## **INSTALLATION INFORMATION**

For best results, Ipe decking should be protected from direct sunlight and weather before installation by covering the material and keeping it off of the ground.

In close to ground applications, 60" or less above ground, a vapor barrier is necessary to prevent moisture from absorbing into the underside of the decking boards.

Spacing: Set spacing between boards at 3/16" for 4" and 1/4" for 6" decking. The ends of the boards should be placed against each other with no space.

Stainless steel screws are required to properly fasten hardwood decking - through the face, two screws per joist. When screwing through the face, a countersink bit with a positive stop should be used to set all screw heads at the same consistent depth. Standard miter and table saws with carbide tipped blades are appropriate to use.

The only hidden fasteners accepted for use are screw and plug systems, and Nova's patented resilient stainless steel deck clip, the ExoDek QuickClip.

Build your deck so that the surface is at least 16" above the ground when using 1x4 or 5/4x4 decking material. When using 1x6 or 5/4x6, the deck must be constructed a minimum of 36" off the ground. There must be adequate air circulation underneath the deck in order to prevent cupping and warping of boards.

Sanding is recommended. We require that the boards are end-sealed after cutting with a clear, water resistant wax such as Anchorseal from UC Coatings. If end sealer is not used, the manufacturer will not honor any claims under the warranty. To further protect lpe decking, we require it to be finished on all four sides with an oil-based product prior to installation.

For more detailed installation information, please visit www.novausawood.com/downloads.aspx.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION**

We are committed to the preservation and responsible utilization and management of our forest resources. We strongly encourage all supply partners to follow the best industry practices to minimize damage to the environment and ensure long term resource sustainability.

## DISCLAIMER

Our decking products are carefully manufactured and inspected to ensure quality. However, these are natural wood products and are subject to variations in weight, density, color, grain and performance. Wood decking is naturally subject to dimensional changes as the moisture content in the wood fluctuates with humidity in the air. Swelling, shrinkage, checking, and other movement of individual pieces are normal occurrences in wood decking.

Local building codes must be consulted when building an exterior deck. Most counties require building permits.



Ipe Decking is imported by Nova USA Wood Products and distributed in your area by:

# lpe

PREMIUM HARDWOOD DECKING BEAUTY | PERFORMANCE | VALUE







# Natural Beauty and Durability

Ipe Decking is the strongest and most resilient natural hardwood available on the market today. Ipe decking has become an increasingly popular choice for both commercial and residential use as decking and siding. Ipe truly is the best hardwood product available in terms of strength, stability, and durability.

Our lpe hardwood decking is untreated and contains no harmful chemicals - which means it can be used near water with no worry of contamination. lpe decking is naturally resistant to decay, wet conditions, and infestation from termites and all other wood boring insects. Ipe decking is also the most stable hardwood decking available making it the perfect choice for building in a variety of climates.

## Features and Benefits

Distinctive Grain & Rich Color 8'-20' Even Length Only Tallies Kiln Dried for Maximum Stability

**Resists Checking** 

**Excellent Natural Durability** 

**ASTM Fire Tested - Class A** 

Long Term Sustainability

Easy to Install

25 Year Warranty

when installed according to guidelines

# **Protecting Your Deck**

When it comes to finishing your wood, Nova's ExoShield is the ultimate choice for an easy to apply and long-lasting wood finish providing premium protection from UV rays and moisture.



Using a pure Tung oil base, trans-oxide pigments, and a built in fungicide, ExoShield is a one-coat formula capable of getting up to 800 SF of coverage on hardwoods. Not to mention, ExoShield is made in the USA, marine grade and low VOC. Why compromise? We didn't.

