DECKING
NOTE: Construction methods are always improving. Please refer to www.trex.com for the most up-to-date installation requirements.
DECKING AND FASCIA RECOMMENDED FASTENERS

If any condition occurs which is attributable to the use of non-recommended fasteners, such condition shall not be covered under the Trex Limited Warranty.

**NOTES:**

» !! DO NOT USE ANY HIDDEN FASTENERS THAT ARE PLUG BASED WITH TREX ENHANCE PROFILES WITH SCALLOPED BOTTOM.!

» 2-3/4" or 3" screws can be used with Trex 2x6 product.

» Muro T-Screw M-TX0300SEP listed above is approved for 2x6 decking (can also be used with standard 1" (decking as listed above). This screw is collated and can be used with Muro Auto Feed Screw Gun FDVL41 Speed Driver. (NOTE: THIS IS NOT A COLOR-MATCH SCREW.)

» All decking products are approved for use with Trex Hideaway Hidden Fasteners, thus all decking products can be routed according to our instructions.

» Simpson Strong-Tie Deck Drive DCU Composite Screw in collated versions works with Quik Drive gun.

» * Fascia system screws listed above can only be used with composite fascia profiles, and cannot be used with standard thickness decking boards used as fascia. Use stainless steel screws near water applications.

» ** Not for use with sleeper systems. Refer to FastenMaster® literature for more information.

» Contact 1-800-BUY-TREX for Escapes fastener recommendations.

**DECKING–HIDDEN FASTENERS**

- Trex Hideaway® Universal Hidden Fastener
- Trex Hideaway® Connector Clip
- TigerClaw® TC-G Hidden Fastener
- Cortex® Concealed Fasteners**
- Starborn® Pro Plug® System for PVC & Composite (Epoxy Coated & Stainless) (2" are approved for sleeper & roof top applications only)
- Simpson Strong-Tie® Deck Drive™ DCU Composite Screw & DCU Screw Plugs (Handdrive only & must also use Auto-Set Drive Bit)

**DECKING–COMPOSITE SCREWS**

- FastenMaster® TrapEase 3 Ultimate Composite Deck Screw
- Simpson Strong-Tie® Deck-Drive™ DCU Composite Screw (Collated & Handdrive)
- Quik Drive® Composi-Lok Deck Screw
- SplitStop™ Titan III Composite Screw
- Starborn® Cap-Tor® xd Epoxy Coated & Headcote® Stainless (available collated for Muro CH7390 Drive Bit***)
- Screw Products C-Deck Exterior Star Drive Composite Deck Screw
- Phillips II Plus® Pozisquare
- Muro® T-Screw Torx Stainless Steel Screw - Collated (TX0212SFD or M-TX0300SEP)
- Kameleon™ GRKFasteners™

**FASCIA**

- Cortex® Hidden Fastening System for Fascia
- Starborn® Pro Plug® System for Fascia – Epoxy Coated & Stainless
- Starborn® Deckfast® Fascia System – Epoxy Coated & Headcote® Stainless
- SplitStop™ Fascia Screw
- Simpson Strong-Tie® Fascia Board Screw

**MINIMUM FASTENER SIZE**

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TREX® FASCIA INSTALLATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Trex Fascia utilized around the perimeter of a deck must be gapped with the same requirements as Trex decking to allow for air flow and expansion/contraction of the fascia.

When Using Approved Fascia Fasteners:

NOTE: The fasteners listed below can only be used with 1x8 or 1x12 fascia product, and cannot be used with decking product that is being used as fascia trim or stair risers.

See previous page for Trex recommended Fascia fasteners.

Always refer to manufacturing instructions first for installation methods. If instructions are not specific, refer to the below diagram. Always remember to gap fascia properly. A secondary glue is not required when using these fasteners.

NOTE: Instructions below reflect the use of Trex recommended fascia fasteners. If using deck boards as fascia, refer to the recommendations in next column on this page.

Optimal installation method (shown below) is using square-edge decking as a border, overlapping the rim joists approx. 1” in picture framing pattern around decking perimeter. This will allow fascia to be installed UNDER the square-edged decking, adding protection to the fascia/framing seam and hiding the board ends from view. This optimizes both fascia performance as well as the aesthetics of the installation.

TIPS:

» 10” rim joists (represented below unless noted) allow for an easier and more aesthetically pleasing installation.

» Miter cuts at butt joints and corners allow for a more aesthetically pleasing installation (end-to-end gapping rules still apply).

If Using Other Fasteners and/or Using Decking Product in Fascia/Stair Riser Applications:

While Trex prefers the previous methods of attachment, as these are the very best options, there are also other recommendations that can be followed for fascia or deck boards being used for fascia. Use three Trex recommended composite decking screws every 12”. ALWAYS refer to manufacturer instructions to ensure that recommended screws can be used for fascia applications. The top screw should be placed 1” from the top of the rim joist, the second screw in the center of the rim joist, and the third screw 1” from the bottom of the rim joist.

**IN ADDITION, also use a weather-resistant, construction-grade adhesive (adhesives that work with wood will work with Trex products) as a SECONDARY fastener when attaching fascia. Remember to wipe away any excess before it dries or is allowed to drip on other Trex surfaces.

NOTE: English measurements are shown. Convert to metric measurements if necessary.

NOTE: Construction methods are always improving. Please refer to www.trex.com for the most up-to-date installation requirements.
**FRAMING AND FASTENING TIPS**

**FASTENING TIP FOR TREX ESCAPES, TREX TRANSCEND, TREX ENHANCE, AND TREX SELECT**

*NOTE:* When using pneumatic or battery-operated equipment, adjust the pressure so that you only shoot the head of the screw to be flush with the board's cap. **DO NOT** shoot the fastener head completely through the shell.

**TREX PRODUCTS NEAR LOW-E WINDOWS**

Low-E glass reflects more sunlight, and it has been observed that the extra reflectivity combined with any concavity in the glass can act like that of a concave mirror, concentrating sunlight onto outdoor objects, including that of decking and railing. This can result in an extreme amount of heat concentrated on areas of the decking surface, which, in turn, can sometimes char the decking surface or cause the decking to slightly bow.

**CLEAN CUT BOARDS**

It is recommended to clean cut boards on both ends minimum 3/16” (5mm).

Composite decking is a great alternative to traditional wood decking. When building your deck and railing, it is recommended that code-approved structural material be used as the framing and joists. One option is using Trex Elevations® steel deck framing. Refer to [www.trex.com](http://www.trex.com) for more information on Trex Elevations. Check your local building codes for restrictions. Trex decking cannot be used for structural applications. **Do not** attach Trex decking directly to any solid surface or watertight system.

**DOCK APPLICATIONS**

Trex decking contains no materials that will harm marine life and is safe for the environment. As long as dock is in intermittent contact with water, i.e., splashing and not in continuous direct contact with water, the durability of the Trex decking should not be affected.

For docks, a 3/8” (10mm) width-to-width gap between boards is recommended to allow for increased drainage due to increased contact with water. In addition, stainless steel fasteners should be used. If there is sufficient contact between the dock and gasoline, grounding of the dock is also recommended.

**Special Patterns**

When planning a unique pattern, you will need to adjust the framing to support the surface pattern. Many decks are designed to take advantage of angles, as shown below.

- Herringbone Pattern
- Picture Frame Pattern
- Tile Pattern
ROOFTOP AND SLEEPER DECK SYSTEMS–PRESSURE TREATED FRAMING

A sleeper system is a substructure between a solid surface and Trex decking. Drainage, access, and airflow are critical. Water must be able to flow through and away from the deck. For repairs and removal of debris, joist system access may be necessary.

NOTE: English measurements are shown. Convert to metric measurements if necessary.

» It is recommended that building-code-approved structural material be used as the supports.
» This system should not be allowed to float; it must be attached in a manner that secures the framing/system.
» The sleeper system must be level and have no uneven undulations. Any uneven areas of the substructure will transfer to the Trex decking, resulting in uneven decking.
» Trex, when used with a sleeper system, must be supported below its entire length. If using in a roofing application, the supports must run the direction of the pitch of the roof to facilitate proper drainage. Sleeper should be placed perpendicular to the deck board orientation.
» For commercial applications, consult a local building code official for specific requirements.
» If installing decking at an angle, decrease spans 4” (100 mm) for each of the above. (12” (305 mm) for residential and 8” (204 mm) for commercial.)
» For sleeper systems where small debris (pine needles, leaves, sand, dirt) can accumulate either between or under deck boards, a minimum of 1-1/2” (38mm) height is allowable. Trex recommends the use of Trex Universal Hidden Fasteners or 2” Starborn Cap-Tor® xd - Epoxy Coated screws. (NOTE: Trex recommended composite decking screws are too long when using 1-1/2” (38 mm) height as this will penetrate through the sleeper.) For areas with the potential for debris buildup, a minimum 3-1/2” (89 mm) or greater height is recommended to allow the debris to be removed along with the use of either Trex Universal Hidden fasteners or any Trex recommended screws.
» Always consult your local building code authority for proper details on roof and railing installation to the roof structure if required.
» Any deviation from these recommendations could result in voiding of the Trex warranty.

NOTE: Construction methods are always improving. Please refer to www.trex.com for the most up-to-date installation requirements.
METAL FRAMING REQUIREMENTS AND GAPPING

NOTE: Metric measurements are shown. Convert to US measurements if necessary.

Gap decking width-to-width:
6mm (All Temps)

Gap decking end-to-end:
3mm (>4°C)
5mm (<4°C)

13mm max. overhang

Adjust end span framing per manufacturers requirements

Two screws per joist

Double joist spacing per manufacturers requirements

Perimeter joists

NOTES:
» When using an aluminum framing system or other type of metal for sleeper systems, follow manufacturer’s instructions for proper installation.
» Depending on type of structure being used, different types of fasteners must be used for attachment.
» When using screws to attach decking to framing, use two screws per every joist.
CODE COMPLIANCE

Joist Spanning for Decking
Trex decking meets all applicable national model building codes. The joists must be spaced on center according to the chart below. Be sure that joists are level and plumb. Trex decking must span at least three joists. For heavy items such as hot tubs, planters, etc., consult a local building engineer or inspector for span recommendations. If you want to minimize the appearance of joists through the spaces between boards, paint the top of your joists black.

Code Listings
Trex complies with major model building codes and has been evaluated by the International Code Council evaluation service.

For a Safety Data Sheets (SDS), please visit www.trex.com.

ADJUST JOIST SPANNING TO ACCOMMODATE ANGLED DECKING PATTERNS

90° Perpendicular to joists. See chart below.

60° At a 60° angle, maximum joist spanning is 2” (51 mm) less than listed in the chart below.

45° At a 45° angle, maximum joist spanning is 4” (102 mm) less than listed in the chart below.

30° At a 30° angle, maximum joist spanning is 1/2 of the distance listed in the chart below.

TREX DECKING SPAN CHART (On Center)

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TREX RAILING SPAN CHART

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NOTE: Construction methods are always improving. Please refer to www.trex.com for the most up-to-date installation requirements.
GAPPING and OVERHANG

You must gap Trex decking both end-to-end and width-to-width. Gapping is necessary for drainage and the slight thermal expansion and contraction of Trex decking boards. Gapping also allows for shrinkage of the wood joist system.

» **ALWAYS** follow Trex-recommended gapping guidelines.

» Maximum allowable perpendicular overhang for all Trex decking is 1/2” (13 mm).

» All decks require air circulation to keep them dry and looking good. To improve air flow, leave openings under the decking or increase gapping to 3/8” (10 mm).

**WIDTH-TO-WIDTH GAP**

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**END-TO-END/END-TO-WIDTH AND ABUTTING GAP**

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*Temperature at installation.

When you use the recommended hidden fasteners, the placement of the hidden fastener establishes the designated gap size.

When installing fascia, gapping rules must apply.

**Width-to-Width**

The minimum required width-to-width gapping is 1/4” (6 mm). This is allowed for both hot and cold weather installations. For docks and heavily wooded areas, Trex recommends a 3/8” (10 mm) gap as well. No gapping should ever exceed 1/2” (13 mm).

**End-to-End/End-to-Width**

Gap Trex decking end-to-end, based upon the temperature at installation. See chart at left. For fastening tips, see page 30.

**Abutting Solid Objects**

When decking is abutting a wall, you must also gap it 1/4”–1/2” (6–13 mm) depending on the temperature at installation. See chart at left.
IMPORTANT NOTES BEFORE INSTALLING TREX DECKING

It is recommended to clean cut boards on both ends a minimum 3/16” (5mm).

To ensure an appealing mix of color tones, mix and match all boards prior to installation.

If installing in localities prone to large temperature shifts within a 24-hour period, and installing Trex Universal Hidden Fasteners, predrill and toenail a screw (use same screw used in hidden fasteners) at an angle in groove at both ends (at least 1” (25mm) from board end) and center of each board.

Abutted Board Attachment Requirements

Pre-drill using 1/8” bit

Routing Square Edge Boards for Trex Hideaway Hidden Fasteners

NOTE: All Trex square edge profiles, either 1x6 or 2x6, can be routed.

NOTE: HIDDEN FASTENERS MUST BE USED AT EVERY JOIST.

Using a Trex routerbit with standard router:
1. Rout from bottom side of board.
2. Rout the entire length of the board, or at every intersection where board is over support joists.
INSTALLING TREX TRANSCEND, ENHANCE, SELECT DECKBOARDS

NOTE: Construction methods are always improving. Please refer to www.trex.com for the most up-to-date installation requirements.
Installing Last Deck Board
(Square-Edge Board Recommended)

Route one side of square-edge board to use with hidden fasteners.

Fascia screws supplied by installer (1 x 8 fascia shown).

*6mm >4˚C  13mm <4˚C

NOTE: Construction methods are always improving. Please refer to www.trex.com for the most up-to-date installation requirements.
INSTALLING ESCAPES BOARDS/CONTINUED
WITH TREX HIDEAWAY® UNIVERSAL HIDDEN FASTENERS

Pre-drill 1" (25mm)

Use same screw as supplied with hidden fastener.

NOTE: Install at both ends and center of board.

Pre-drill 1/4" (13mm)

Use same screw as supplied with hidden fastener.

NOTE: Install at both ends and center of board.
INSTALLING ESCAPES BOARDS/CONTINUED
WITH TREX HIDEAWAY® UNIVERSAL HIDDEN FASTENERS

NOTE: Construction methods are always improving. Please refer to www.trex.com for the most up-to-date installation requirements.

Installing Last Deck Board

Use same screw as supplied with hidden fastener.

Fascia screws supplied by installer (1 x 8 fascia shown).

INSTALLING TREX TRANSCEND PORCH BOARDS
TREX HIDEAWAY® HIDDEN FASTENERS CONNECTOR CLIPS (METAL CLIPS) CANNOT BE USED WITH TREX PORCH BOARDS

NOTE: When installing Trex Porch Floorboards in a non-covered environment, the porch structure should be slightly sloped to help allow for proper drainage. Joists should be sloped 1/8” per foot away from the house to facilitate drainage. Refer to your local building code official for recommendations BEFORE building sub-structure. When installing Trex Porch Floorboards under cover of a roof, no slope is required.

NOTE: Construction methods are always improving. Please refer to www.trex.com for the most up-to-date installation requirements.
Use a piece of porch scrap board to keep the fastener straight and secure. Using smaller lip side, hold the hidden fastener down before screwing in.

Remove scrap board after tightening fasteners and save for next board installation.

Reuse porch scrap board from previous board installation.
INSTALLING TREX TRANSCEND PORCH BOARDS/CONTINUED

Installing Last Deck Board

1. Insert Fasteners
2. Insert Fasteners

REPLACING TREX BOARDS (TRANSCEND, ENHANCE, SELECT, ESCAPES)
INSTALLED WITH TREX HIDEAWAY UNIVERSAL FASTENERS

1. New board at an angle
2. Existing Deck
3. Insert Fasteners

Fascia screws supplied by installer (1 x 8 fascia shown).

Use same screw as supplied with hidden fastener.
SPANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR TREX STAIRS

Note: English measurements are shown. Convert to metric measurements if necessary.

STAIRS

Stairway Detail

» Stair treads built with Trex meet requirements of the major national building codes. Consult your local municipality for specific requirements.

» Fasten stair treads continuously across at least four stringers.

» See chart (at right) for center-to-center spacing of profiles.

» Dress the sides of the stringers and risers with trim or Trex fascia for a finished look.

» When installing risers, use two screws per every stringer.

» Fascia fasteners can only be used if fascia boards are being used for risers. If deck boards are used, recommended composite deck screws must be used (glue is not required for this application).

» Most model building codes require the stair treads to be constructed under the following requirements:

  › Stairways must be at least 36” wide

  › Stair treads must be at least 11” deep

  › Gapping between Trex boards on stair treads must be 1/4” – 3/8”.

  › The overhang of the stair tread is not to exceed 3/4”.

*For railings that are installed directly over stair treads, the stair treads may need to be larger than 36” wide. Refer to local building code regulations for details prior to installing stairs and railings.

NOTES:

» Trex rails meet all major building codes for use as a guardrail system. Local municipalities may require a graspable handrail on stairways. Check with your local building code official for local requirements. See Trex ADA Handrail System in the Trex product catalog.

» Trex Porch Boards should not be used for stair applications. Use square-edge composite decking boards and manually rout these where needed to allow for use with hidden fasteners.

MAXIMUM SPACING ON CENTER OF STAIR STRINGER

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INSTALLING TREX STAIR TREADS
INSTALLED WITH HIDDEN FASTENERS

NOTE: Use square-edge, composite decking boards and manually route these on required sides to allow for use with hidden fasteners.

1. Rout one side of board (last stair tread).
LOCATION AND INSTALLATION OF SURFACE MOUNT POST – DECKING

IMPORTANT NOTES:

» EACH POST MUST BE ATTACHED AS SHOWN TO ENSURE A CODE-COMPLIANT AND SAFE INSTALLATION.

» ALWAYS REFER TO YOUR LOCAL BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL PRIOR TO INSTALLING ANY RAILING SYSTEM TO ENSURE ALL CODE AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS ARE MET. TREX CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPROPER OR NON-RECOMMENDED INSTALLATIONS.

» WHEN INSTALLING TREX POST MOUNTS ON ACQ OR CCA SURFACES, USE AN APPROPRIATE ISOLATION BARRIER BETWEEN POST AND SURFACE (CONTACT LOCAL BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL IF NEEDED).

» ENSURE THAT CORRECT SKU HARDWARE IS ORDERED FOR THE TYPE OF RAILING BEING INSTALLED.

» CANNOT BE USED WITH TREX TRANSCEND COCKTAIL RAILING.

» See page 58 for sku information.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS NEEDED

» Drill and/or screw gun

» 1/2” (1.3 cm) drill bit for wood

» Blocking – 2” x 8” (5.1 cm x 20.3 cm) pressure-treated Southern Yellow Pine or equivalent

» Qty: 36 (per post) – 3” (7.6 cm) pressure-treated compatible wood screws

PARTS

» (1) Post mount

» (2) Guide blocks

» (18) #8-15 x 1-1/4” (3.2 cm) Screws

» (2) 10 x 1” (2.5 cm) Self-tapping screws

SKU ALPOSTHWDECK (this SKU SOLD SEPARATELY and must be used for code-approved applications).

» (4) 3/8” x 6” (1 cm x 15.2 cm) Hex cap bolts

» (1) Back plate

» (8) Flat washers

» (4) Hex nuts

How to Install Post Mounts on Pressure-Treated Wood Framing

Corner Post Installation

1. Install 2” x 8” (5.1 cm x 20.3 cm) cross bracing frame in between joists at 7-1/4” (18.4 cm). Attach a total of twelve 3” (7.6 cm) pressure-treated compatible screws (not provided).

2. Install two 2” x 8” (5.1 cm x 20.3 cm) boards as blocking under post location. Securely attach blocking using a total of twenty-four 3” (7.6 cm) pressure-treated compatible screws (not provided).

NOTE: TO ENSURE THE BLOCKING IS FULLY SECURE, USE THE AMOUNT OF SCREWS INDICATED ABOVE.

TIP: USE TWO ADDITIONAL SCREWS TO “SANDWICH” BLOCKING BOARDS TOGETHER FOR EASIER ATTACHMENT TO FRAMING.

NOTE: Construction methods are always improving. Please refer to www.trex.com for the most up-to-date installation requirements.
Line Post Installation

3. Install two 2” x 8” (5.1 cm x 20.3 cm) cross-bracing frames in between joists at 7-1/4” (18.4 cm). Attach a total of twelve 3” (7.6 cm) pressure-treated compatible screws (*not provided*).

4. Install two 2” x 8” (5.1 cm x 20.3 cm) boards as blocking under post location. Securely attach blocking using a total of twenty-four 3” (7.6 cm) pressure-treated compatible screws (*not provided*).

5. Using post a template, mark locations of holes.

6. Drill through decking and blocking boards using 5/8” diameter bit (long drill bit will be required).

7. Insert the (2) stainless steel barrier strips under the mounting bolt holes. BARRIER STRIPS ARE REQUIRED ONLY IF ATTACHING POST DIRECTLY TO PRESSURE-TREATED FRAMING.

8. Attach posts using four 3/8” x 6” (1 cm x 15.2 cm) hex cap bolts, washers, and nuts, along with aluminum back plate on underside of blocking. If the project requires IRC compliance, this back plate MUST be installed under the decking to ensure this will meet code compliance. Reference SKU part number ALPOSTHWDECK for required hardware and aluminum plate. (Consult local code official for more information on IRC Compliance.)

**NOTES:**

» Use composite shims or similar material (*not provided*) if posts are not plumb. Ensure that post is placed on decking surface so that it clears the rim joist and there is enough clearance on the underside blocking for the back plate to be installed.

» Rim joist removed to show proper attachment of hardware.

Install Guide Blocks

**NOTE:** Pre-drilling is not required but is optional for attachment of guide blocks to post. Use a drill bit slightly smaller in size than that of screw being installed.

9. Place or rest bottom aluminum guide block on bottom of post. Place guide on post so that notch is on a side that does not require railing to be attached.
10. Attach bottom guide block using one 10 x 1" self-tapping screw (provided) in notch to lock guide block onto post.

11. Location of top guide block will vary slightly based on type and height of railing being installed. Determine this measurement and place top guide block in location where top bracket for desired railing would be approximately on center of the top railing bracket location.

12. Attach top guide block using one 10 x 1" self-tapping screw (provided) in notch to lock guide block onto post.

Install Railing System of Choice

NOTES:

» Quantity of 18 #8-15 x 1-1/4" screws are provided to cover all types of Trex railing bracket installations (Transcend, Trex® Signature™, and Select). Thus, depending on the type railing being installed, you may have screws that are not used.

» If using 6x6 post sleeves, attach designated railing brackets using #8-15 x 1-3/4" (4.4 cm) 316 stainless steel screws (not provided).

» Pre-drilling IS REQUIRED when attaching brackets to designated posts. Use a 9/64" (3.6 mm) drill bit to pre-drill at specified locations according to instructions provided with railing kits.

NOTE: If installing Trex Deck Lighting on the posts, drill hole through support blocks to allow wiring for lights to be below the surface of the decking.
LOCATION AND INSTALLATION OF IRC-APPROVED POST MOUNTS – CONCRETE

IMPORTANT NOTES:
» INSTALLATION SHOWN HERE IS FOR IRC APPROVED APPLICATIONS ONLY.
» MAKE SURE CONCRETE IS LEVEL BEFORE INSTALLING POSTS.
» ALWAYS REFER TO YOUR LOCAL BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL PRIOR TO INSTALLING ANY RAILING SYSTEM TO ENSURE ALL CODE AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS ARE MET. TREX CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPROPER OR NON-RECOMMENDED INSTALLATIONS.
» CANNOT BE USED WITH TREX TRANSCEND COCKTAIL RAILING.
» See page 58 for sku information.

TOOLS NEEDED
» Hammer
» Drill and/or screw gun
» 3/8” (10 mm) drill bit for concrete

PARTS
» (1) Post mount
» (2) Guide blocks
» (18) #8-15 x 1-1/4” (32 mm) Screws
» (2) 10 x 1” (25 mm) Self-tapping screws

SKU ALPOSTHWCONC
(this SKU SOLD SEPARATELY)
» (4) 3/8” x 3-3/4” (10 mm x 95 mm) Expansion anchor
» (4) Flat washers
» (4) Hex nuts

Pre-drill Holes

1. Using post as a template, mark locations of the four holes and drill into concrete at least 2-5/8” (66.7 mm) using a 3/8” (10 mm) masonry bit.

NOTE: You can either set drill bit to correct depth on drill or mark drill bit with tape at required dimension to ensure all holes are drilled at the correct depth.

2. Clean out holes to remove all concrete dust.
3. Insert the (2) stainless steel barrier strips under the mounting bolt holes. Use appropriate shims if posts are not plumb. Secure post mount with the four expansion anchors, washers and nuts.

**NOTE:** When using hammer to tap anchors in place, keep the threaded nut at the top of the anchor in order to not damage the threads.

**NOTE:** Recommended torque for anchors is 20 ft-lbs.

Install Guide Blocks

**NOTE:** Pre-drilling is not required but is optional for attachment of guide blocks to post. Use a drill bit slightly smaller in size than that of screw being installed.

4. Place or rest bottom aluminum guide block on bottom of post. Place guide on post so that notch is on a side that does not require railing to be attached.

5. Attach bottom guide block using one 10 x 1" (25 mm) self-tapping screw (provided) in notch to lock guide block onto post.

6. Location of top guide block will vary slightly based on type and height of railing being installed. Determine this measurement and place top guide block in location where top bracket for desired railing would be approximately on center of the top railing bracket location.

7. Attach top guide block using one 10 x 1" (25 mm) self-tapping screw (provided) in notch to lock guide block onto post.

Install Railing System of Choice

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

» A quantity of 18 #8-15 x 1-1/4" screws are provided to cover all types of Trex railing bracket installations (Transcend, Trex® Signature™ and Select). Therefore, depending on the type railing being installed, you may have screws that are not used.

» **Pre-drilling IS REQUIRED when attaching brackets to designated posts.** Use a 9/64" (3.6 mm) drill bit to pre-drill at specified locations according to instructions provided with railing kits.

» If using 6x6 post sleeves, attach designated railing brackets using #8-15 x 1-3/4" (44 mm) 316 stainless steel screws (not provided).

**NOTE:** If installing Trex lighting on the posts, drill hole through support blocks to allow wiring for lights to be below the surface of the decking.

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HOW TO INSTALL JOIST MOUNT POSTS
ALL INSTRUCTIONS BELOW ARE FOR METAL POSTS ONLY; NO PRESSURE-TREATED POSTS ARE TO BE USED FOR THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

GENERAL GUIDELINES
- Code-Approved Joist Mount Post Applications:
  - 30” or less deck height - Code approval not applicable
  - IRC Compliant - Yes
  - IBC Compliant - No
- Minimum framing is 2”x 8” (51 mm x 203 mm). (Ensure all structural brackets are sized appropriately for framing.)
- Follow all structural bracket manufacturer’s guidelines for fastener selection and corrosion protection requirements.
- Maximum OC framing is 16” (406 mm).
- This post is designed to cut-to-length and will accommodate up to 42” (1067 mm) stair railing on 2” x 12” (51 mm x 305 mm) framing.

HELPFUL TOOLS
- 9/16” x 6” (14 mm x 152 mm) or longer Drill Bit
- 1/2” (13 mm) Step Bit
- Non-ferrous Metal Cutting Blade

Wood Frame (Inside Mount) Overview

NOTE: To allow fascia to sit flat against framing, route/trim out back side of fascia to allow for fit over bolt locations.

Wood Frame (Fascia Mount) Overview

NOTES:
- Trex fascia should be installed prior to installing any outside joist post mounts.
- Can only be used with Trex® Signature™ 6’ or less railing spans.

Joist Mount Post for Trex Composite Post Sleeve
SKU CPJMNTPOST63
- (1) Joist Mount Post
- (2) Guide blocks
- (2) 10 x 1” (2.5 cm) Screws
- (18) #8-15 x 1-1/4” (3.2 cm) Screws
- (2) 1/2" x 8" Bolts, Washers, & Nuts

Trex Joist Mount Post for Trex® Signature™ Railing
SKU XXJMNTPOST63
XX denotes color: (BK-Black, BZ-Bronze, WT-White)
- (1) Joist Mount Post
- (2) 1/2" x 8" Bolts, Washers, & Nuts
- (1) Post Cap
- (1) Post Skirt

*TREX® Signature™ Fascia Mount Kit
SKU - XXFMNTWOOD

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- 30” or less deck height - Code approval not applicable
- IRC Compliant - Yes
- IBC Compliant - No
- Minimum framing is 2”x 8” (51 mm x 203 mm). (Ensure all structural brackets are sized appropriately for framing.)
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- This post is designed to cut-to-length and will accommodate up to 42” (1067 mm) stair railing on 2” x 12” (51 mm x 305 mm) framing.

Trex® Joist Mount Post
for Trex® Signature™ Railing
SKU XXJMNTPOST63
XX denotes color: (BK-Black, BZ-Bronze, WT-White)
INSIDE MOUNT (FRONT RIM PLATE - BETWEEN JOISTS WITH BLOCKING)

INSIDE MOUNT (FRONT RIM PLATE - NEXT TO JOIST)

NOTE: If a joist hanger is in this location, it must be removed so post mount will fit properly.

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INSIDE MOUNT (SIDE JOIST)

» TREX SUPPLIES (2) HG 1/2" X 8" (13 MM X 203 MM) BOLTS, NUTS, AND WASHERS.
» CUSTOMER MUST SUPPLY ADDITIONAL HG 1/2" X 8" (13 MM X 203 MM) BOLTS, NUTS, AND WASHERS.
INSIDE MOUNT (CORNER)

» TREX SUPPLIES (2) HG 1/2” X 8” (13 MM X 203 MM) BOLTS, NUTS, AND WASHERS.
» CUSTOMER MUST SUPPLY ADDITIONAL HG 1/2” X 8” (13 MM X 203 MM) BOLTS, NUTS, AND WASHERS.

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**Blocking 2” x 8” (51 mm x 203 mm) min**

Simpson DTT2Z

**Simpson L70Z**

**Simpson LUS28Z**

**Simpson DTT2Z**

**Front Rim Joist**

**Trex Bolts 1/2” x 8” (13 mm x 203 mm), Nuts, and Washers**

**NOTE:** If a L70Z is in this location, it must be removed so post mount will fit properly.

**NOTE:** 1/2” x 8” (13 mm x 203 mm) bolts must be wider (vertically) on front rim and narrower on side joist to avoid contact inside the post.

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COMPOSITE POST SLEEVE APPLICATIONS

Installation of Guide Blocks and Railing

**NOTE:** Pre-drilling is not required but is optional for attachment of guide blocks to post. Use a drill bit slightly smaller in size than that of screw being installed.

1. Place or rest bottom aluminum guide block on bottom of post. Place guide on post so that notch is on a side that does not require railing to be attached.

2. Attach bottom guide block using one 10 x 1” self-tapping screw *(provided)* in notch to lock guide block onto post.

3. Location of top guide block will vary slightly based on type and height of railing being installed. Determine this measurement and place top guide block in location where top bracket for desired railing would be approximately on center of the top railing bracket location.

4. Attach top guide block using one 10 x 1” self-tapping screw *(provided)* in notch to lock guide block onto post.

» If using the joist mount post with composite post sleeve, a quantity of 18 #8-15 x 1-1/4” screws are provided to cover all types of Trex railing bracket installations (Trex® Signature™, Transcend and Select). Therefore, depending on the type railing being installed, you may have screws that are not used.

» If using 6x6 post sleeves, attach designated railing brackets using #8-15 x 1-3/4” (4.4 cm) 316 stainless steel screws (not provided).

» **Pre-drilling IS REQUIRED when attaching brackets to designated posts.** Use a 9/64” (3.6 mm) drill bit to predrill at specified locations according to instructions provided with railing kits.
FASCIA MOUNT (FRONT RIM PLATE - NEXT TO JOIST)

» FOR USE WITH TREX® SIGNATURE™ 6’ RAILING SECTIONS ONLY.
» TREX SUPPLIES (2) HG 1/2” X 8” (13 mm x 203 mm) BOLTS, NUTS, AND WASHERS.

NOTE: If a joist hanger is in this location, it must be removed so post mount will fit properly.

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FASCIA MOUNT (SIDE JOIST - WITH BLOCKING)

- TREX SUPPLIES (2) HG 1/2" X 8" (13 mm x 203 mm) BOLTS, NUTS, AND WASHERS.
- CUSTOMER MUST SUPPLY ADDITIONAL HG 1/2" X 8" (13 mm x 203 mm) BOLTS, NUTS, AND WASHERS.
FASCIA MOUNT (OUTSIDE FRAME CORNER)

» 3/4" (19 MM) FASCIA MUST BE USED, OR BOLTS MUST BE CUT DOWN.
» INSTALL POST TIGHTLY ON RIM JOIST FIRST - NUTS WILL BE INACCESSIBLE LATER.
» MUST USE TREX FASCIA MOUNT CORNER BRACKET KIT.

1. Install post on rim joist and fully tighten using Simpson DTT2Z on top bolt.
2. Run 10" (254 mm) bolt through gap in existing Simpson DTT2Z and tighten into second DTT2Z.
3. Install bottom bolt.

TREX® SIGNATURE™ RAILING APPLICATIONS
Installation of Railing
1. All required hardware is included with Trex® Signature™ railing, follow Trex® Signature™ railing instructions for complete installation requirements.

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