

Bowens Installation Guidelines

DECKING INSTALLATION

- Plan to leave a minimum gap between the boards of; (1) 4 millimetres for boards up 90 millimetres. (2) 6 millimetres for boards 130 millimetres.
- Ensure there is good sub-deck ventilation
- Before installing decking, coat the boards on all 4 faces with a good quality sealing agent, ideally 2 coats, including the cut ends. This process will help to suppress any sap bleed as well. We have heard Cutek (which we stock) is ideal, although it could take quite some time to diffuse into the wood, depending on (1) the density of the decking and (2) the time of year or moisture in the atmosphere.
- Use a waterproof membrane (malthoid) between the joist and the decking.
- Use a properly designed decking nail or screw, which should be hot dipped galvanised or stainless steel, depending on site conditions, for example, proximity to salt water.
- If the joist is a treated softwood, the decking nail should be 65mm long for a 19mm thick decking product, or a decking screw is used 65mm x 10g.