


B1 Square edge deck board in a Timber application









#### **Profile properties**

Product code Sectional area (mm²) Approximate mass (kg/m)





A Starter deck board Scale 1:1

Sectional properties	
l <sub>x</sub> (mm <sup>4</sup> )	
l <sub>v</sub> (mm <sup>4</sup> )	
C <sub>x</sub> (mm)	
C <sub>y</sub> (mm)	
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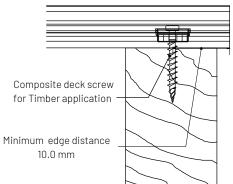
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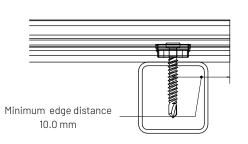
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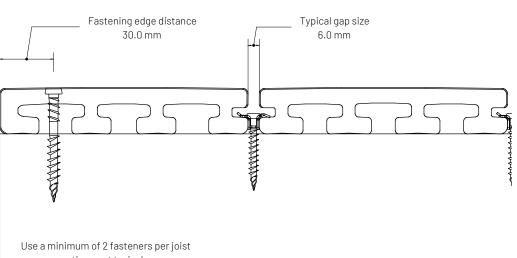


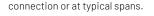


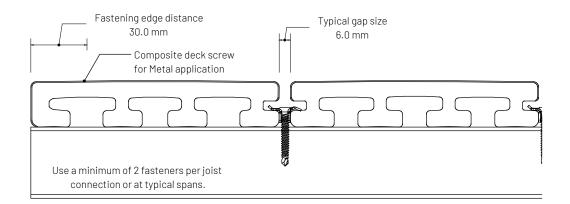
B1 Starter deck board in a Timber application Scale 1:2











Profile properties
Product code
Sectional area (mm <sup>2</sup> )
Approximate mass (kg/m)



Typical stair tread board А Scale 1:1

Sectional properties	
l <sub>x</sub> (mm <sup>4</sup> )	
l <sub>y</sub> (mm <sup>4</sup> )	
C <sub>x</sub> (mm)	
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Stair tread installation

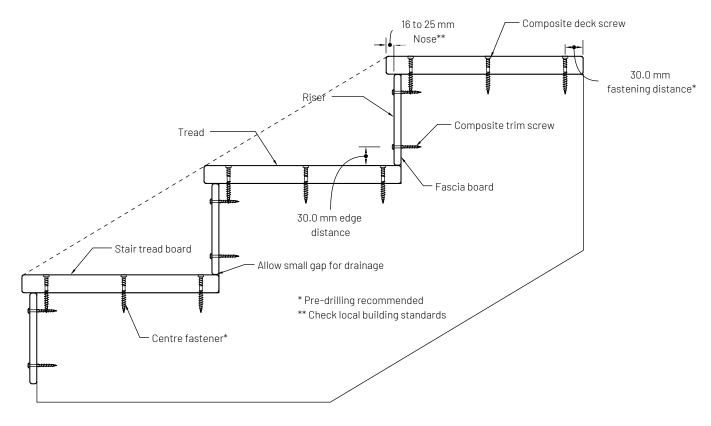
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## Profile properties

Product code Sectional area (mm²)

Approximate mass(kg/m)



	properties
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l <sub>y</sub> (mm <sup>4</sup> )	
C <sub>x</sub> (mm)	
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Fascia installation - metal application

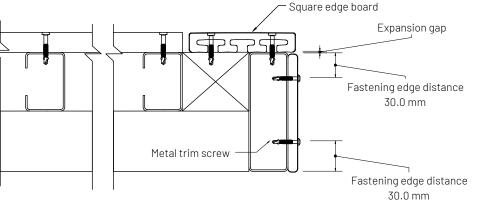
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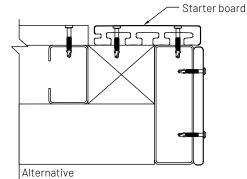
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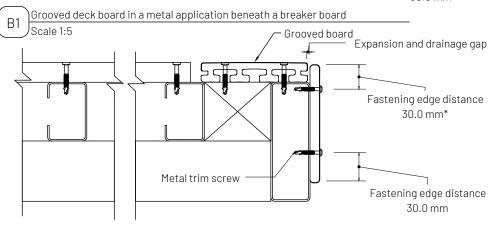
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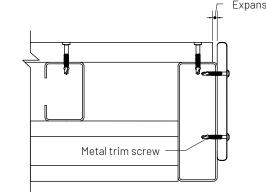


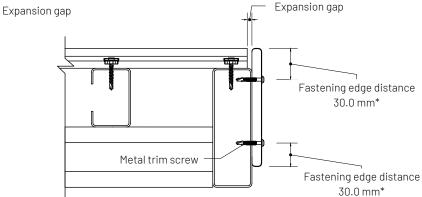


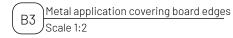


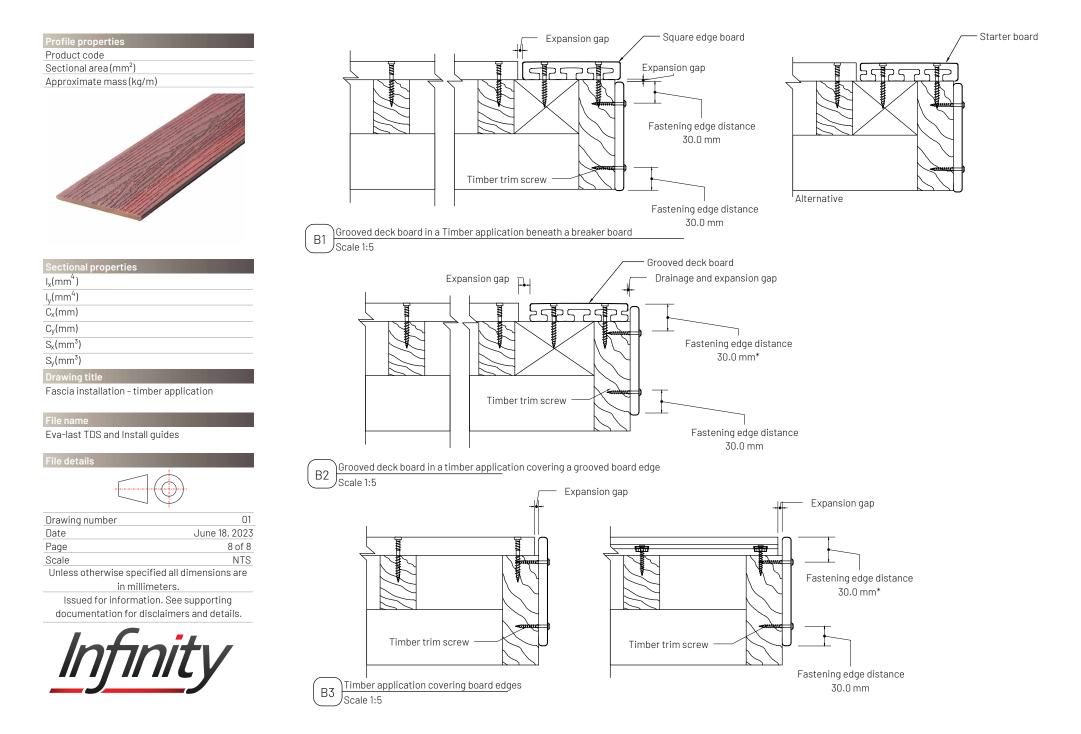














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Appendix C Summary of expansion gaps



## **Expansion coefficients**

Per Section 3. When a material is heated or cooled, its length changes by an amount proportional to the original length and the change in temperature. The following table provides the expansion coefficient of common materials.

Material	Expansion coefficient (mm/ mm/°C)	Expansion coefficient (inch/inch/°F)
Infinity (HDPE)	40.1 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	22.3 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Altitude (HDPE)	40.1 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	22.3 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Eva-tech(HDPE)	45.3 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	25.2 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Apex(PVC)	70.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	38.9 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Apex Plus (PVC + GFR)	33.4 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	18.5 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Pioneer (PVC + GFR + PMMA Cap)	33.4 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	18.5 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Lifespan (Aluminium)	24.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	13.3 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Galvanised steel	12.5 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	6.9 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>

## Infinity

Summary matrix of estimated expansion gaps (to the nearest 0.5 mm) for Infinity material technology at different board lengths and different increases in board temperature relative to the installation temperature.

Coefficient	Requ	ired expa	insion gaj	o (mm) es	timate pe	r increase	e in temp	erature r	elative to	the insta	llation te	mperatu	re (°C)
0.000041	1	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
Board length (m)	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C
1.0 m	0.00	0.25	0.50	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.50
2.0 m	0.00	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.25	3.75	4.00	4.50	5.00
3.0 m	0.00	0.50	1.25	1.75	2.50	3.00	3.75	4.25	5.00	5.50	6.25	6.75	7.50
4.0 m	0.25	0.75	1.75	2.50	3.25	4.00	5.00	5.75	6.50	7.50	8.25	9.00	9.75
5.0 m	0.25	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.25	6.25	7.25	8.25	9.25	10.25	11.25	12.25
5.45 m	0.25	1.00	2.25	3.25	4.50	5.50	6.75	7.75	9.00	10.00	11.25	12.25	13.50
5.8 m	0.25	1.25	2.50	3.50	4.75	6.00	7.25	8.25	9.50	10.75	12.00	13.00	14.25



Below is a summary matrix of estimated expansion gaps per technology, converted to inches using a conversion factor of 0.556 from mm/mm/°C. These values are rounded to three decimal places and are calculated for various board lengths and different temperature increases relative to the installation temperature.

Coefficient	Required expansion gap (inches) estimate per increase in temperature relative to the installation temperatu								ure (°F)				
0.000022	34	41	50	59	68	77	86	95	104	113	122	131	140
Board length (ft)	°F	°F	°F	°F	°F	°F	°F	°F	°F	°F	°F	°F	°F
1.0 ft	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.020	0.020	0.020	0.020	0.030	0.030
3.0 ft	0.000	0.010	0.010	0.020	0.030	0.040	0.040	0.050	0.060	0.069	0.069	0.079	0.089
6.0 ft	0.000	0.010	0.030	0.040	0.060	0.069	0.089	0.099	0.119	0.128	0.148	0.158	0.178
9.0 ft	0.000	0.020	0.040	0.069	0.089	0.109	0.128	0.158	0.178	0.197	0.217	0.247	0.266
12.0 ft	0.010	0.030	0.060	0.089	0.119	0.148	0.178	0.207	0.237	0.266	0.296	0.325	0.355
15.0 ft	0.010	0.040	0.069	0.109	0.148	0.188	0.217	0.256	0.296	0.335	0.365	0.404	0.443
18.0 ft	0.010	0.040	0.089	0.128	0.178	0.217	0.266	0.306	0.355	0.394	0.443	0.483	0.532



Appendix D Corrosion references



### **Fastener Durability**

### Screw corrosion classification

The following table is provided for information only and provides a summary of typical fasteners, their coating thicknesses, and respective lifespans in different corrosion zones, based on ISO 9223. In all cases consult an appropriately qualified professional. Red – the fastener is not suitable.

Orange - The protective coating is suitable for some composite product systems. See appropriate TDS document for more information. Green - The coating is suitable for the given environment and most composite systems.

 ${\sf Tick}(\sqrt{)}$  – The material itself is suitable for the given environment and most composite systems.

	ISC	9223 corrosion	category	C3	C4	C5	C5+	
Fastener category	Material	<b>0</b>	Zinc corrosion rate	0.7 to 2.1 (µm/annum)	2.1 to 4.2 (µm/annum)	4.2 to 8.4 (µm/annum)	8.4 to 25 (µm/annum)	
	Material	Coating	Coating Thickness	Expected lifespan of fastener coatings (years)				
Carbon clip screws								
Carbon deck screws	C1022	Magni 599	20 µm	10 to 28	5 to 10			
Carbon Frame screws	_	(full coat)	oat)					
Carbon trim screws	10B21		20 µm	10 to 28	5 to 10			
		Class 3	25 µm	12 to 35	6 to 12			
Tek screw	C1022	Class 4	50 µm	24 to 72	12 to 24	6 to 12		
		Zinc plated	8 µm					
Stainless Steel S clips	SS430	Enamel		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$			
Stainless clip screw		Magni 599 (full coat)	20 µm	10 to 28 + ✓	5 to 10 + 🗸	2 to 5 + ✓	<1to2+√	
Stainless deck screw	SS316	Enamel head		<b>√</b>	,	,	,	
Stainless trim screw		coating	N/a coating		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Stainless chain clip	SS316	Polypropylene (PP)	600 µm	$\checkmark$	√	63 to 130 🗸	~	



### Material corrosion rates

The following table provides typical corrosion rates (µm / annum) for common materials seen in composite building systems. Not all materials are published in relation to ISO 9223 corrosion rates but are indicated by source material as suitable for certain environments. It has been assumed that references to a marine environment would be equivalent to a C5 environment.

### Red - the fastener is not suitable

Orange - The protective coating is suitable for some composite product systems. See appropriate TDS document for more information.

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 $Tick(\checkmark)$  - The material itself is suitable for the given environment and most composite systems

	Corrosion rates (µm/annum) of constituents in different corrosion zones										
Material Category	ISO 9223 corrosion category	C3	C3 C4		C5+	- Noto					
	Equivalent category	Rural	Urban	Marine	Marine Industrial	Note					
Zinc		0.7 to 2.1	2.1 to 4.2	4.2 to 8.4	8.4 to 25	_					
Copper		0.6 to1.3	1.3 to 2.8	2.8 to 5.6	5.6 to 10	Per published IS					
Aluminium					negligible	9223 rates					
Steel	Carbon	25 to 50	50 to 80	80 to 200	200 to 700						
	SS410	$\checkmark$	х	х	х	Per ASKzn					
Stainless steel	SS430	$\checkmark$	V	0.0381	0.0406	website. Unrelated to IS(					
	SS316	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	0.0051	0.0076	9223					
Plastics	Polypropylene (PP)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		4.6 to 7.5	Per online					
	Polypropylene (PE)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		4.3 to 9.5	sources. Unrelated to IS( 9223					



Appendix E Troubleshooting



Common complaints	Typical issues	Potential solution
Deck is bouncy or springy.	Inappropriate spans.	Reduce spans and/or provide additional supports.
Deck boards sag between joists.	Inappropriate spans.	Reduce spans and/or provide additional supports.
Deck board ends lift or tent.	Inappropriate fastening distance from edge of the board and/or overhang.	Fasten board down closer to the board edge. Ensure board support and substructure are adequate. Ensure appropriate overhang distance.
Expansion gap is too large.	The installed gap did not consider potential minimum board temperatures for the site.	Refit using appropriate expansion gaps. Make use of shorter boards and/or breaker boards.
Ends of the deck boards are no longer even.	Boards were not left to acclimatise before installation and/or boards were installed at different temperatures without allowing for this.	Now that the boards have acclimatised, cut the boards to the same lengths. Ensure this is done at a consistent temperature to avoid similar problems in the future.
Boards 'tent' at butt joints.	Inappropriate expansion gaps.	Calculate correct expansion gap for site and cut board ends to satisfy. Make use of breaker boards and similar where possible.
Board end sags under load.	Inappropriate board overhang.	Ensure board end is adequately supported within 20 mm of board end.
Screws snapping.	Inappropriate number of fasteners per board and/ or over-tightening/over-torquing of screws and/or incorrect fastener utilised for the application.	Ensure appropriate fastener is used. Ensure two fasteners (hidden clips or top fixings) are used at every joist. Ensure appropriate torque settings are utilised.
Boards are cracking at board edges in vicinity of top-fixing screws.	Inappropriate fastening edge distance and/or pre- drilling.	Replace board and ensure top fixing to edge distances are correct. Pre-drill in low-temperature installations.
'Mushrooming' occurring at top-fixings.	Over-tightening/over-torquing of screws and/or high deck board temperatures during installation.	Ensure appropriate torque settings are utilised. Avoid installations at particularly high site temperatures. Pre-drill the fastening holes.
Deck is squeaky.	Board-clip-substructure interaction is producing a noise when loaded.	Replace hidden fastener with a smaller fastener and/or a fastener with a suitable polymer coating.
Fasteners are driving through the I-Series profile	Not using a depth stopping bit and driving too fast to control the drill.	Use a depth stopping bit. Drive the fastener until the fastener head is about to hit the material and slow down and slowly fasten the board down.
Top fixing the I-Series profiles causes the profile to crack at the end.	Inappropriate edge distance.	Adjust edge distance.



# Appendix F

Cellulose (Wood) Plastic Composite Material Range Safe Work Procedure (SWP)



## CELLULOSE FIBRE MATERIALS RANGES

## SAFE WORK PROCEDURE (SWP)

SWP JOB TITLE OR TASK: CELLULOSE M	DATE: JANUARY 2023	
Potential Hazards	Personal Protective Equipment	Training required
Hazardous Substances	Safety Glasses	MSDS
Dust ans fiber particles	Respiratory Protection	Health and Safety Induction
Flying particles	Overalls	First Aid
Unsafe use of equipment	Gloves	Health and Safety Induction
Unsafe use of tools	Other (as per installer`s risk assessment)	Other (as per Installers risk assessment)
Incompetent operators/workers		

Note: Properly installed, the Glass Fiber Reinforced Material Range are not considered to pose a health risk. It is only during installation, or when these materials are disturbed or broken (e.g. during renovations) that you need to be concerned.

- 1. The material contains cellulose fibres, such as bamboo and wood fibres and other potentially hazardous substances. When the final product is processed (cutting mainly), fine dust is released. Installers are obligated to inform their employees, subcontractors, any other parties on-site, and the client of the potential risks when handling and installing this material.
- 2. Installers must provide appropriate personal protective equipment to help employees protect themselves from cellulose fibre and dust exposure. Safety glasses or goggles will prevent the fibres from entering the eyes.
- 3. Selecting the right clothes can help minimize contact with the fibers, reducing the risk for irritation and injury. Workers should wear pants and long-sleeve shirts when working with this material. The fabric will prevent glass fiber dust from irritating the skin and reduce the risk of fibers becoming embedded in the skin. Keep your employer's dress code in mind when selecting the clothing you will wear when handling glass fiber. You can use duct tape to close the gap at the end of long sleeves and trousers.
- 4. Wearing gloves reduces skin contact with the dust and fibre and may prevent irritation.
- 5. Workers regularly exposed to this type of dust should wear masks with respirators, which contain filters that prevent dust and other particles from entering the mouth and respiratory system. Masks that cover the nose and mouth can prevent workers from inhaling or swallowing the fibers.
- 6. Fumes from resins and other substances used in this product and installation should be avoided as much as possible, because they may cause respiratory problems such as tight chest, shortness of breath and wheezing. Other possible symptoms may include eye and nose irritation, headache, dizziness, and nausea.
- 7. Don't rub your skin or eyes if they feel itchy or irritated.
- 8. After working, wash with soap and running water (a shower is best). Wash your work clothes separately. Separate working clothes from town clothes. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.
- 9. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, or smoking and when leaving work. Do not eat, drink, or smoke when using this product. Always wash hands after handling the product.
- 10. Keep your workspace clean, and wet-wipe or mop surfaces after working. Vacuuming is also good, but don't sweep this spreads dust around. Vacuum attachments for cutting equipment should be utilised to mitigate risk.
- 11. Keep glass fiber materials properly stored and dispose of any scrap.
- 12. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) of all materials to be used must be made available at the workplace.
- 13. You should seek prompt medical advice, ideally from an occupational physician or specialist, if you experience any symptoms related to exposure to any of the products and substances mentioned above.
- 14. Installers must ensure compliance with their country's Health and Safety Obligations and Laws.
- 15. The client is obligated to inform anyone necessary of the potential risk when handling and installing this material.
- 16. Omissions from the above responsibilities do not relieve the employer from any of these or other obligations and does not transfer any risk to the product supplier.

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# **Appendix G** Profile Reference table



## Profile Reference table

Below is a summary of profiles available in the Infinity material technology. Please refer to www.eva-last.com for profiles available to your regions.

Profile ID		Application type	Board width (mm)(inch)	Thickness (mm)(inch)
Infinity	STGJ06AE	136.0 (5.355)	23.0 (0.905)	
Infinity <sub>[15]</sub>	STGJ07AE	I-Series – Grooved deck board – Half cap	173.4 (6.827)	23.0 (0.905)
<u>Infinity</u>	STGJ131	Grooved deck board – Half cap	136.0 (5.355)	23.0 (0.905)
<u>Infinity</u>	STGJ132	Starter board – Single sided starter	173.4 (6.827)	23.0 (0.905)
Infinity	STGJ02AE	I-Series - Grooved deck board - Half cap	136.0 (5.355)	25.4 (1.000)
Infinity	STGJ03AE	I-Series - Square edge deck board - Half cap	136.0 (5.355)	25.4 (1.000)
Infinity <sub>[15]</sub>	STGJ04AE	I-Series - Edge grooved board - Half cap	136.0 (5.355)	25.4 (1.000)
Infinity	STGJ113	I-Series – Grooved deck board – Half cap	134.1 (5.280)	25.4 (1.000)
<u>Infinity</u>	STGJ04XX	Grooved deck board - Full cap	140.0 (5.512)	23.0 (0.905)
<u>Infinity</u>	STGJ02AEN	Solid square edge board – Full cap	140.0 (5.512)	25.5 (1.000)
<u>Infinity</u>	STGJ30	Square edge deck board - Full cap	140.0 (5.512)	23.0 (0.905)
<u>Infinity</u>	STGJ0.5	Square edge deck board - Half cap	140.0 (5.512)	25.4 (1.000)
<u>Infinity</u>	STGJ20X	Square edge stair board - Full cap	325.0 (12.796)	30.0 (1.182)
<u>Infinit</u> y	STGJ14	Fascia board – Full cap	150.0 (5.906)	12.0 (0.473)
<u>Infinit</u> y	STGJ40	Fascia board - Half cap	184.0 (7.245)	16.5 (0.650)
<u>Infinity</u>	STGJ41	Fascia board - Half cap	304.3 (11.981)	18.0 (0.709)
<u>Infinit</u> y	STGJ77	Screen board - Full cap	70.0 (2.756)	16.0 (0.630)
<u>Infinity</u>	STGJ58	Joist - Full cap	35.0 (1.378)	35.0 (1.378)