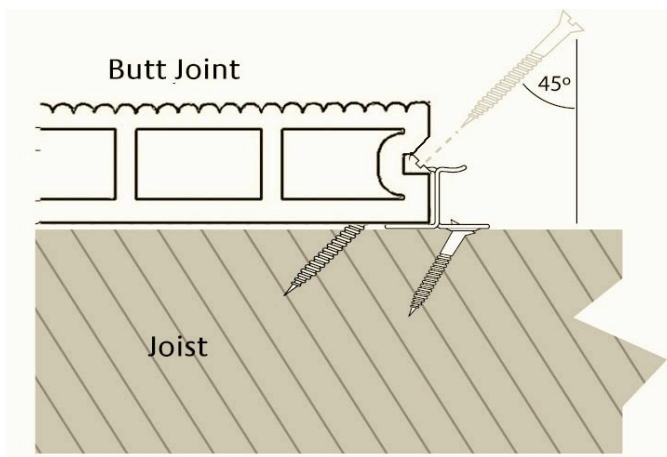


Note: When calculating the end-to-end gap, add 2mm for every 10°C difference between the highest temperature the decking will be exposed to, and the temperature at installation.

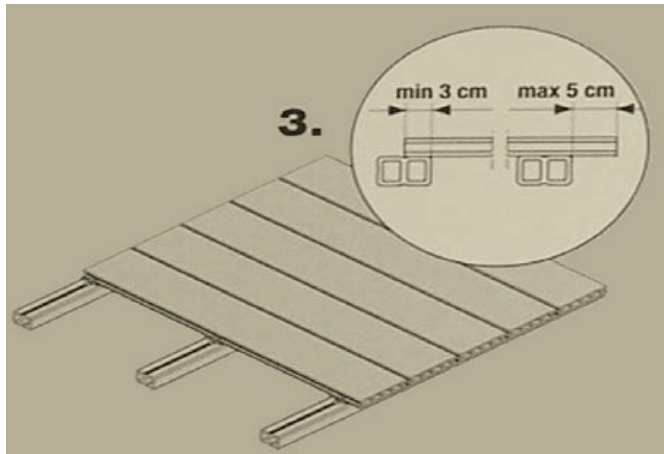
4.2 Screwing the clips into the baton.

Ideally, the screws should be at a 45 degree angle on one side of the butt joint (**as per picture below**). This fixes the decking boards to the baton, and allows for contraction and expansion of the wood and composite deck.



4.3 Supporting the Ends of the Decking Boards

Each end of the decking board must be supported and fixed. Ideally, one edge of the board should be in line with the baton, but if this is not possible, a minimum of 3cm can be on the baton, and a maximum of a 5cm overhang (**pic. 10**).



NB: Once the decking has been installed it should be cleaned of any landscaping/ construction residue and any other debris that may have occurred during the install. Washing down during install may also be needed to stop dirt being driven into the boards.

5. Recommendations for cleaning Arbour Landscape Solutions composite decking, if it comes into contact with:

These are recommendations only – it is advised that you test any products being used on a small test area first.

5.1 Oil

- Remove the oil as soon as possible and clean with a degreasing agent. Rinse with water and soap.
- If stains have set into the material, as with wood, they are hard to remove. Fine sandpaper can be used, following the grain.

5.2 Rust

- Use water (and soap) and brush carefully with a scouring pad
- In case of heavy rust, use a cleanser containing lemon acid
- Rinse with water

5.3 Greasy Stains

- Remove grease immediately and clean with a degreasing agent or soap.
- If stains have set into the material, as with wood, they are hard to remove. Fine sandpaper can be used, following the grain alternatively using a wire brush can be helpful also.
- Rinse with warm water.

5.4 Wine/Fruit Stains

- Clean with a cleaning agent and water.
- For heavy stains scour with a light bleach and 60degrees hot water.
- Rinse with water.

5.5 Scratches

- In case of small scratches you can use fine sandpaper or a wire brush following the wood grain

5.6 General

- Normal maintenance of the terrace can be done by sweeping or scrubbing the decking, or by using a garden hose or high pressure cleaner.
- To avoid damage, make sure there is enough distance between the nozzle and Arbour Landscape Solutions longlife decking. Test a small area first. Spray in the direction of the grain to avoid damage .
- In extreme cases a 60degree hot jet-wash may be required.
- As the decking is made of 50% wood it can become stained if it is not cleaned regularly of leaves, debris, berries, blossom and anything else that could rot or stain the decking. Particularly relevant where there are trees overhanging the decking.

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