# **WOLF** CAPPED COMPOSITE DECKING INSTALLATION GUIDE | TIGER CLAW® HIDDEN DECK FASTENERS

For TC-G (TC-150) for use with 1" (25mm) or thicker decking

### **GETTING STARTED/INSTALLATION TIPS**

### IMPORTANT!

Read all instructions carefully and completely to ensure proper installation.

### WARNING!

Parts have sharp points & edges. Use extreme caution when handling & installing. Wear safety glasses at all times.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS NEEDED







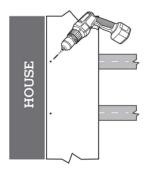


Safety Glasses

Power screw gun with Tiger Claw ratcheting torque setting Slot Cutter

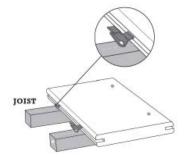
Router

### **STEP 1 - INSTALL FIRST BOARD**

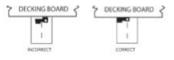


Fasten one edge of the first board at each framing support using a quality  $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " (64mm) deck screw. It is important that this board is straight and well secured.

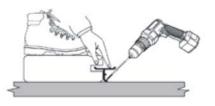
## **STEP 2 - POSITION FASTENERS**



Fully insert TC-G fastener into grooved edge of deck board. Screw hole should lineup with the center of support joist.



# **STEP 3 - INSTALL FIRST FASTENER**



While standing on deck board, install provided screw at 45° angle through fastener and into joist, while applying pressure on fastener. Install one fastener and screw at each support joist.

Make sure fastener body is vertical to deck board and the screw is holding fastener down tight to support joist. Adjust torque setting on screw gun to prevent spin out of the screw head.

### STEP 4 - COMPLETING INSTALLATION OF BOARDS

 Place next deck board into position against fasteners. Slightly raise outer edge of board being installed and slide board onto fastener until board contacts spacer tabs.



**b.** Check gap between boards for consistency. Apply force to ensure board is fully installed.



Repeat steps 2 thru 4 until deck is complete.

### **HELPFUL TIPS**

### COVERAGE

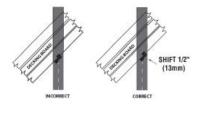
- **a.** Multiply the number of joists by the number of decking boards to equal the number of fasteners needed
- **b.** 90 fasteners will cover approximately 50 sq. ft. (4.6m) using 5.5" (140mm) decking boards on 16" (410mm) centers or 35 sq. ft. (3.3m) using 3.5" (90mm) decking boards on 16" (410mm) on centers.

#### HOW DO YOU ATTACH THE LAST BOARD?

To finish, we recommend using either finish nails or trim screws to secure the last board along its edge. Or, you can angle a screw through the deck frame and into the bottom of the deck board.

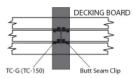
### 45° ANGLE INSTALLATION

When deck is in the walled corner of the house: always start with small piece of decking in that corner and work your way out. When installing TC Fasteners, offset the center  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (13mm) towards the long point of the joist, so screw will not exit side of joist when driven.



#### HOW TO BUTT SEAM

For TC-G (TC-150): Butt Seam clip is available to use with the TC-G (TC-150)



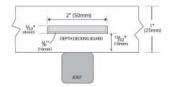
#### HOW TO REPLACE A BOARD

- **a.** Make two parallel cuts down the center of the board to be replaced, and remove the center piece.
- **b.** Using a small pry bar, remove the remaining pieces of decking from the tabs.
- **c.** Using a reciprocating saw, remove the tabs on the side of the board with the screw heads showing.
- **d.** Position new board into place, and carefully slide onto remaining tabs.
- e. Once board is set into position, secure the lead edge with finish nail, finish screw, or counter drill, screw and plug.

To use the TC-G fastener on solid-edge boards use a router to create a groove at every intersection of the deck board and support joists, or groove the entire edge of the deck board.



#### For TC-G (for use in 1" (25mm) or thicker decking: Use the Tiger Claw TC-G Slot Clutter to create the groove shown below.



**NOTE:** The groove should start  $1\frac{3}{22}$ " (10mm) above the **BOTTOM** of the deck board. Groove should be at least  $7\frac{6}{16}$ " (11mm) deep.

**NOTE:** When using material with expected expansion greater than <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" (3mm), in width allow additional spacing between deck boards. (Check with your lumber supplier for expected expansion in your area).



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