



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

COMMON DECKING TERMINOLOGY

1. Decking Boards: The boards at the top of the deck that you walk on. Decking boards are often installed perpendicular to the joists
2. Joists: The joists are between the bearers and the decking boards. They are what the decking boards get fixed to. Joist spacing is determined by the material of the decking board
3. Bearers: The bearers are the main support structure of the deck. Bearers are often laid perpendicular to the joists
4. Perimeter Joist: The joist that runs around the perimeter of the deck. Can be referred to as the "rim joist"
5. Joist Hanger: The hardware that is used to connect the joist with the ledger
6. Ledger: This is used on decks that are connected to another structure (e.g. a house or wall). They connect the decking framework to the structure
7. Fascia: Vertical boards that hide the decking framework. The material used for the fascia is generally the same as the decking boards
8. Post: The vertical member that joins supports the deck structure. The post is connected to the decking bearers and to the ground through a footing
9. Footing: The connection of the deck and the ground. This can be either on top of the ground or in the ground which depends on the size and load capabilities of the deck
10. Stair Risers: Attached to the stair stringers, risers are the vertical boards that separate each stair tread
11. Stair Stringers: The stair stringers (also referred to as "stringer boards") are the structural support for the stairs. They are mainly sold in pairs and there is one on each side of the stairs
12. Treads: The tread is the horizontal part of the stair that you walk on

