

# LifeTime Lumber Deck Boards

## Installation and Care



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Dimensions            2 X 6 deck boards are 1.5" high by 5.5" wide  
                             5/4 X 6 deck boards are 1" high by 5.5" wide

Structure            The structure (posts, beams and joists) must be solid and installed in accordance with local building codes. LifeTime Lumber is not to be used for the structural elements of the deck. Posts for railings are NOT to be fastened to the deck boards. Railings must be fastened to the structural elements.

Spans	2 X 6	5/4 X 6
Maximum center to center	24"	16"
Maximum overhang	5"	3"

Handling            Lift the LifeTime Lumber boards from the stack. Do not drag them over each other. Take care not to leave tools or loose fasteners or the boards where they could get stepped on and scratch the surface.

Cutting              Standard tools (circular saw, handsaw, etc) can be used to cut LifeTime Lumber. Ensure that end cuts are properly supported or there is a risk of tear out as the end cut falls away. Use LTL touch-up paint on any visible cut ends.

Drilling              When drilling holes in LifeTime Lumber, the best bits to use are spiral or Forstner. The use of spade bits is not recommended. When drilling through a board, hold a piece of scrap on the backside to prevent chip-out.

Fasteners            The preferred fastener for LifeTime Lumber deck boards is corrosion resistant 2-1/2" deck screws. Pre-drilling is not required, but may make it easier to drive the screws straight. Tapping the screw head or drive can make it easier to start the screw into the deck board. The use of composite deck screws is NOT recommended. The shape of the head of composite decking screws can crack the surface of the deck boards.  
Do NOT drive screws within 1/2" of the ends of the boards or chipping is possible.

LifeTime Recommended            Tiger Claw TC -2S            [www.deckfastener.com](http://www.deckfastener.com)  
Hidden Fasteners                    ShadoeTrack                 [www.shadoetrack.com](http://www.shadoetrack.com)

Compatible Hidden            Deck Masters                 [www.grabberman.com](http://www.grabberman.com)  
Fasteners                        Dec Klip                         [www.dec-klip.com](http://www.dec-klip.com)  
    InvisaGrip                     [www.invisagrip.com](http://www.invisagrip.com)  
    Simpson                         [www.strongtie.com](http://www.strongtie.com)  
    Hidden Link                    [www.shadoetrack.com](http://www.shadoetrack.com)  
    Invisi Fast                     [www.invisifast.com](http://www.invisifast.com)  
    IQ Hidden Fastener           [www.fastenmaster.com](http://www.fastenmaster.com)  
    EB -TY                         [www.ebty.com](http://www.ebty.com)                boards require routed slots  
    Spot Nail                      [www.spotnails.com](http://www.spotnails.com)            requires special tools  
    Hid Fast                        [www.hid-fast.com](http://www.hid-fast.com)            requires special tools

Cleaning              Deck boards should be swept and then cleaned with an environmentally safe detergent. Power washing is NOT recommended.