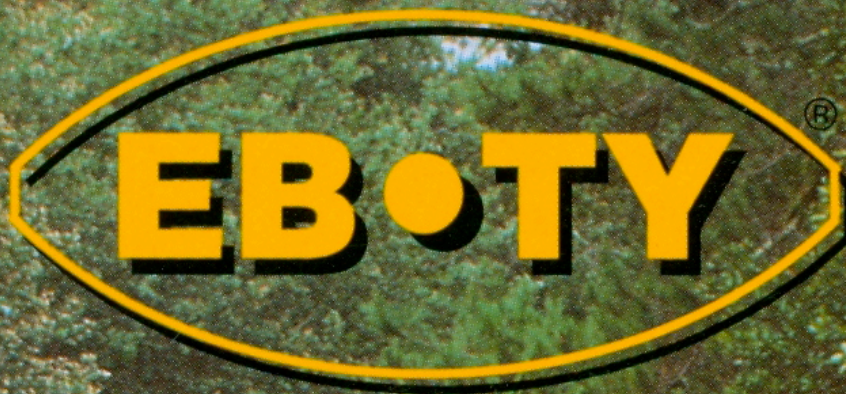


Any Time Is Deck Time™

Welcome to



**World's Premier
Hidden
Deck-Fastening
Systems™**



Who We Are

We invented EB-TY® Hidden Deck Fasteners™ because we saw a need: How do you build a quality deck without unsightly nail and screw holes, without harmful splinters and without the pop-ups that make rework necessary?

Our award-winning, leading-edge Hidden Deck Fasteners will enhance the beauty of your deck—as well as boardwalks and boat docks. They will give your deck a clean, uniform appearance. They are virtually invisible from top or bottom, so they highlight the beauty of all types of woods and composites. They are made in the United States of ultra-violet resistance polypropylene, so they are maintenance-free and compatible with any climate. They avoid having to use nails, which rust and allow moisture to harm your wood. Plus, your friends and family can safely walk barefoot on your deck.

That's why we won the *Journal of Light Construction's* Innovation Award for our "innovative, high-quality" Hidden Deck Fasteners, and have been featured in numerous building magazines, including *This Old House*, *Fine Home Building*, *The Family Handyman*, the *Better Homes and Gardens* special publication *Garden, Deck and Landscape*, as well television programs on A&E Network and *The Learning Channel*.

What Customers Are Saying

"EB-TY® Hidden Deck Fasteners™ are great. Our deck is the focal point of our home, and we use it all year round. And I have no doubt that having such a beautiful deck has added to the value of our home."

Homeowner,
Medford, Ore.

"The advantage of using EB-TY fasteners is that there are no holes in the wood. It's a more uniform look, more finished. Our clients are happy with the results."

Homebuilder,
Boise, Idaho

"After doing research online, I chose EB-TY Hidden Deck Fasteners. If you use screws and drills, the deck will look like Shot Gun Kelly used it for target practice. With my old deck, I couldn't go barefoot because of splinters from pop-up nails."

Homeowner,
W. Wakefield, N.H.

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Decks enrich our lives. Today, they are one of the most important features of modern homes. They help connect us to Nature. They extend our living space. And they enable us to relax and take a break from our busy schedules.

No matter what time of the year it is, it's always a good time to plan to build a deck or to renovate an existing one. That's why we say, "Any time is deck time.™"

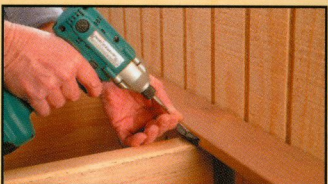
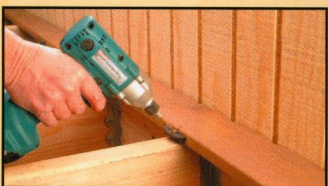
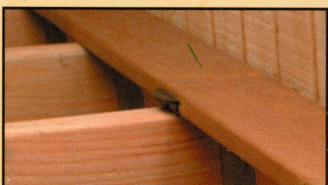
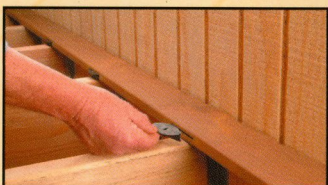
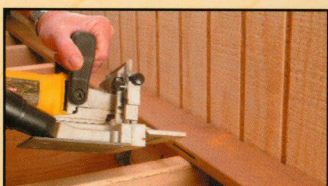
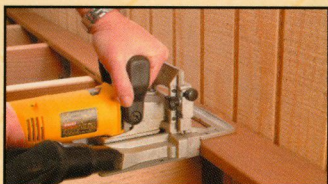
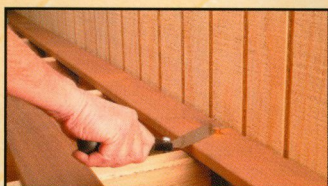
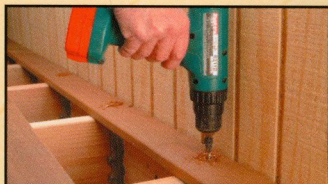
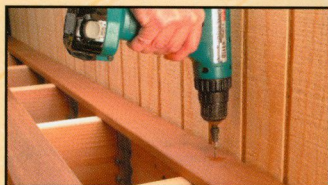
No matter where they live, our customers enjoy having beautiful, safe decks all year round. They entertain family and friends in the golden sunshine of the warmer months. And they grill dinner under the stars during the colder times of the year.

Decks are a smart investment because they add value to our homes. Regardless of what's happening on Wall Street, having a home with a beautiful, safe deck is a wise investment.

Easy Installation

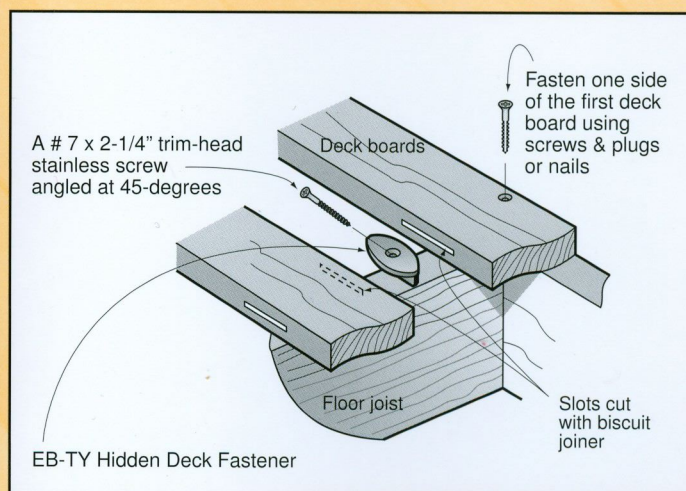
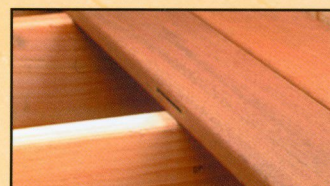
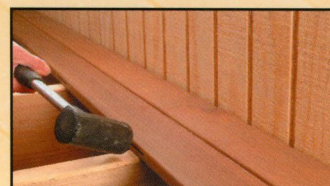
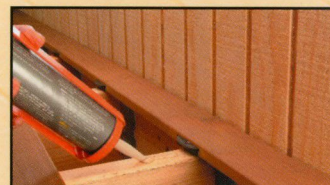
Installing the First Board

- Apply a bead of exterior construction adhesive to each joist—about 3/8" wide.
- Fasten one side of the first deck board using screws and plugs. Use a 1/8" drill bit with a 3/8" countersink. Drive in a #7 X 2-1/4" stainless trim-head screw at each joist of the first deck board.
- Glue and insert EB-TY® 3/8" Ipe' Tapered Wood Plugs (**Part Code: IPLUG01**) into each countersunk hole. Remove any part of the wood plug that protrudes, using a saw or belt sander.
- Cut a slot in deck board at each joist and deck board intersection using a 1/8" router bit or plate joiner (biscuit cutter #20).
- Adjust router or plate joiner (biscuit cutter) height so that the bottom edge of the fastener is flush with the bottom of the deck board. If using pre-grooved decking, no slot is necessary.
- Place fasteners in the slots at each joist. Install one #7 X 2-1/4" stainless trim head screw in each fastener at a 45-degree angle. Tighten snugly to the EB-TY fasteners.
- Drill an angled 1/8" pilot hole for each screw when installing hardwood decking.



Installing Additional Deck Boards

- Apply a bead of exterior construction adhesive to each joist, approximately 3/8" wide.
- Cut a slot at each intersection with joist on each side of the next board.
- Place the board so the slot slips over the exposed fasteners. Use a BoWrench® or a clamp to straighten boards, if necessary.
- Place EB-TY fasteners in the slot at each joist. Install one #7 X 2-1/4" stainless trim-head screw in each fastener at a 45-degree angle. Tighten snugly to the EB-TY fasteners.
- Repeat above process until all decking is fastened, with the exception of the final outside board. Install the final outside board by cutting slots only on the inside of the final board.

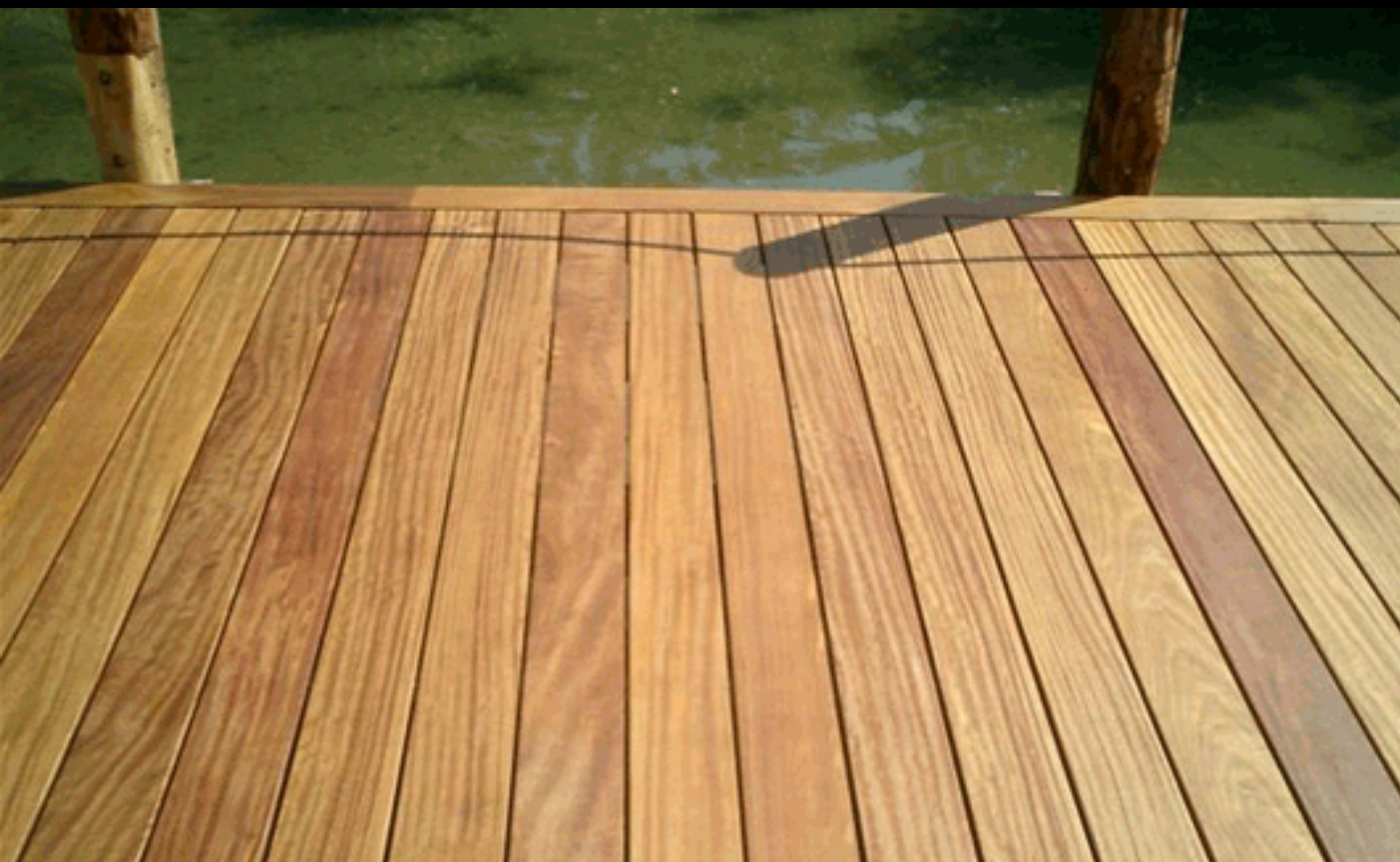


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Frequently Asked Questions regarding EB-TY® Hidden Deck Fasteners™

The following helpful hints are answers to questions most frequently asked by our customers. While our answers are meant to assist you, they may not necessarily pertain to your individual building project. Please contact your building-material supplier, contractor, architect or EB-TY if you require more specific information.

What are today's hottest trends in decks?

Decks have become one of the most important features of American homes today. More and more people are coming to realize that having a deck enhances the value of their home. We're all busy these days, and we view our home as a safe haven, a place where we can enjoy relaxing times with our family and friends. Decks are an easy and convenient way to extend your living space. They help put us in touch with Nature, and bring fresh air and sunshine into our lives.

Why did you invent the EB-TY Hidden Deck Fasteners?

In 1997, we invented EB-TY Hidden Deck Fasteners because we wanted a way to build beautiful, long-lasting decks using all kinds of wood without the unsightly damage caused by screws or nails when fastening deck boards.

How did you identify the need for hidden deck fasteners?

For more than 20 years, our family has been building top-quality homes. We are interested in the aesthetics of deck design — and so are our customers. So we wanted a way to create beautiful decks with precise, straight lines, which are extremely difficult to achieve with nails and screws.

What are other disadvantages of using screws and nails to build a deck?

For one thing, using screws and nails often results in splinters, gouges, hammer damage and holes. Also, not only do screws and nails eventually rust, they also allow moisture to seep into the wood, leading to water damage. In contrast, our deck fasteners can't rust, cannot damage the deck boards and actually enhance the beauty, long life and safety of the deck: They don't pop up like screws and nails do. That's good news for people who love to be barefoot when they're outside, enjoying their deck.

Do EB-TY Hidden Deck Fasteners work with all kinds of wood and composites?

Absolutely. Our award winning, leading-edge Hidden Deck Fasteners work with any kind of wood or composite you choose for your deck.

Why do you use the phrase "Anytime is Deck Time™" ?

We think that no matter what time of the year it is, any time is a good time to enjoy your deck. Decks aren't only for summertime fun. Even in the middle of winter, people grill dinner on their decks. So no matter what time of the year it is, your deck will enrich your lifestyle morning, noon and night.

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Are your EB-TY Hidden Deck Fastener durable? Will they last?

Our fasteners are the most reliable, long-lasting fasteners on the market. They are manufactured in the United States and made of ultra-violet resistant polypropylene. They can't rust, and they're guaranteed to last 100 years under normal use.

Are EB-TY products guaranteed?

EB-TY Hidden Deck Fasteners are guaranteed to last 100 years with normal use.

What are the most common mistakes people make when building a deck?

Building a deck is a smart investment for any home. But a lot of people make the mistake of not having a sound plan for making their dream deck a reality. For example, they may not consider the importance of how the finished product will look. Often, they choose screws or nails to fasten the deck boards without realizing how screws and nails can create safety hazards — popping up, causing splinters — as well as rusting and allowing water damage, both of which mar the beauty of the deck.

Are EB-TY® Hidden Deck Fasteners easy to install?

Yes. In fact, customers have told us our hidden deck fasteners are easier to use than others because they don't require two persons to install. And they are always installed from above, so they're ideal for decks that are low to the ground.

Are EB-TY Hidden Deck Fasteners time-consuming to use?

EB-TY deck fasteners actually save time, in the long run. As with all quality projects, building a beautiful and long-lasting deck is not achieved instantaneously. However, our customer research shows that, once you've read the instructions, installation of our deck fasteners can be done efficiently and with no problems.

What about cost? Aren't EB-TY Hidden Deck Fasteners more expensive than others on the market?

Our customers tell us EB-TY Hidden Deck Fasteners are the best value on the market. While our price may be a bit higher than those of some of our competitors, you'll see a payoff in your investment, in terms of the look of your deck, its ability to provide you and your family pleasure for years to come and the value it adds to your home. In addition, you will not have to spend money to redo your deck or pay to replace popped-up nails and screws.

What kind of ventilation system must a deck have for EB-TY Hidden Deck Fasteners to work best?

Allow air to flow freely through the skirting, as well as below the deck. Ventilation is essential for a deck's long-term stability. Lack of ventilation prevents the quick evaporation of water draining through your deck, creating a constant source of moisture on the back of the deck boards. Moisture can lead to cupping with some brands of decking.

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How many EB-TY Hidden Deck Fasteners are needed for a square meter (m2) of decking?

The number of fasteners needed depends the spacing between joists, as shown in the chart below:

Fasteners/M2 Chart:

Count the number of joists and multiply by the number of deck boards. To determine the number of deck boards, divide deck width in meter by the width of the boards (0.140 M).

Dimension of boards (140 mm) & distance between centre joists:

140 mm boards w / 40 cm each centre joists
140 mm boards w / 60 cm each centre joists

Coverage of EB-TY's Hidden Deck Fasteners:

175 EB-TY's (one pack) cover approx. 9.8 M2
175 EB-TY's (one pack) cover approx. 14.7 M2

How do I install end-to-end boards (butt joints)?

When installing end-to-end boards, commonly called "butt joints," follow these tips:

Cut the spacer (keel) off the bottom of the EB-TY fastener (thereby making it a conventional biscuit). Make a biscuit cut at the ends of both deck boards, slip the modified EB-TY into the biscuit cut, thus creating a continuous board with the joint centered over the joist (do not install screws). Install the same as you would any other continuous board. (Should you need more joist space, you can sister the joist.)

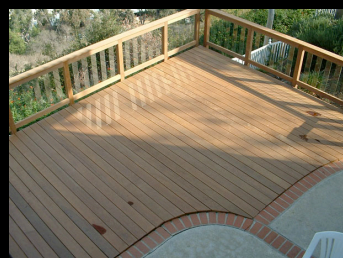
How can I replace a previously installed EB-TY deck board?

To replace a board that has been previously installed with EB-TY Hidden-Deck Fasteners, use a reciprocating saw to cut all the EB-TY fasteners along the side of the board that's farthest from your house or building. Now carefully pry out the board, working from the side on which you cut the fasteners.

Use a 1/8" router bit or plate joiner (biscuit cutter) to cut slots (kerfs) at each joist on the side of your new deck board closest to your house or building. Now install the new board, sliding the slots over the existing exposed EB-TY fasteners. Fasten the opposite side of the new board using screws and plugs at each joist. Use a 1/8" drill bit with a 3/8" countersink. Drive in a #7 x 2-1/4" stainless trim-head screw.

Why is construction-adhesive needed?

Construction adhesive acts as an insulator, helping eliminate squeaking and creaking after your deck boards have settled, so your deck will sound solid years after installation. Depending on which exterior construction adhesive is required for your climate area, the adhesive also provides additional holding power.





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