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.

Trex recommends the use of Starborn® DeckFast® Fascia System, SplitStop™ Fascia Screws or Simpson Strong-Tie® Fascia Board Screws, for all composite Trex fascia profiles.

For near water applications, you can also use Fascia System HeadCote® stainless steel screws. Refer to manufacturer recommendations for specifics if this is required.

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:** The above fasteners can ONLY be used with fascia profiles. If using deck boards as fascia, refer to the recommendations in next column on this page.

Optimal installation method (not shown) 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.**

**Miter Cut**

1/8” (>40°F) 3/16” (<40°F)

1” x 8” Fascia (2” x 8” rim joist)

1” x 12” Fascia

**Gap end-to-end**

1/8” (>40°F) 3/16” (<40°F)

18”

**Abutting Gap**

1/4” (>40°F)

1/2” (<40°F)

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**Weathertite Adhesive”