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Installation guide for **Plas-Pro recycled plastic deck subframe**

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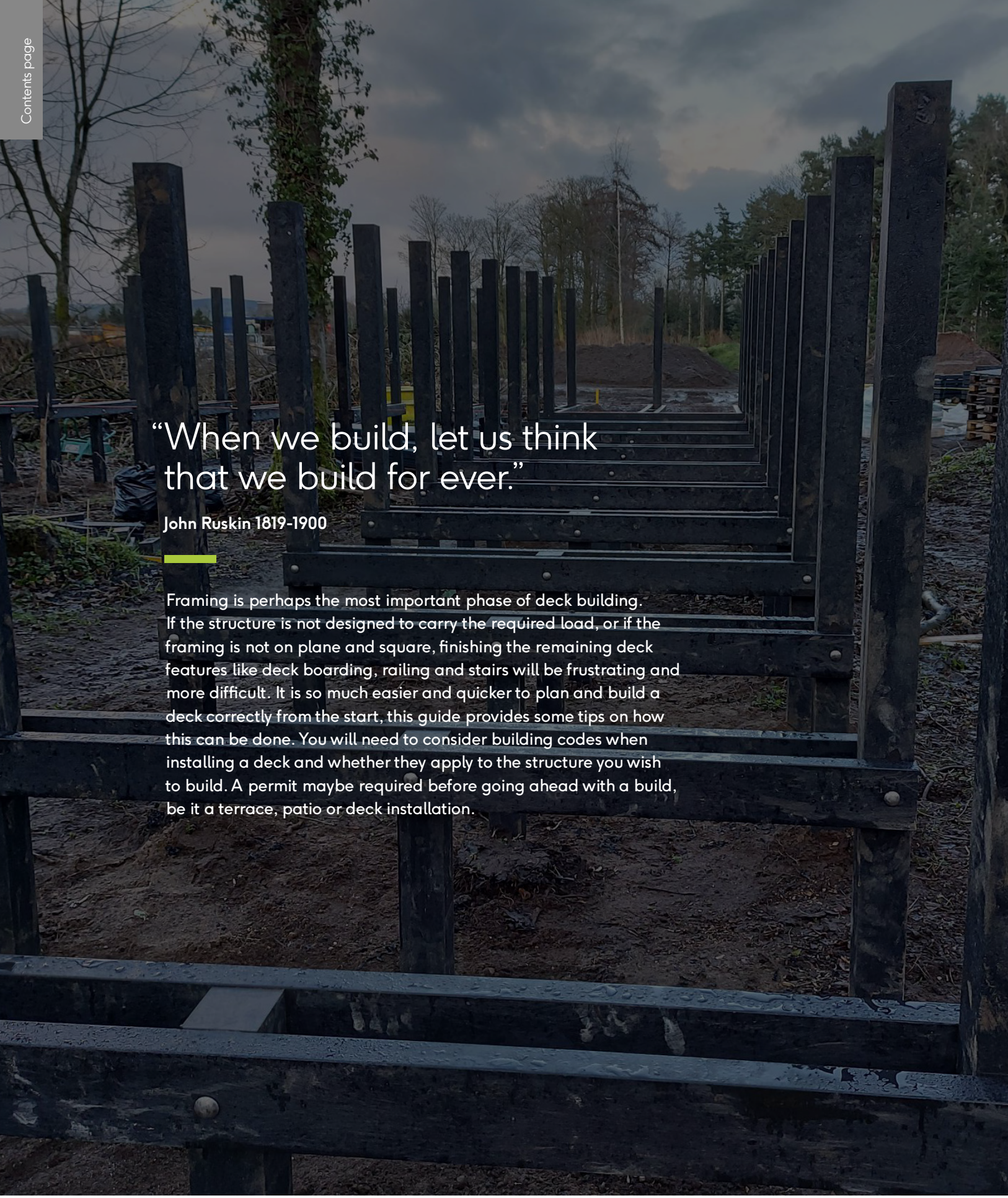

"When we build, let us think that we build for ever."

John Ruskin 1819-1900

Framing is perhaps the most important phase of deck building. If the structure is not designed to carry the required load, or if the framing is not on plane and square, finishing the remaining deck features like deck boarding, railing and stairs will be frustrating and more difficult. It is so much easier and quicker to plan and build a deck correctly from the start, this guide provides some tips on how this can be done. You will need to consider building codes when installing a deck and whether they apply to the structure you wish to build. A permit maybe required before going ahead with a build, be it a terrace, patio or deck installation.

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Plas-Pro properties and uses

What is Plas-Pro?

Plas-Pro is made from 100% recycled plastic. Using selected graded materials and cleverly engineered processes

Why Plas-Pro?

Plas-Pro not only brings key environmental benefits, but the assurance of **superior quality performance**. Being **impervious to water ingress** Plas-Pro will not rot, swell or split like wood, making it particularly suitable around water and damp environments such as jetty's, fishing platforms, roof terraces and boardwalks - ensuring a maintenance-free solution.

Are there any maintenance requirements?

No

Is Plas-Pro easy to construct with?

Yes, it is. Using the same principals you would use when constructing a wood subframe, but with some specific product characteristics to bear in mind. By following the instructions in this installation manual, you will have all the information you will require to build a correct long-lasting deck subframe.

Can Plas-Pro be used in water or by the sea?

Yes, Plas-Pro can be installed directly in both fresh and salt water without any detrimental long-term effects to the product.

What is the maximum height deck I can support using the Plas-Pro posts?

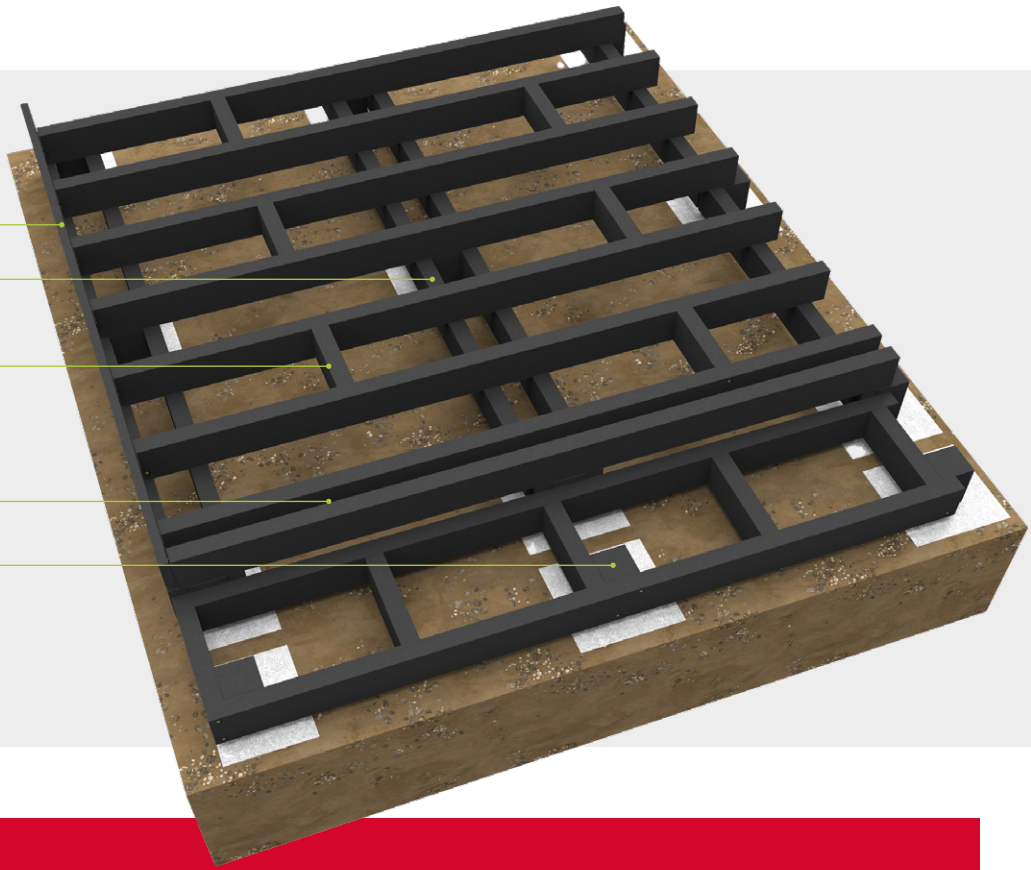
The Plas-Pro 4" x 4" posts can support an elevated deck up to 79" out of the ground, with a concrete footing 39" deep.

Note:

The techniques shown in this guide should be used to achieve the best results. Results may vary because expansion and contraction will occur and will have to be taken into consideration. Millboard have taken every endeavour to make installers and end users aware of the characteristics of Plas-Pro and its use and claims no liability or responsibility for the improper installation of this product. Since all installations are unique, it is the sole responsibility of the installer to determine the specific requirements regarding each decking application. Millboard recommends that all designs be reviewed by a licensed architect, engineer or local building official before installation. Please contact Millboard Customer Service prior to installing if you have any question or concerns.

Recommended construction method (over soil/dirt substrates)

Millboard recommend the general method of construction that a Joist on Beam/Bearer type of construction attached to posts concreted into the ground, this is the most sturdy and accurate way of building a deck frame. Millboards Plas-Pro systems are based on and tested to this method.



Warning

This guide has been formulated for the design and construction of Millboard's specially formulated Plas-Pro recycled plastic subframe system, material and profile sizes only. Millboard take no responsibility for the results of installers/distributors applying or recommending these construction methods on profiles, sizes and material other than what is described in this installation guide.

Millboard does not provide direction on making all types of connections. Specific details for critical connections not shown should be designed by a professional engineer under the consultation of Millboard.

Site conditions may not always make it possible to build in the 'normal' recommended way, this manual provides the base principals and solutions for most common situations. There are also short videos available on the Millboard website and the technical team are available on **651 346 3068**

Load bearing assumptions

Fascia Support
(1" × 4" × 118")

Joist/Beam
(2" x 5" x 118")

The guidance in this document provides for a uniformly distributed load of 40 psf for the main deck platform and its support. The IRC recommends that this is the **minimum** standard that should be used for a raised wood deck on an individual residential property. Steps/stairs should be able to take a concentrated load of 300 lb.

Minimal commercial Loading

Shared access decks

When decks or boardwalks provide shared access to a number of properties or needs to support snow loads, commercial load bearing capabilities shall be applied to the design i.e. the uniformly distributed load assumption is a **maximum of 70 psf** with a single concentrated load of 300 lb.

Column/post spacing

The correct spacing of support columns is determined by a combination of:

a. the area of the deck to be supported
b. beam position and frequency
c. the dimension of the beam
d. the nature of the ground and the 40 psf or 83.54 psf loading of the deck.

Roof terrace loading

The same load requirements apply for roof terraces, but with a warm roof construction the surface usually has a certain amount of compressive flex and therefore a roof terrace will experience more movement underfoot than a ground level deck. When decks are constructed on a roof, consideration has to be given to the location of large or heavy planter, furniture or artworks/sculptures. Extra support should be incorporated to carry these items. **It is important to understand that warm roof insulation loading calculations are calculated at around 10% compression which is a considerably noticeable amount of movement. Failure to understand and account for this in the design and construction could lead to permanent damage and deformation of the deck and subframe for which Millboard will not be held responsible for.**

Batten
(2" x 1" x 110")

Small Joist
(2" × 2" × 94")

Post
(4" × 4" × 118")

Easy to install
Can be cut and installed easily when following product guides.

Recycled materials
Plas-Pro is Millboard's premium 100% recycled subframe material and can be used alone or as part of our DuoSpan aluminum subframe system.

Ideal for damp areas
Due to Plas-Pro's composition, it is perfectly suited to spaces exposed to damp, such as jetties, pools, roof terraces and boardwalks.

Does not rot
This all-weather, durable and flexible material is a non-rotting alternative to hardwood.

Profiles and accessories

Product	Dimensions (W x H x L)	Weight	Color	Product Code
Post	3-7/8" × 3-7/8" × 118-1/8"	61.5 lbs	Black	P1010B300
Joist/Beam	2" x 4-7/8" x 118-1/8"	46.1 lbs	Black	P1205B300
Small Joist	2" × 2" × 94-1/2"	12.3 lbs	Black	P0505B240
Batten	2-3/8"× 1-1/8" × 110-1/4"	10.4 lbs	Grey	P0603H280
Fascia Support	1" × 4" × 118-1/8"	17.6 lbs	Black	P0210B300

P1010B300: 4" × 4" × 118", Plas-Pro, Post

P1205B300: 2" x 5" x 118", Plas-Pro, Joist/Beam

P0505B240: 2" × 2" × 94", Plas-Pro, Small Joist

P0603H280: 2" x 1" x 110", Plas-Pro, Batten

P0210B300: 1" × 4" × 118", Plas-Pro, Fascia Support

Framework fasteners FH90P050:

#12 x 3-1/2" Hex Head Framing Screws

Box of 50 — includes free 5/16" Hex Drive

FD25P100:

#10 x 1" PZ2 Stainless Steel Pan Head Plas-Pro Screws

Box of 100 — for attaching DuoLift locking tabs to joists DuoLift locking tabs to joists.

Other accessories occasionally required but not supplied by Millboard

3/8" galvanised coach bolts

Various length requirements.

For bolting beams to posts.

3/8" Stainless-steel coach bolts

Various length requirements.

For bolting beams to posts in saltwater applications.

Safety

When working on any construction project, you should wear the appropriate protective clothing and safety equipment. We recommend that you wear gloves when handling Plas-Pro and wear safety glasses and hearing protection while cutting/ drilling the profiles.

Plas-Pro is made from 100% recycled plastic and can produce dust particles when it is cut with a miter saw, attach a dust extractor to your saw to collect as much debris as possible. The shavings don't rot over time and can be difficult to collect over landscaping areas (mud, grass) therefore it's advisable to put a sheet down to collect any waste.

Plas-Pro can be heavy so care should be taken when lifting.

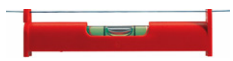
Clamps are advisable for holding pieces together while working with them.

Safety glasses

Safety gloves

Ear defenders

Tools



1. Miter saw and extendable supports
2. Plunge saw with track
3. Tape measure
4. Cordless drill
5. Hand saw
6. Spade
7. Level
8. Plastic line level
9. String line
10. Hammer
11. Speed square or combination square
12. Speed clamps
13. Edding 780 paint marker pen (Extra fine white)
14. Long drill bit (1/4")
15. Spade bit (5/8"/13/16")
16. HSS drill bit (5/16")

Material characteristics

1. Slight differences in relation to color, texture, temperature, and dimensional variations are possible within +/- 3%

2. Profiles may exhibit length variations of +/- 1.5% due to temperature fluctuations. As a rough calculation a lose profile moves at around 106" (10-6 in/(in °F)). Eg: temperature range of 32°f - 72°f (40°f) variance 1 x 118- inch length = up to 1/2 inch expansion.

When considering the construction of a Plas-Pro subframe, always bear in mind the linear thermal movement of the profiles (shown in fig.1)

Consider how this thermal movement could influence the decking on top. This point should be especially factored in when building a curved frame or incorporating a border deck board.

Top Tip:

Use shorter lengths of Plas-Pro for the outer rim joists.

Half the length = Half the movement = Half the strain on fasteners and deck board joints

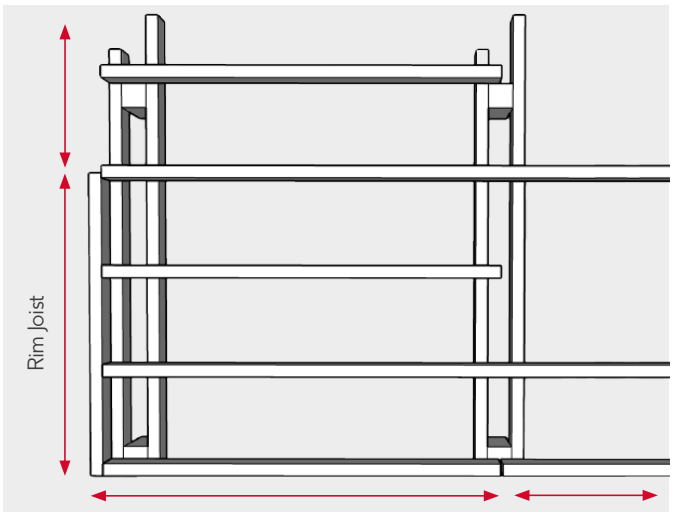


Fig. 1 - Linear thermal movement

3. The point at which the Plas-Pro is most susceptible to movement is when it is being constructed and exposed to the sun's rays.

4. To help avoid material deformation, do not store in the sun or on uneven ground. Direct sunlight can cause the lengths to bow. If a profile does become deformed, turn it over in the sun to heat the opposite side and it will straighten.

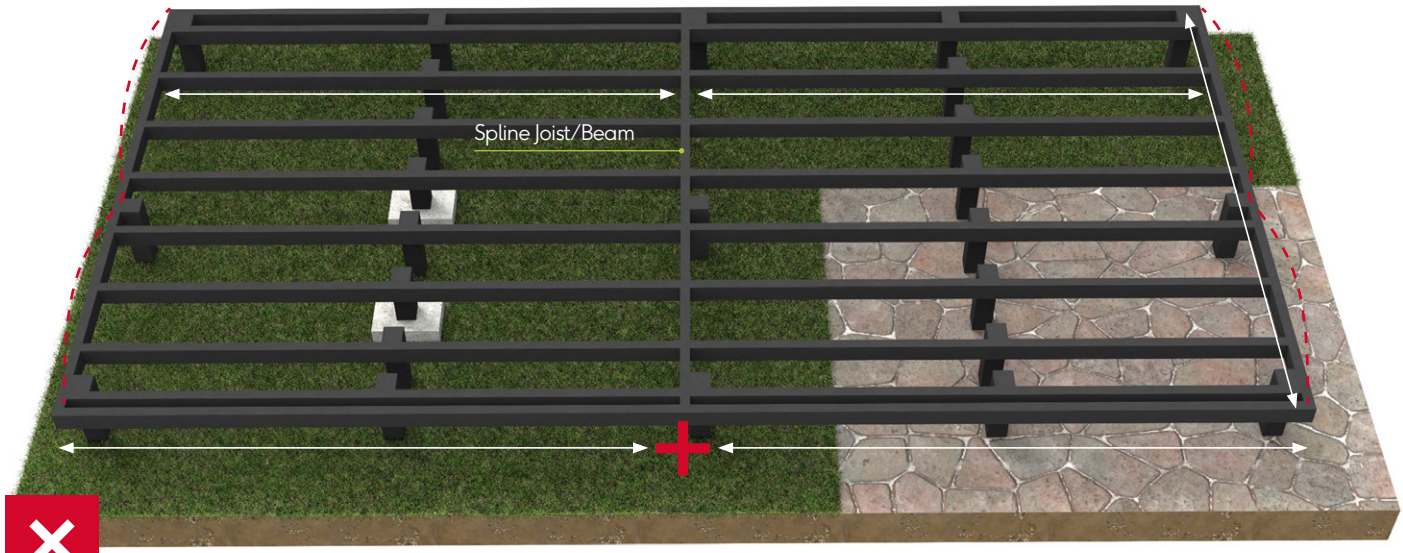
5. Plas-Pro has a closed-cell surface. The core may have a honeycomb structure, which becomes visible during machining. The main strength of the product lies within the outer shell, approximately 3/8" to 5/8" thick. (See page 20.)

6. Plas-Pro is best cut using a chop saw fitted with carbide-tipped, multi-purpose ripping blades with fewer teeth. **(See tooling details on page 15.)**

7. When installing deck boards onto Plas-Pro, be aware that due to its denser composition, the board may jack up during install. It may be necessary to drive the screw in about 3/4 of the way, then back it out to about halfway,and finally drive it fully in so the head sits approximately 3/8" below the surface of the deck board,all while firmly pressing the board down during the process.

8. If Plas-Pro is being installed in cold weather, it becomes harder and more brittle. When installing two profiles together, in addition to drilling an 5/16" relief hole in the first profile, a 3/16" pilot hole may be required in the secondary profile. **(See page 21.)**

Understanding and incorporating material characteristics in design



Incorrect installation

Fig. 2 - Typical deck design often utilised in wood deck framing

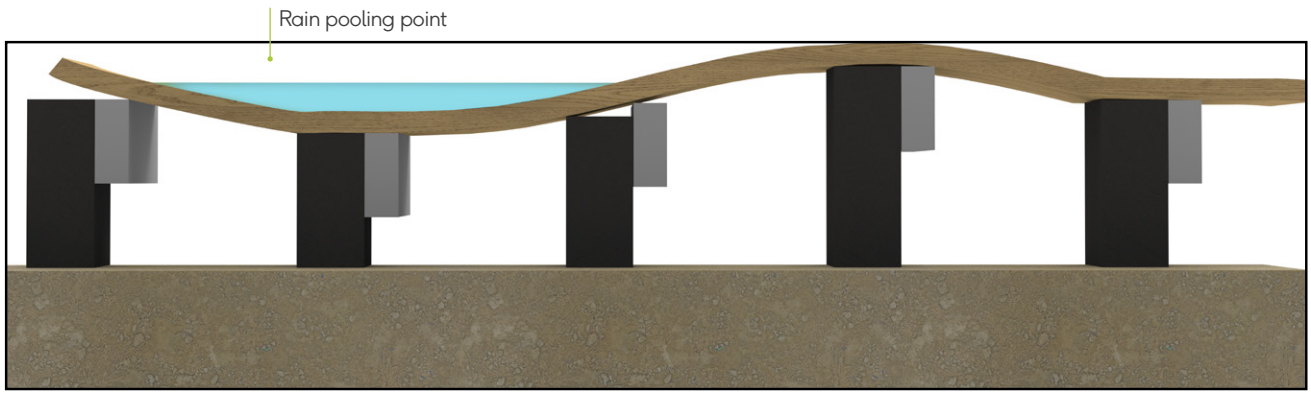


Fig. 3 - Uneven deck surface

Fig.2 shows a typical deck frame design often utilised in wood deck framing, with joists fastened to spline joists/ flush beams. This type of construction used with Plas-Pro recycled plastic can result in exponential expansion and contraction. The connection joints all fastened to the central spine with no gaps to allow for expansion.

With joist expansion, the outer rim joist (on left & right) will become distorted and tend to bulge outwards (red dashed lines) between the posts in the warmer months.

The front double joists with a border board fastened to them will expand in summer putting pressure on the deck board miter joints, potentially resulting in miter joints pulling apart and deck board butt joints along the front and back edge opening and closing seasonally.

The other main issue here is the use of individual posts on each joist. This often results in uneven, variable joist heights and local ground movement often results in an uneven deck surface resulting in rain pooling on the decking (fig:3) This can occur even if the difference is only minimal.

Required Decking falls

A deck should be laid to falls to aid water drainage. Generally, a fall would run along a deck board and should be roughly 1:200 (1/16" fall for every 12"). This works out to a 12-foot deck dropping 3/4" from the house to the edge of the deck.

The main concern is that in a wet environment with little evaporation, water sitting on the decking attracts dust and dirt. This sitting water and dirt mix will encourage algae growth.

For most decks, the little water that does not drain off the boards through the gaps will quickly evaporate.

There will be times when a fall may become undesirable from an aesthetics point of view. This is usually where there is a very long run of decking against brickwork which becomes noticeable, or running along the front of bifold doors where the deck level has been requested to match the interior floor level (see Fig. 4).

Extreme care should be taken to ensure the subframe remains perfectly flat in these areas, as even a 1/32" to 3/32" dip can result in surface puddling. The use of breaker boards or changing the board direction can help and is a good way to introduce a fall, as shown below.

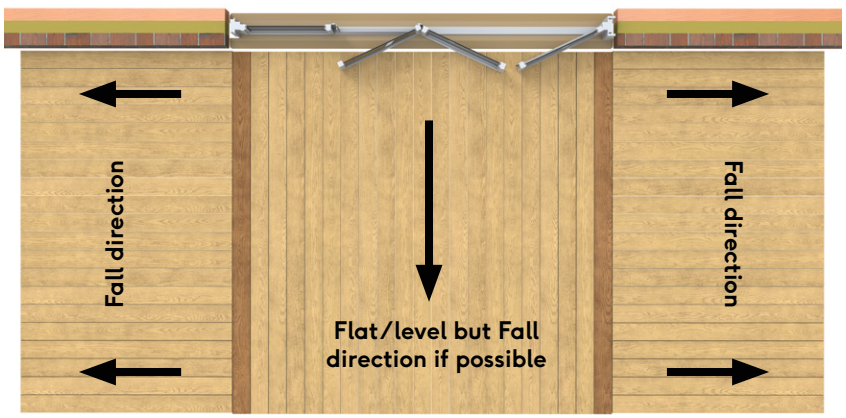


Fig. 4 - Fall direction for decking

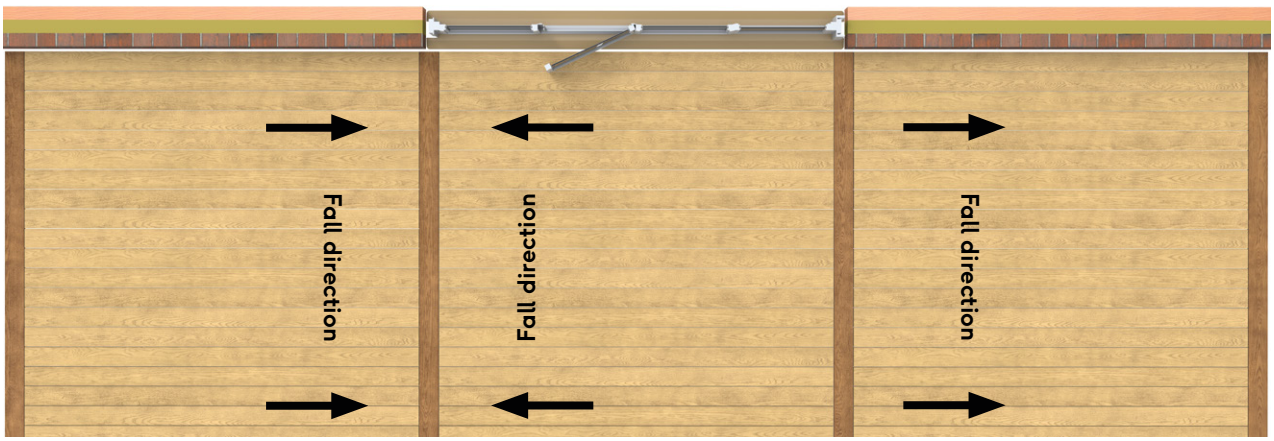


Fig. 5 - Fall direction for decking

Profile Spans and Spacings

Product	Usage type	Joist centers	Subframe install type			
			Joists, Beams and Posts over soil		DuoLift cradles over solid base	
			Joist span	Joist cantilever	Joist span	Joist cantilever
Plas-Pro 2" x 5" Joists	Residential	15-3/4"	59"	8"	39-3/8"	6"
	Commercial	11-3/4"	39-3/8"	6"	29-1/2"	4"
Plas-Pro 2" x 5" Beams	Residential	15-3/4"	59"	8"		
	Commercial	11-3/4"	39-3/8"	6"		
Plas-Pro 2" x 2" Joists	Residential	15-3/4"			18-7/8"	3"
	Commercial	11-3/4"			15-3/4"	2"

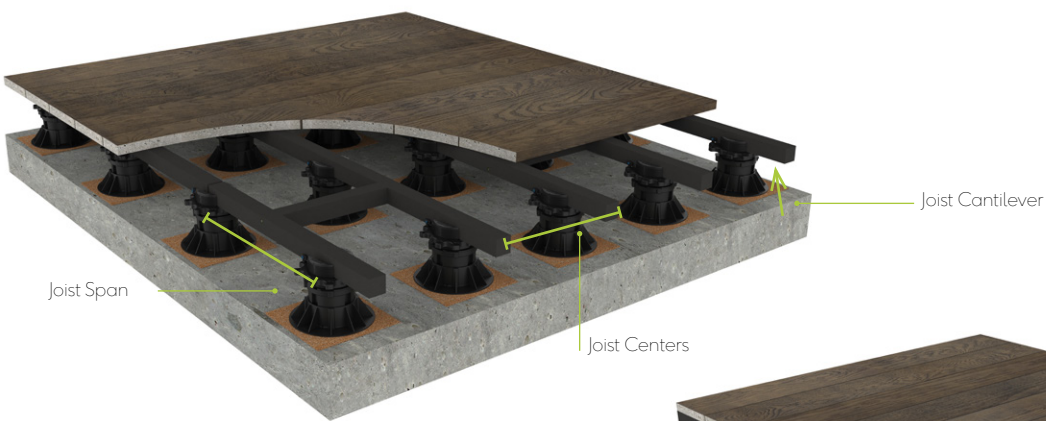


Fig. 6 - Plas-Pro with DuoLift over solid base

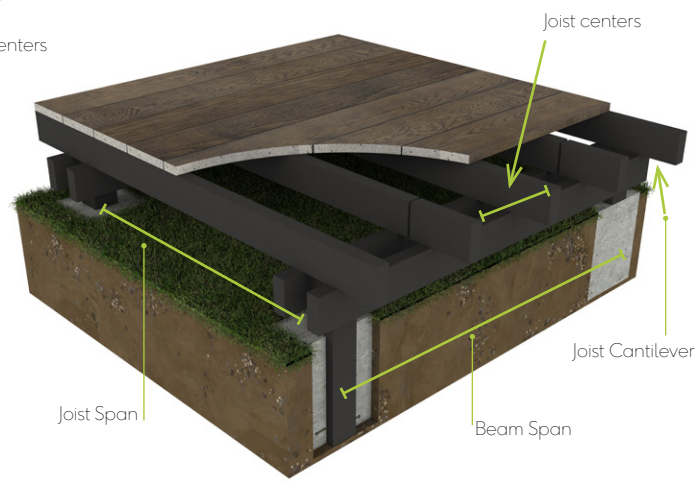


Fig. 7 - Joists, Beams and Posts over soil

Tooling details

In principle Plas-Pro can be treated like wood. All machining possible for wood are possible for Plas-Pro, such as drilling, sawing, milling and planing. The general rule is not to choose too high cutting speeds to prevent the material from heating, clogging and melting, a good extractor may help with chip removal and reduce waste build up around the blade.

In cold weather conditions Plas-Pro will be slightly stiffer and more brittle. Due to the chosen combination of materials however, the material will show a tough breaking behaviour up to at least 5 degrees below zero. In warm weather conditions the material tends to become slightly tougher and more flexible.

Drilling:
Use metal or wood bits, (HSS or HssCo type) spiral or speed bits both work well. Use a low cutting speed.

Sawing:
This can be done using a handsaw, circular saw, or miter saw.
The best saw blade is a multi-purpose ripping blade with fewer teeth, fine tooth blades can melt the plastic and put strain on the saw.

Drilling slit holes:
Slit holes can be made by drilling a few 5/16" holes next to each other and removing the material between them by moving the drill bit and machine sideways (see Fig. 8). Milling is faster when using a 5/16" drill rasp in soft materials like Plas-Pro.

5/16" drill rasp bit

Fig 8: Drilling 5/16" Slit holes

Recessing screw heads:
When Fascia boards are used to trim a deck or as risers on a step, the heads of the framing screws will need to be recessed into the Plas-Pro.
A 5/8" to 13/16" flat (spade) bit is the most effective drill bit for this operation. See fig 9 below.

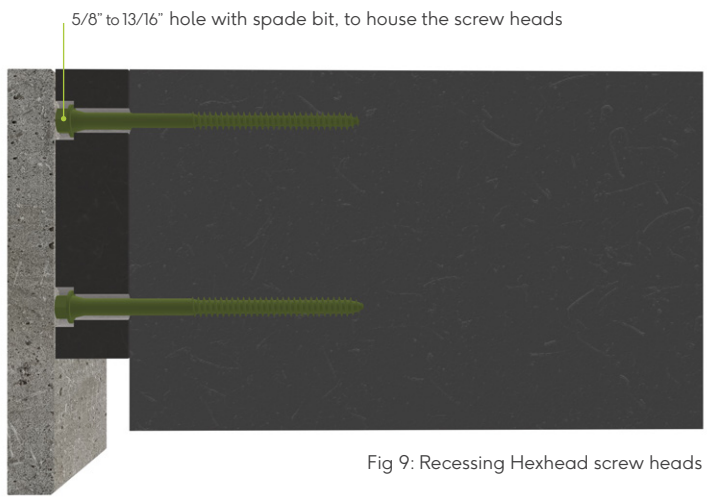


Fig 9: Recessing Hexhead screw heads

Post footings and piers

Building codes may stipulate the type or size of footings that are required for the specific project. Footings must reach below the frost line to prevent them from heaving when the ground freezes and wide or deep enough to carry the designed load. This may mean a footing has to be wider if the ground is soft to achieve the right load requirement.

Fig. 10 - Sway / Diagonal bracing

In-Ground posts

Plas-Pro posts can be set directly into a concrete footing. This provides a very stable post with excellent lateral strength, making it the best option when building curved or elevated decking.
Plas-Pro posts can support a deck structure up to 79 inches above ground level. It is strongly recommended that posts are diagonally braced when extending more than 39 inches out of the ground (see Fig. 10).

Set the post into the ground at one-third of the length extending above ground (Fig. 11), or to a minimum depth of 16 inches, until undisturbed soil is reached. Because the smooth surface of the posts resists adhesion, they can become loose in the set concrete. It is advisable to screw several #12 x 3-1/2" Hex Head screws into the bottom of the post (Fig. 12) before setting it into concrete to improve grip.
On elevated decks, it may also be advisable to temporarily brace the posts to each other as the frame is being built, to help prevent warping from sun exposure (Fig. 13).

Post footings and piers (continued)

Hole size

Hole size depends on the load bearing capacity of the ground but normally a hole 12" x 12" x 16" (width x length x depth) would be adequate for a ground level deck.It is the sole responsibility of the installer to excavate as required to achieve a sound footing. If in any doubt seek a structural engineers advice.

Mechanically rammed posts

Plas-Pro posts can be mechanically driven into the ground with the right equipment. Millboard recommend the depth a minimum of 1/3 - 1/2 the post height above ground but this depth will depend entirely on ground conditions and the professional judgment of the installer.

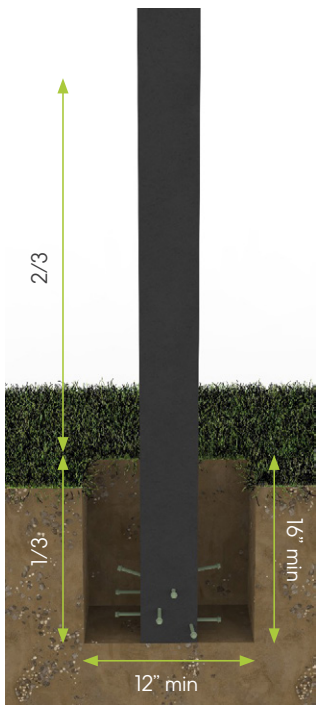


Fig. 11 - Post hole size

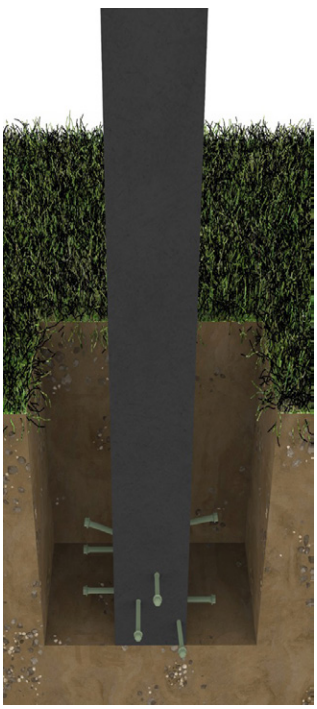


Fig. 12 - Plas-Pro frame screws in post

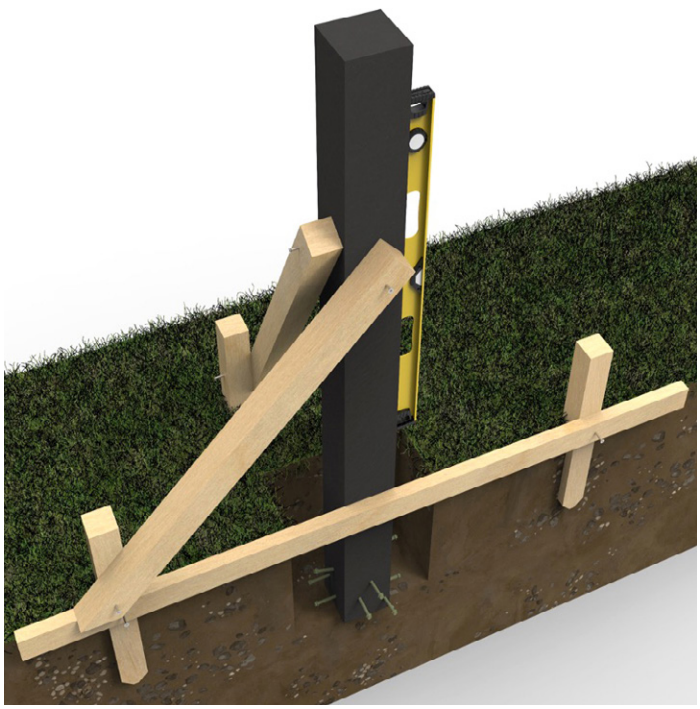


Fig. 13 - Temporary bracing

Post footings and piers (continued)

Piers

In some cases, a ground level deck subframe can be built on piers rather than posts. Piers can be built on site or purchased ready-made but still require a good concrete footing dug down to undisturbed soil, it is not a suitable option to bed the piers on grass/soil.

A simple pier could be a concrete block laid on a wet concrete footing set at the required height (fig.14) or purchase precast concrete piers (fig.15) bedded down into wet concrete or compacted crushed stone. Both designs will accept the beam sat on them directly or if elevation is required a post can be sat on them. Please bear in mind elevated decks built like this will require sway/diagonal bracing over 24 inches high.

Fig. 15a - Pre-cast concrete pier

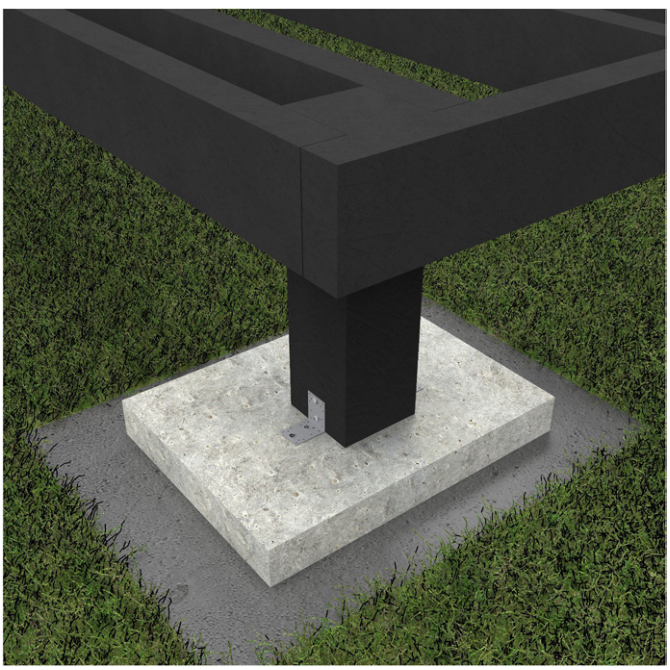


Fig. 14 - Simple pier concrete block

Fig. 15b - Pre-cast concrete pier

Deck board and subframe laying patterns

Standard Joist work

Unlimited designs can be incorporated into the deck finish, but consideration of the design of the deck should be made prior to starting the subframe installation.

Joists should be installed in a random pattern making sure the ends don't all meet and start on the same beam to create a more even movement pattern.

Blocking if needed should be installed in a broken line, on alternate joist spacings (fig: 16)

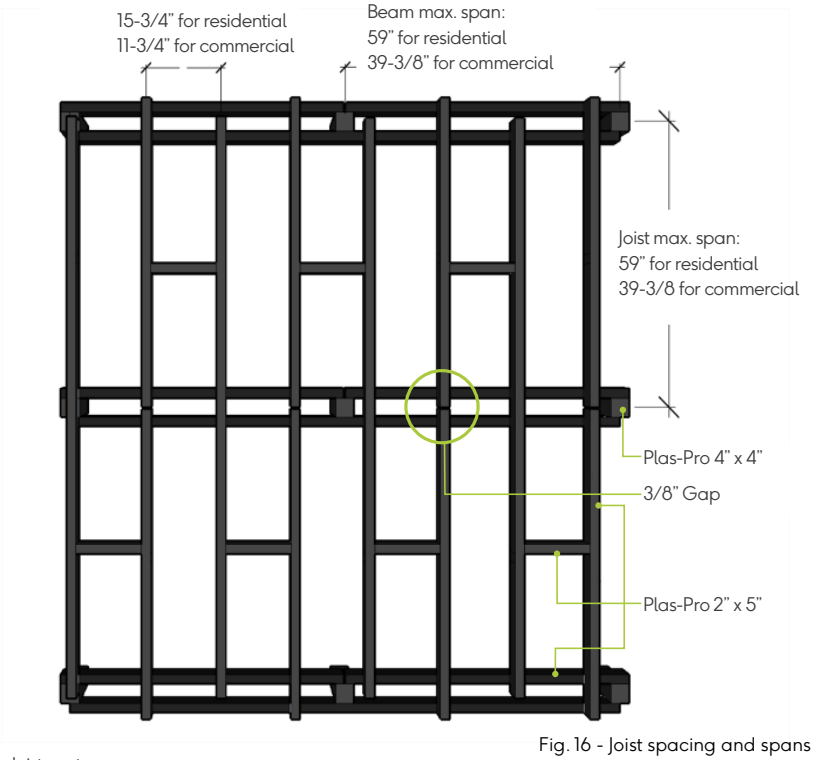


Fig. 16 - Joist spacing and spans

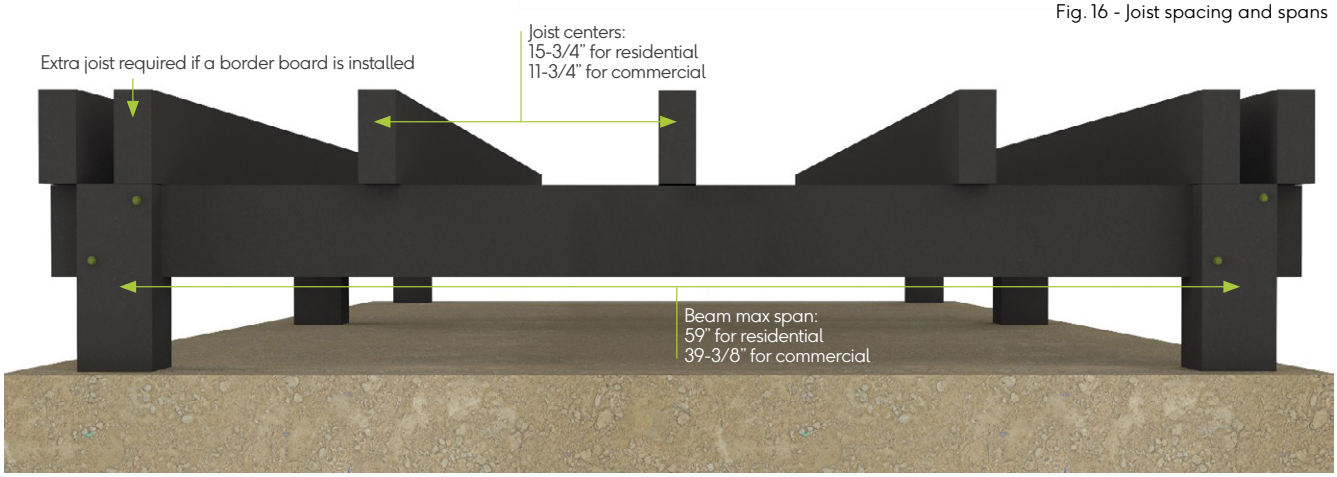


Fig. 17 - Joist spacing and spans

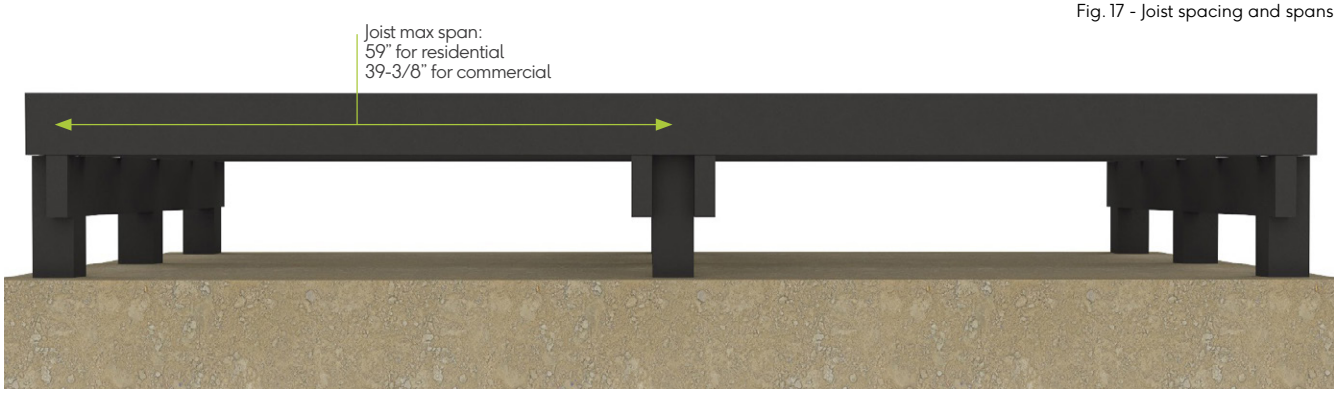


Fig. 17a - Joist spacing and spans

Beam to post connection options

Option 1

Fasten the beams to a post by rebating the post so that the deck load is transferred directly down onto the post (fig 20/21). Fasten with #12 x 3-1/2" Hex Head screws in pre-drilled 5/16" holes.

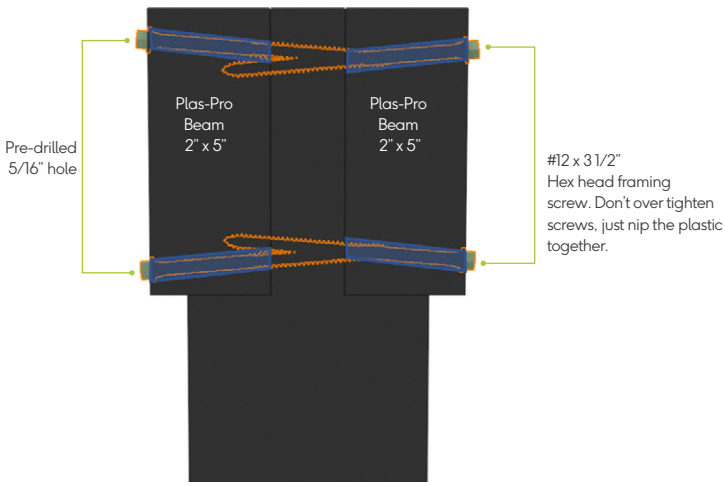


Fig 20: Fastening beams to a post by rebating.

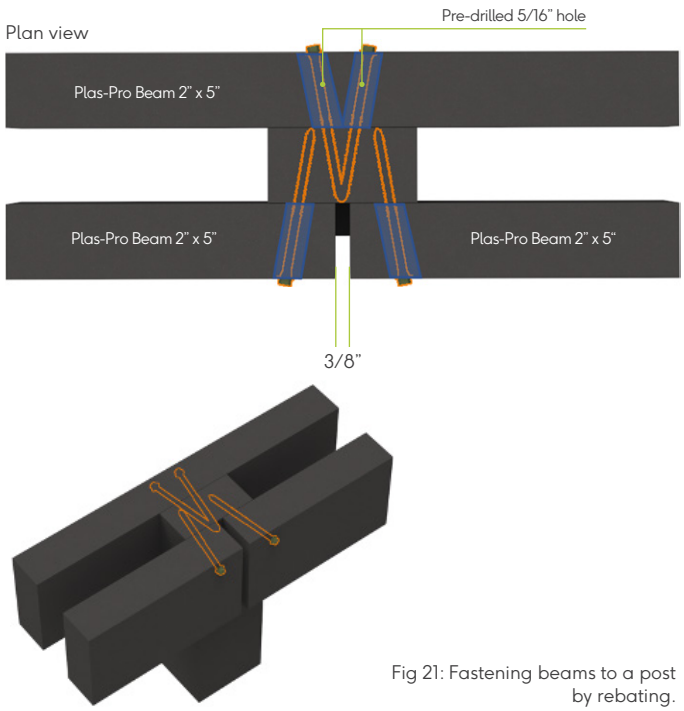


Fig 21: Fastening beams to a post by rebating.

Option 2

Fasten the beams to the side of the post with #12 x 3-1/2" Hex Head screws into pre-drilled 5/16" slotted holes (fig 22/23). See page 15 for slotting holes.

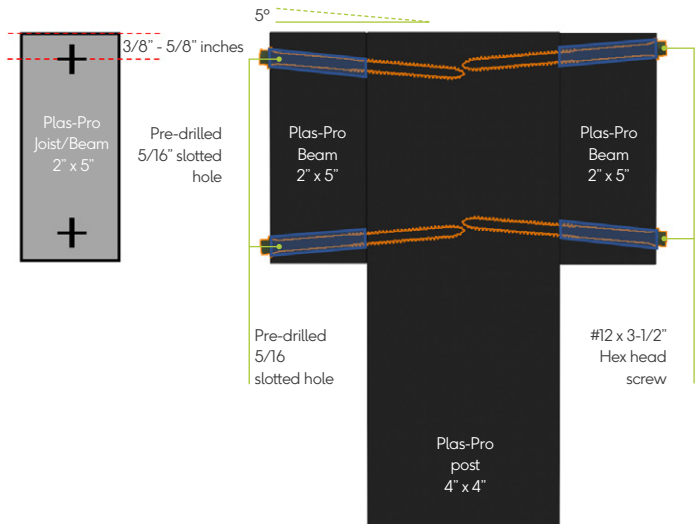


Fig 22: Fastening beams to the side of a post

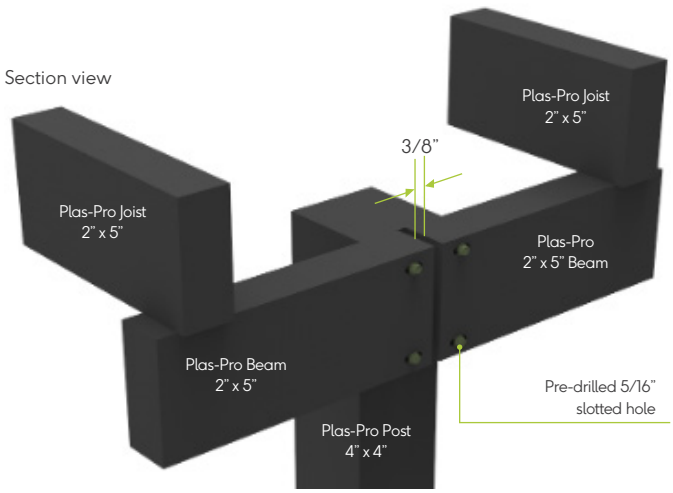


Fig 23: Fastening beams to the side of a post (5/16" holes)

Note:

Beams must be joined on a post or support, they should not be joined mid-span between posts.

Bolts may be required for attaching the beams to posts in higher load applications.

Joist to beam connection

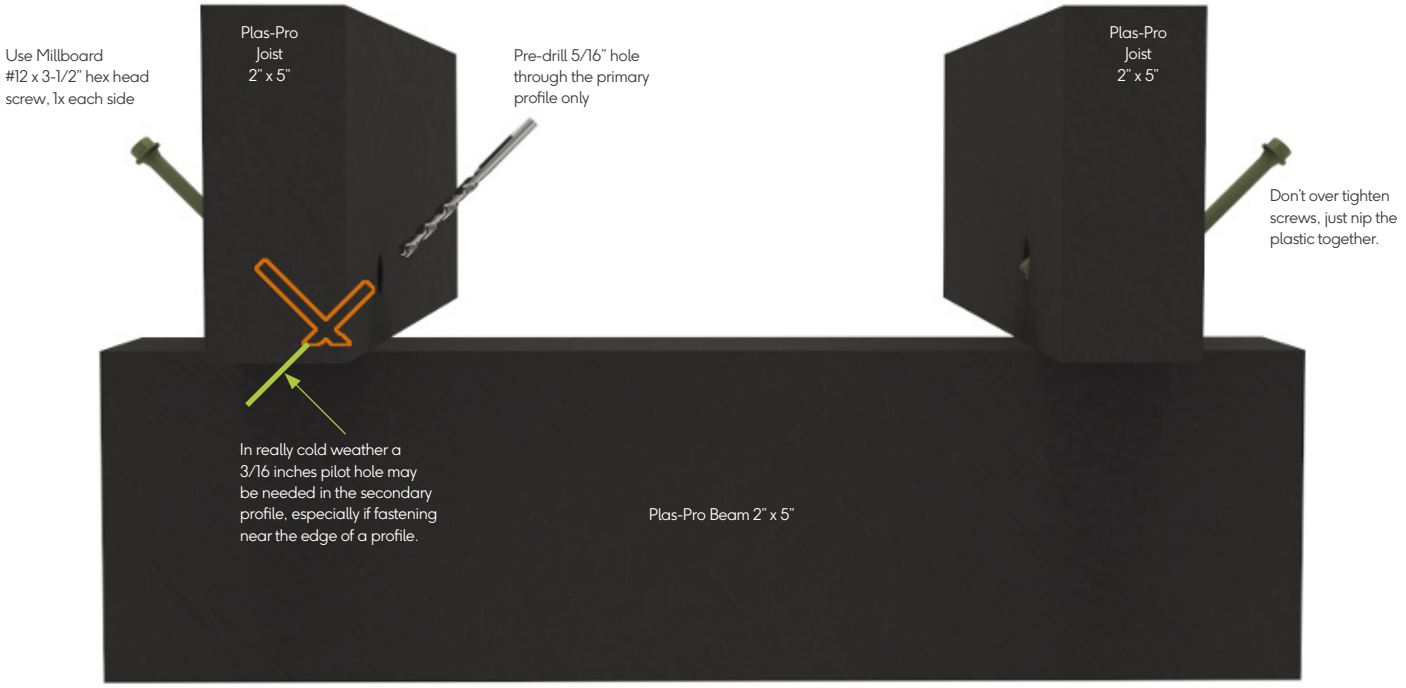


Fig 24: Joist to beam connection

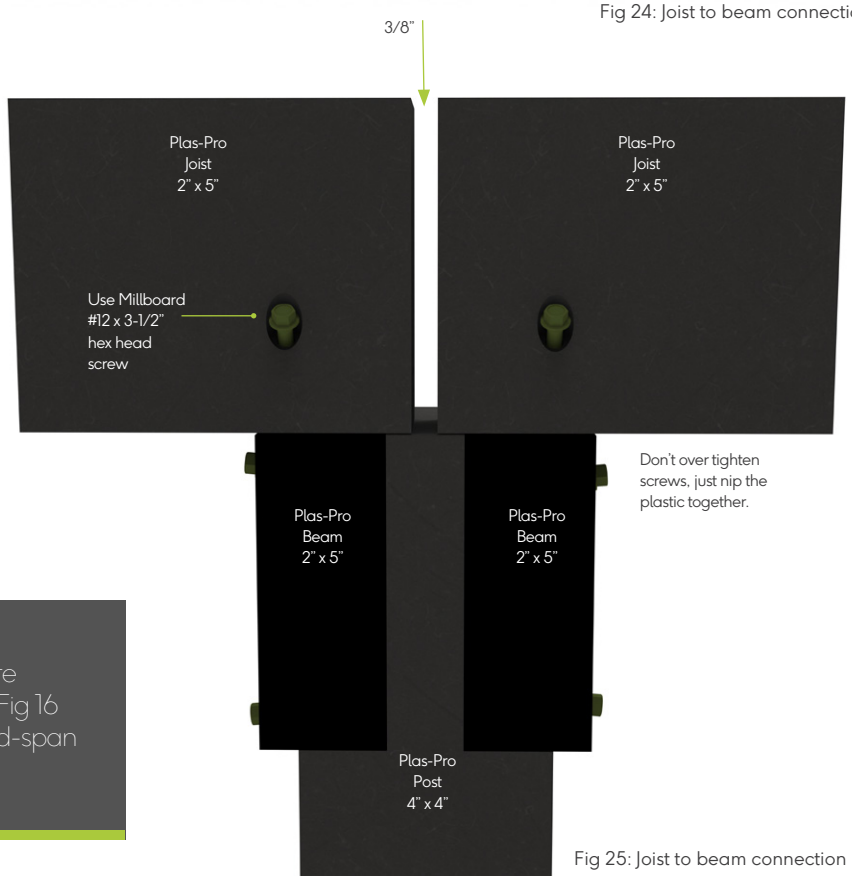


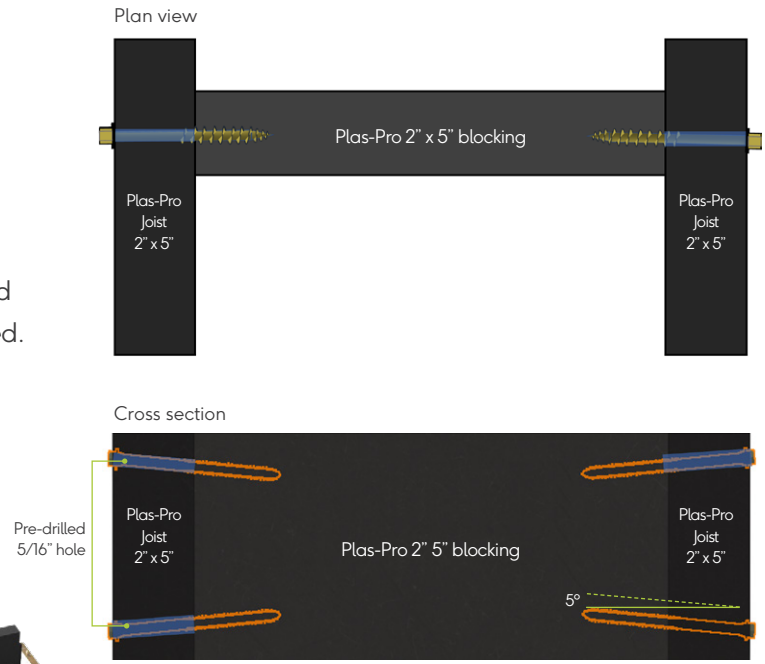
Fig 25: Joist to beam connection

Note:
Joists must be joined where they are supported by Beams as shown in Fig 16 & 25, they should not be joined mid-span between Beams or supports.

Blocking spacing and fastening

Blocking pattern:

Install in a broken line, never run a continuous row blocking as this can result in exponential thermal expansion/contraction causing frame deformation. Build blocking into the deck at mid span on alternate joist spacings. Attach blocking with #12 x 3-1/2" hex head screws per side. Pre-drilled holes don't need to be slotted.



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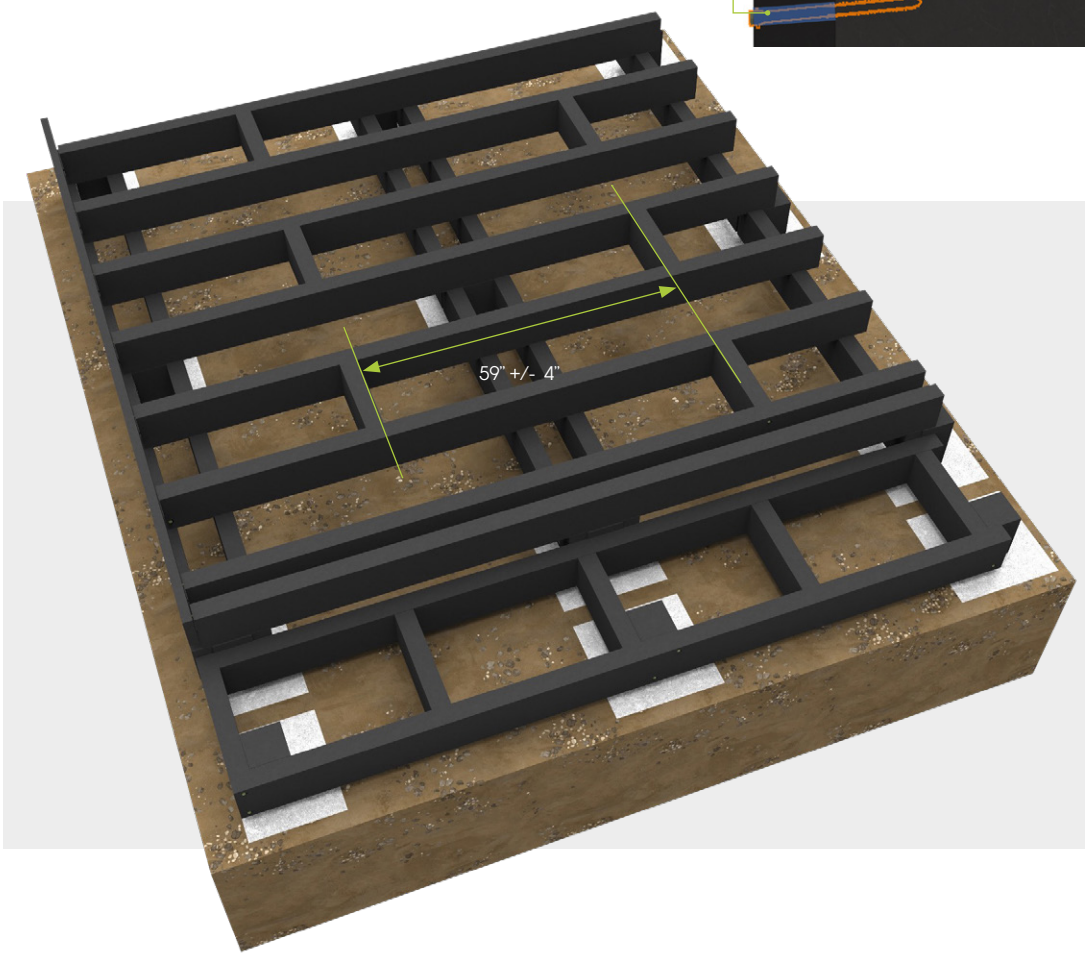


Fig. 27

Elevated subframes

Construction process

a. Determine the levels of the area and the final finished deck level.

b. Set a laser level to the height of the finished beam level.

c. Mark out and dig post holes at the required spacing.

d. Check post length requirement in relation to ground levels also check plans for any extra heavy planters or machinery positions.

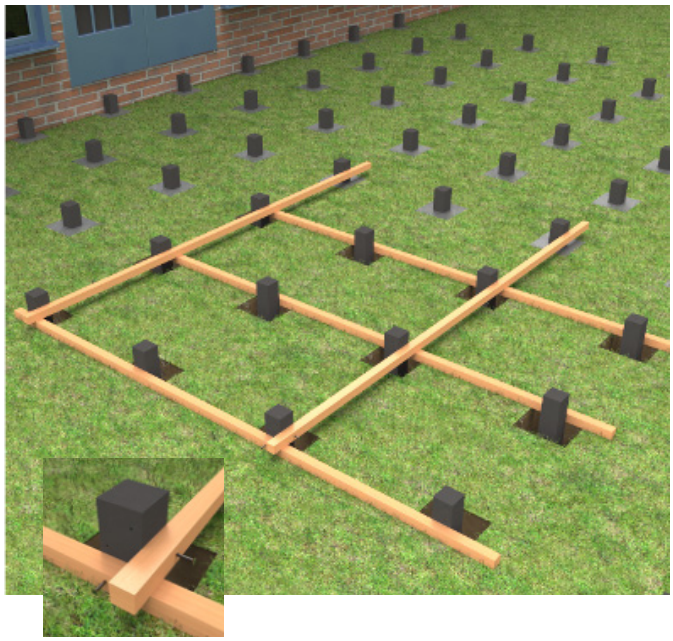
e. Cut posts to required lengths, screw in several frame screws into the base of each post to provide a key. **(see page 17)**

f. Working with 9-12 posts at a time use temporary furring strips to set the posts in line and at the right level.

g. Pour fast set concrete and wait while curing.

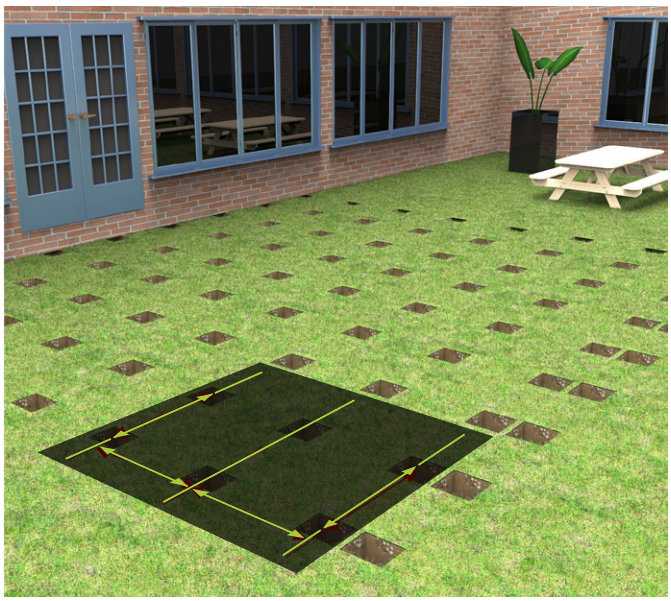
h. Pin geotextile fabric down to the ground if over areas of soil.

i. Optional: Add gravel over the geotextile fabric to hold it in place.

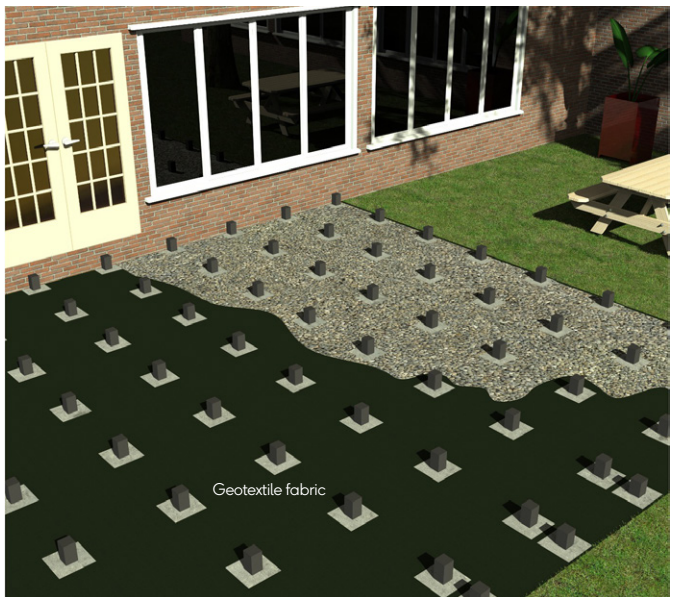


Note:

To keep posts in position and aligned while concrete sets, use temporary battens to hold the posts in the correct alignment.



Max post spacing:
59" for residential applications
39-3/8" for commercial applications



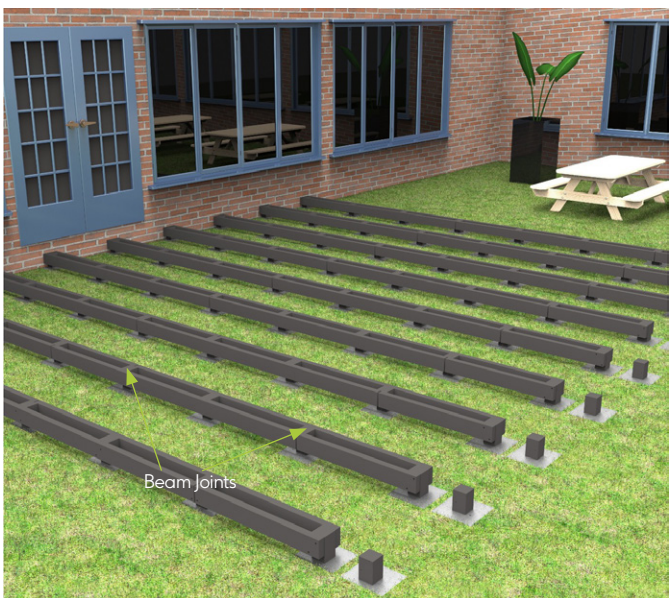
Elevated subframes (continued)

Construction process (continued)

j. At this point determine the falls of the deck if required

k. If required set up string line guides **(see deck falls on page 13)**

l. Fasten 2" x 5" Beams to either side of the posts in a staggered pattern so that both sides don't start and finish on the same post.



m. Fasten the 2" x 5" joists in place at 11-3/4" centers or 15-3/4" centers adding any extra joist work according to detail. **(see page 20 for fastening method)**

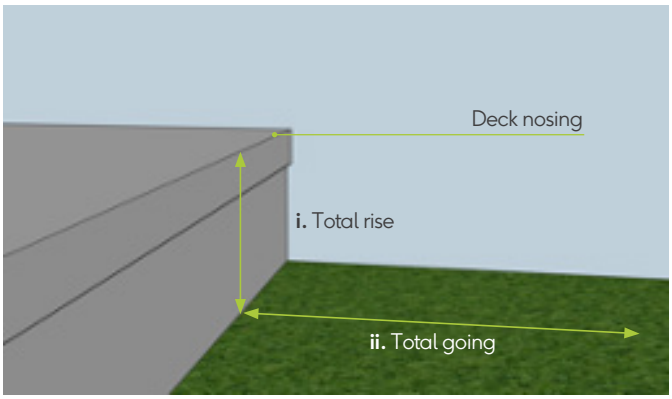
n. Add blocking to alternate joist spacing at mid span between beams or 59" spacings.

o. Build up the box frame step sections and fasten in place as required.

p. The frame is now ready for deck boards and edging boards.

Steps and stairs

Building and installing ladder box stairs and steps.



a. Measure total rise height (i). measurement **(i)** ÷ by the number of steps required. The result should be between 4" to 7-3/4"**.** If it's more, add another step, This figure will be your step rise height. E.g. (i) 24" (total rise) ÷ 4 steps = 6", each step will be 6" high.

Note:

The deck edge itself is a step so always include this in the total number of steps when working out height)

b. Measure length of (ii) total going. Measurement (ii) must be greater than 10". Take measurement (ii) ÷ number of steps (don't include deck edge) Eg: 36" ÷ 3 = 12" 12" is the going (tread depth).

At this point decide on the deck board design of the stairs:

Will the 5-7/8" Bullnose Board or 2" flexible edge be used as a nosing?

Drawing the steps out first is always a good idea, this will show up potential points of issue and it helps in working out dimensions of components and actual quantities of material.

Holes for post supports dug as required. Min 16" deep.

c. Mark up and dig holes for the support posts ,16" deep by 12" x 12" wide is usually more than adequate. Sometimes it easier to cast pad stones for the posts to sit on then attach with brackets, all depends on how big the step structure is going to be.

Steps and stairs (continued)

Building and installing ladder box stairs and steps. (continued)

d. Having worked out the dimensions of the steps, build simple diminishing size box frames to the dimensions that have previously been worked out. If the step edge board is returning back on the end of each step add an extra blocking to carry the ends of the deck boards. These should be positioned with a 2" gap (step 4 below).

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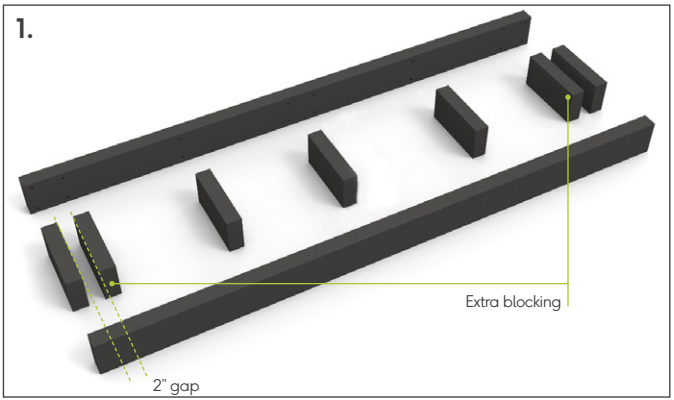

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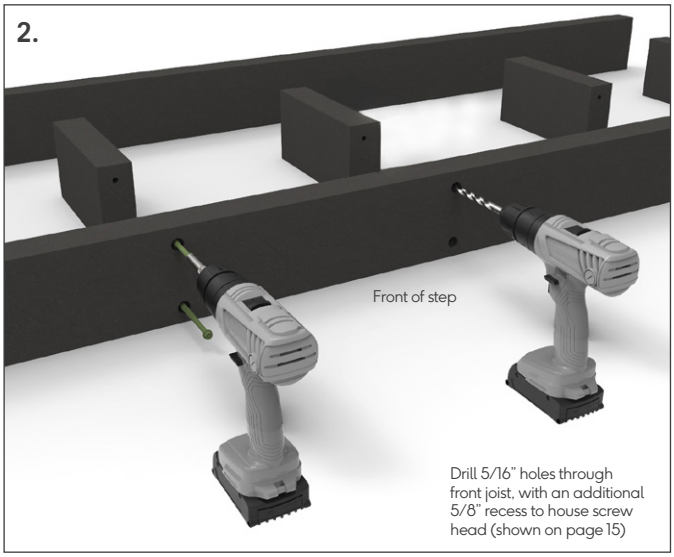

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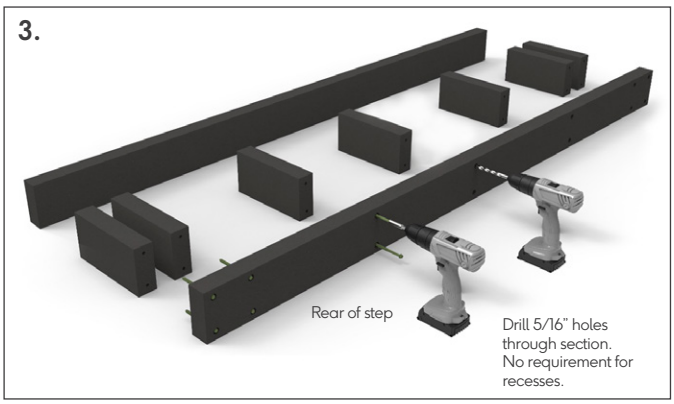

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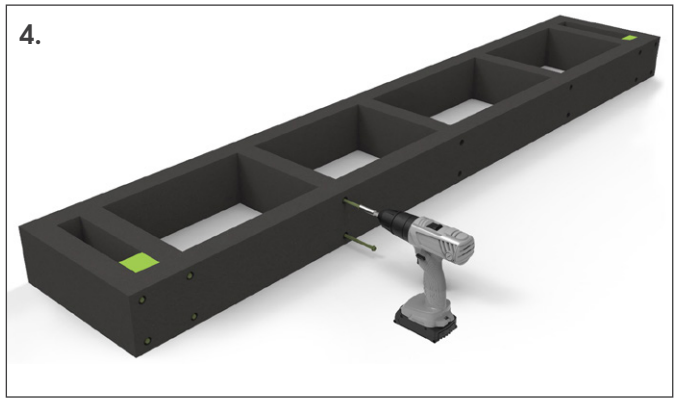

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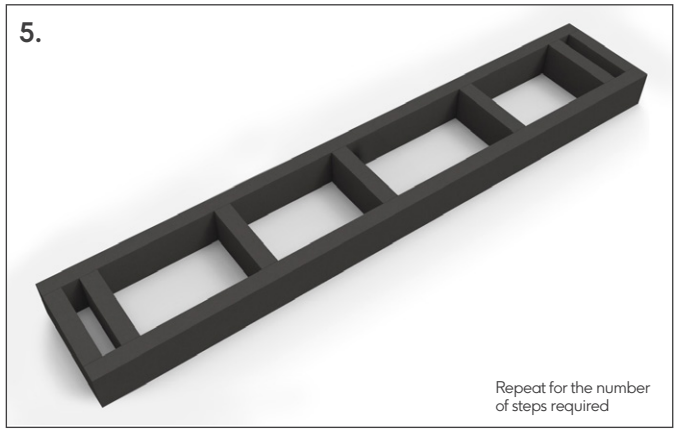

Steps and stairs (continued)

Building and installing ladder box stairs and steps. (continued)

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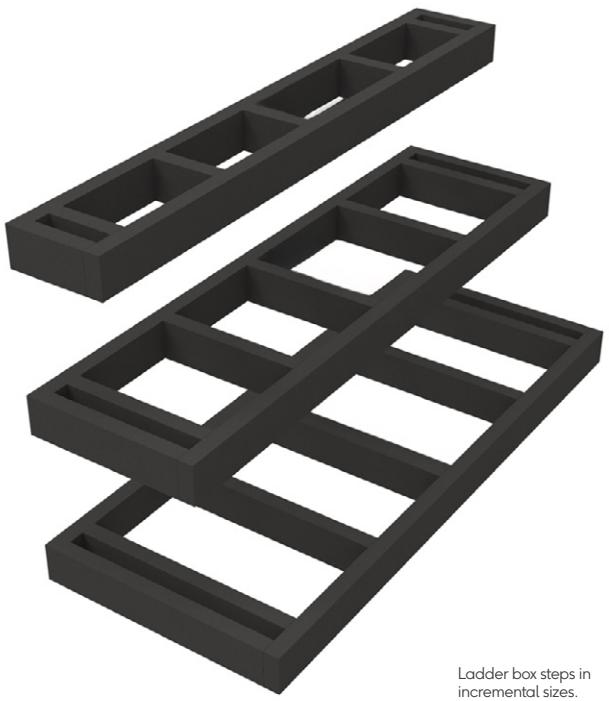

Ladder box steps in incremental sizes.

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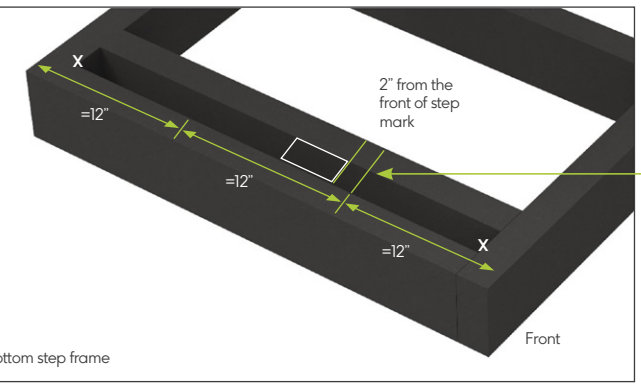

Bottom step frame

e. Once the base step is built, mark up the step front positions (see stages 7) along the sides, in this case 3 steps = 1/3 positions. Positions of the steps can be marked up on the deck or wall front (see stages 8)

The main support post positions are in the corners (white cross) and spaced as required along the frame to meet the maximum span requirements. **Mark up the intermediate step support post positions onto the base frame.**

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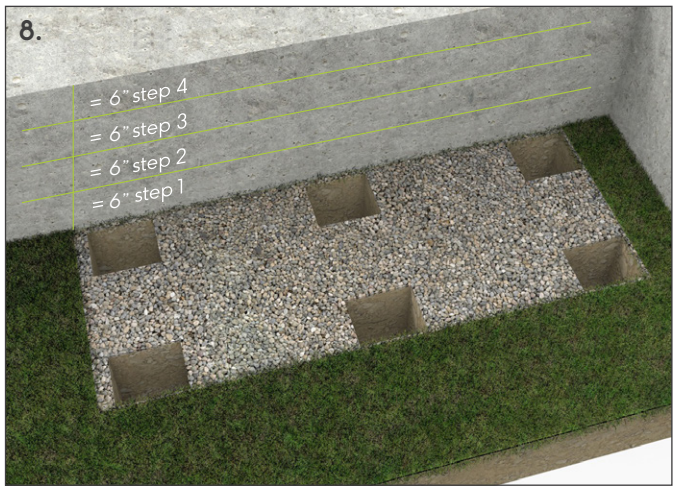

f. 4" x 4" Posts can be cut to length and fixed in position on the base frame. The 1st row of posts 1 will sit flush with the top of the base frame, the second 2 will sit flush with the top of the 2nd step (in this case 6" higher), the third 3 will sit flush with the top of the 3nd step (in this case 12"higher). The front and back rows of posts will protrude 16"down into pre-prepared post hole positions.

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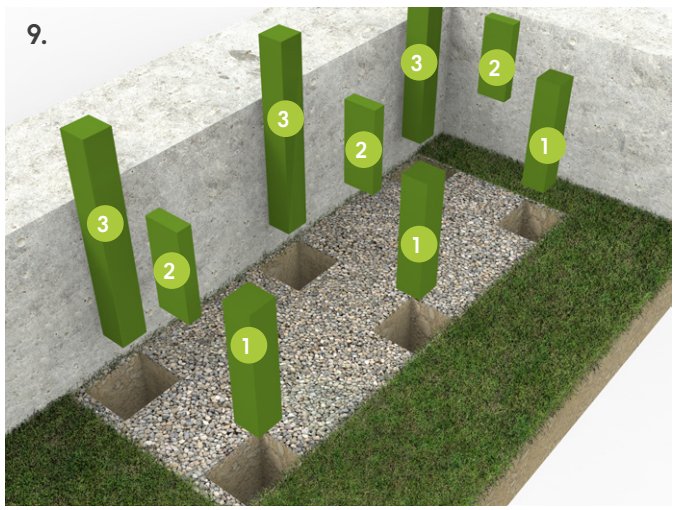

Steps and stairs (continued)

Building and installing ladder box stairs and steps. (continued)

g. Attached the 1st frame to the posts and set in the right place, level on temporary supports while the posts are concreted in place.

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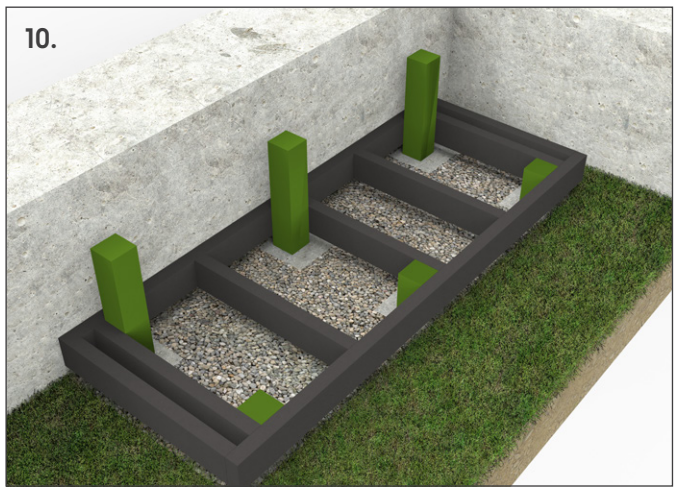

h. The 2nd step is now positioned at the correct height, set level and attached to the posts or supports from the 1st step. 2" x 2"or 2" x 5" offcuts can be used as these intermediate supports.

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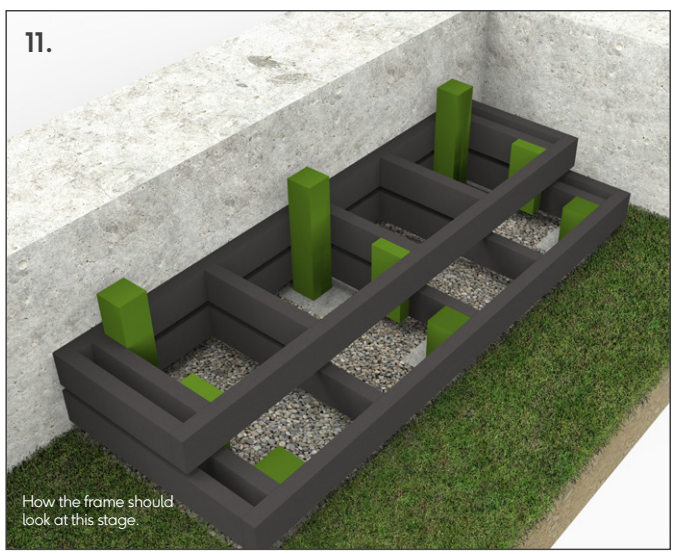

How the frame should look at this stage.

i. The 3rd step is now positioned at the correct height and level, this step can be attached to supports from the 2nd step. Ensure all fastener heads are recessed into the front or sides of the steps, to ensure the fascia sits flat to the step.

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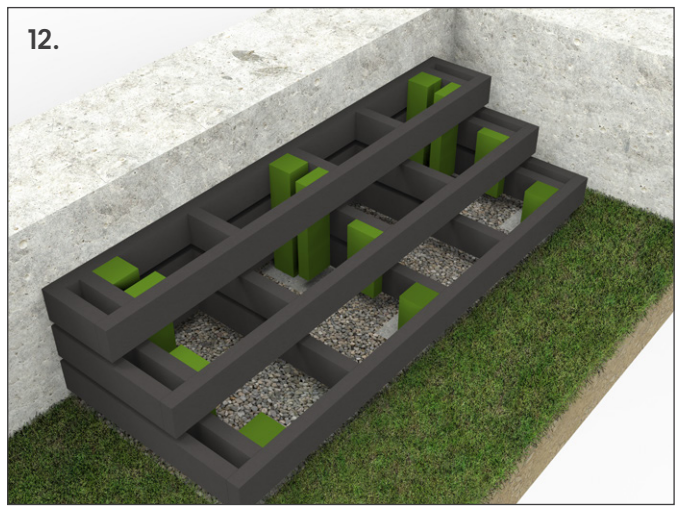


DuoLift Pedestal Overview

DuoLift Pedestals

Features

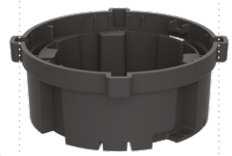
- Simple quick one click component connection
- DuoLift System based around a unique time saving spacer approach to give maximum flexibility on bringing cradles up to exactly the required height.
- Joist cradle has a 4-1/2" diameter base compared to the industry standard of 3-1/2", more effective load spread when used on its own.
- 3/16" measurement markings on the sides of the cradle system
- ¼ of a turn results in 1/16" of height adjustment
- Clear to identify when the system is locked together - saves time, gives confidence and assurance
- Increased cradle range of 5/8" to 2-3/8" and the 1-3/4" riser means almost any height can be achieved up to 13-3/4"
- 1/8" Acoustic Separation pad to protect roof membranes, as well as helping to reducing noise transfer

Clicks into place

Joist cradle 5/8"- 2-3/8"

Twist-lock

Self-levelling Joint 3/4"

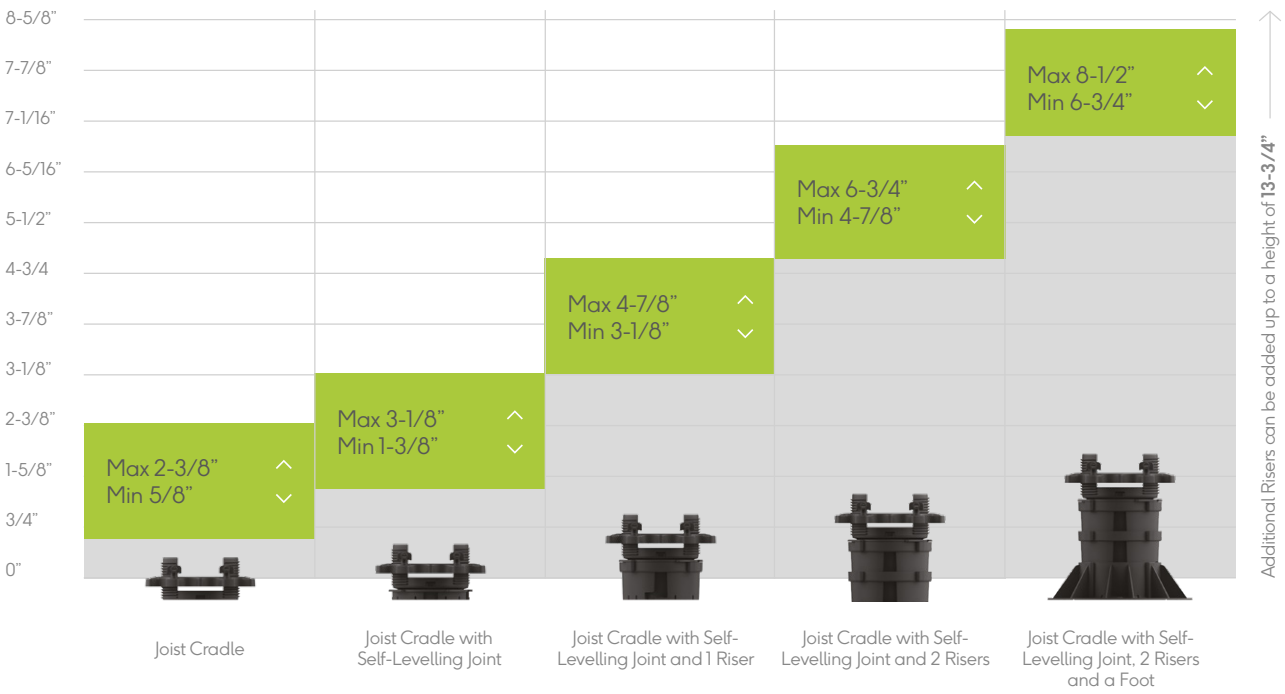


Twist-lock

1-3/4" riser

1-3/4" high foot

Acoustic pad



Installation - Pedestals

Pedestal laying patterns

Using DuoLift pedestals, you can quickly achieve a level support system that won't rot, split or host algae. DuoLift's range of feet, pedestals, risers and cradles are even suitable for use over existing hard surfacing, flat roofing and in permanently damp environments.

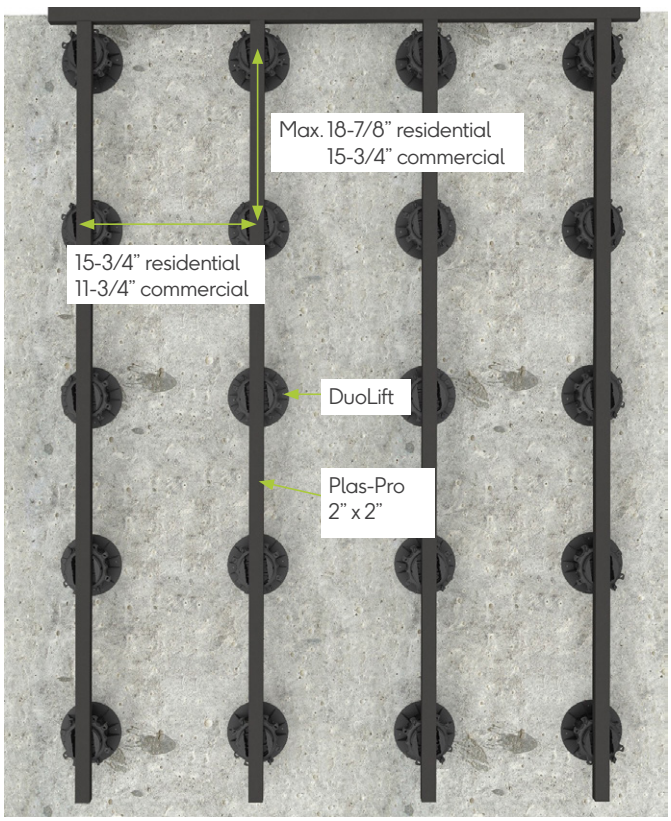


Fig. 28 - Standard laying pattern with Plas-Pro 2" x 2"

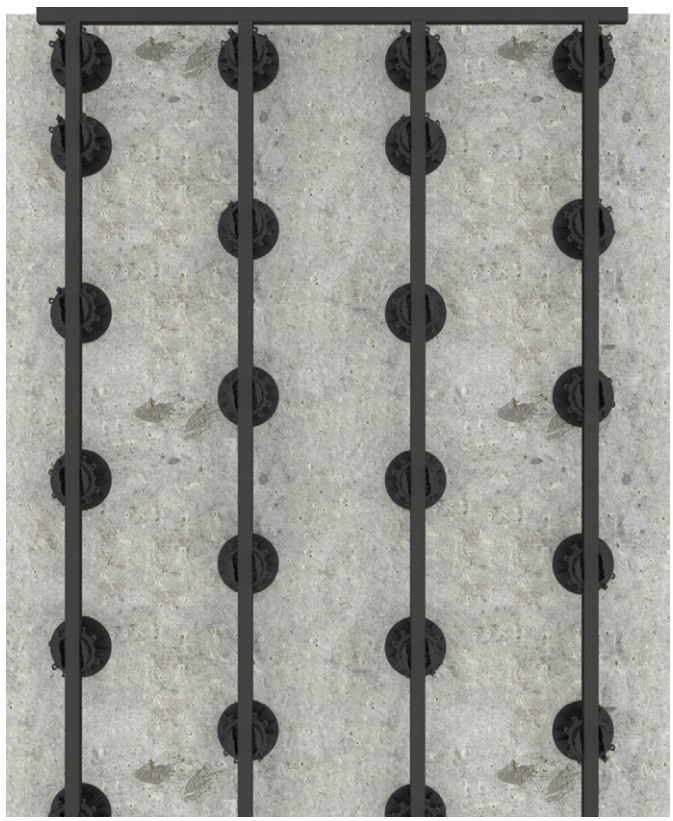


Fig. 29 - staggered laying pattern which gives a slightly more rigid feel underfoot

Installation - Pedestals (continued)

Pedestal quantities per ft^2 and subframe construction variants

Single layer Plas-Pro 2" x 2" (Fig.30)
Joist framework at 11-3/4" or 15-3/4" centers

Residential build: Max span: 18-7/8"
Joists at 15-3/4" centers
= 0.6 pedestal per sqft

Commercial build: Max span: 15-3/4"
Joists at 11-3/4" centers
= 0.85 pedestal per sqft

Blocking required: **See page 33**

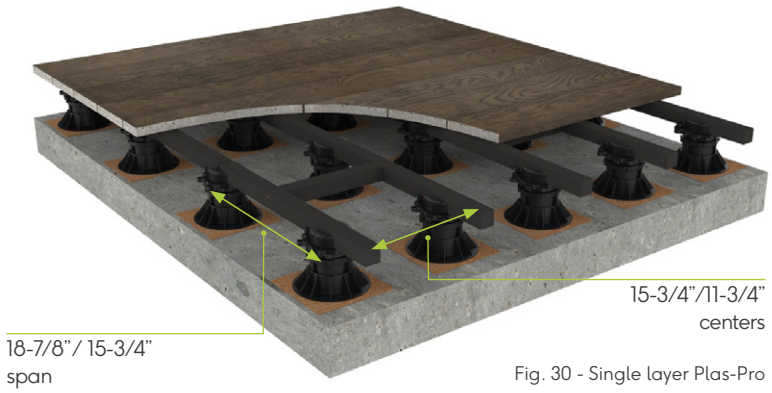


Fig. 30 - Single layer Plas-Pro

Lattice frame build: (Fig. 31)
Double layer Plas-Pro 2"x2" joists installed at 11-13/16" or 15-3/4" centers onto 2"x2" beams at:

Residential build: Max span: 18-7/8"
Joists at 15-3/4" centers
= 0.45 pedestals per sqft

Commercial build: Max span: 15-3/4"
Joists at 11-3/4" centers
= 0.65 pedestals per sqft

Blocking required : None

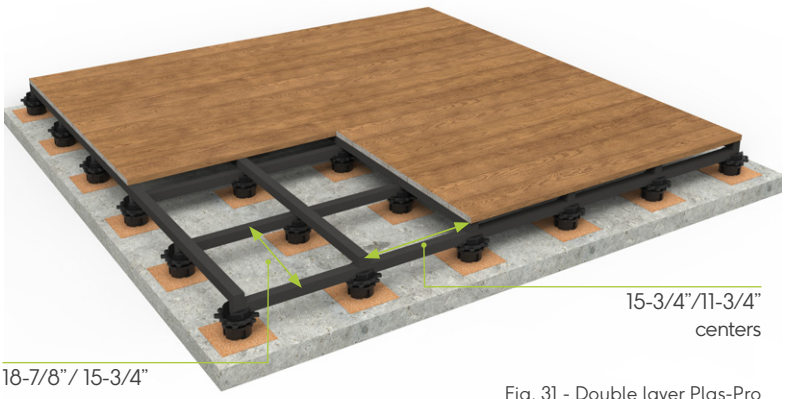


Fig. 31 - Double layer Plas-Pro

Standard build: (Fig. 32)
Single layer Plas-Pro 2"x5" joist framework at 15-3/4" and 11-13/16" centers

Residential build: Max span:
39-3/8 inches
Joists at 15-3/4 inch centers
= 0.3 pedestals per sqft

Commercial build: Max span: 29-1/2"
Joists at 11-13/16" centers
= 0.5 pedestals per sqft

Blocking required: **See page 22**

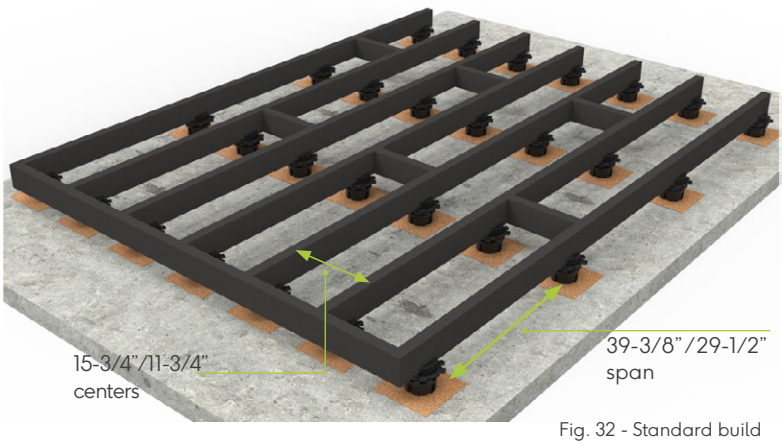


Fig. 32 - Standard build

Installation - Pedestals (continued)

Subframes on pedestals - Plas-Pro joists 2”x2” & 2”x5”

a. Blockings should be set to a brick bond pattern at 48” centers ± 4”. **(fig. 33)**

b. Joist butt joints should connect on a pedestal with a 3/8” gap between the ends of the joist, locking tabs inserted into the cradle and screwed to the Plas-Pro with 1” pan head screws **(fig. 35)**.

Note:

Always stagger the positions of butt joints, so that all butt joints are not in one line across the framework area. Always have a butt joint support by the DuoLift and ensure to leave a 3/8” gap between the butt joint.

c. Curved frames will require extra noggins: **see fig. 33**

d. Connecting the Plas-Pro fascia support ends to the 2”x 2” rim joist should be done with an expansion half lap joint **(fig. 34)**

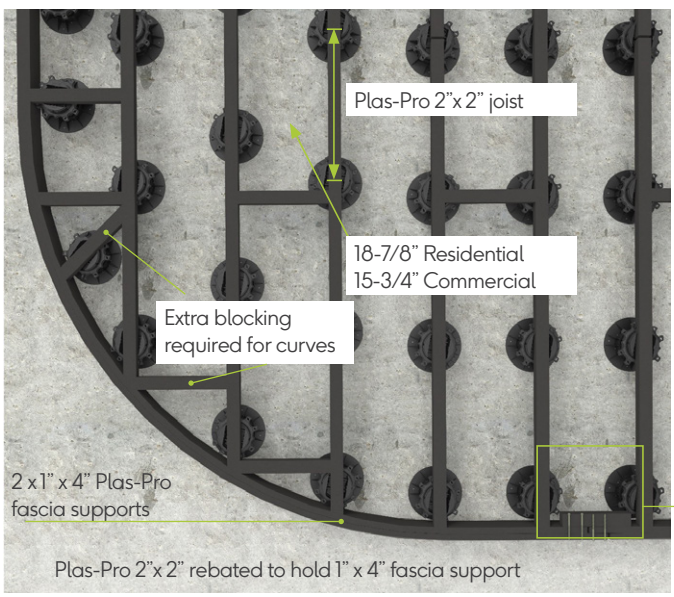


Fig. 33 - Brick bond blocking

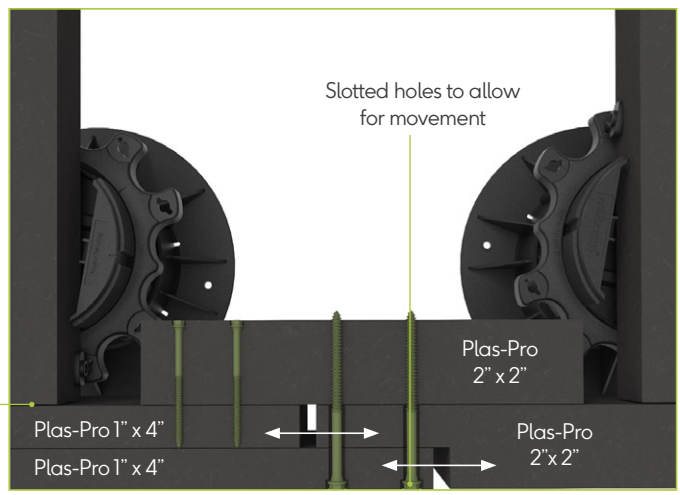
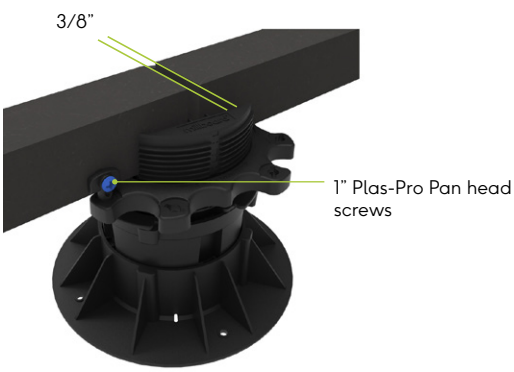
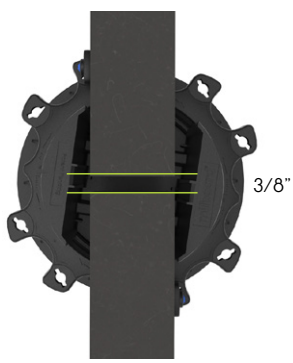


Fig. 34 - Plas-Pro fascia support to rim joist connection





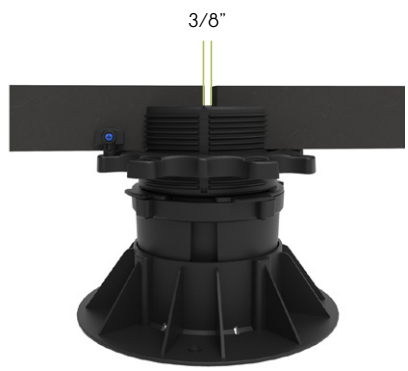


Fig. 35 - gapping of joist butt joints

2 x 2 inches
Blocking spacing and fasten

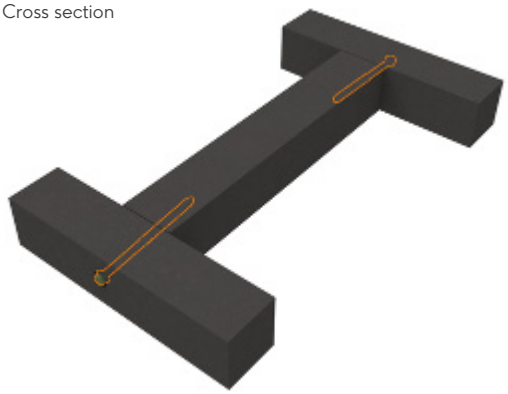
Blocking pattern:

Never run a continuous row of blocking as this can result in exponential thermal expansion / contraction. Build blocking into the deck in a brick bond pattern in alternate joist spacings. Fasten with #12 x 3-1/2" Hex head screw on each side.

Top tip:

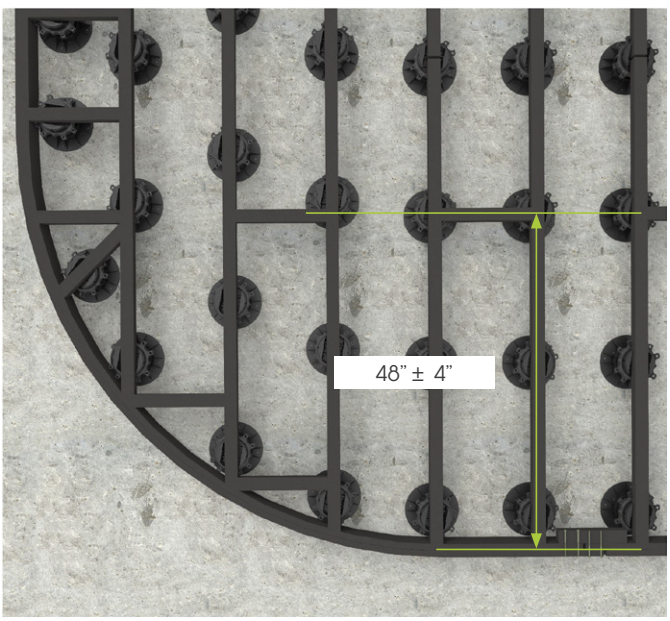
An alternative solution to blocking on large areas, is to brace the pedestal supported framework as it's built with temporary battens, and remove them as the deck boards are installed. This should only ever be done with the 2" x 2" Plas-Pro on pedestals (see fig 38).

Cross section



Plan view

Fig 36: Plas-Pro 2" x 2" Blocking



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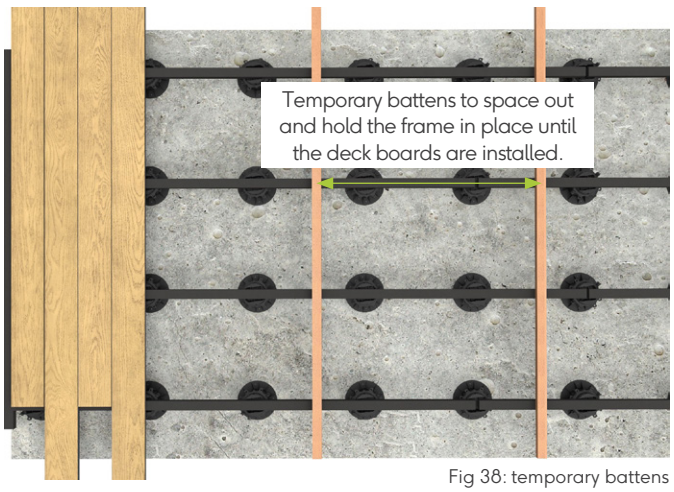

Fig 38: temporary battens


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