

Good Times Co.

DIY MODULAR DECKING SYSTEMS

PRODUCT INFORMATION GUIDE

The "Good Times Co" DIY Modular Decking System is a fully engineered timber decking system which has been developed as a fast, safe and economical solution to the traditional deck. The "Good Times Co" DIY Modular Decking System comes flat packed forming 1116 x 1116 decking modules that are quick and easy to install and joined together even with limited past building experience or equipment. Please ensure that you possess the basic building skills and knowledge of how to use the necessary equipment prior to attempting your build. Care should be taken at all times to avoid injury.

The "Good Times Co" DIY Modular Decking System complies with the National Construction Code (NCC) and has been designed to the following Australian Standards:

AS 1170.1	AS 1684.1	AS 1720	AS 2870
AS 3600	AS 4100		

If you require any other loading applications please contact Good Times Co.

The "Good Times Co" DIY Modular Decking System is easy to transport/install and caters for decks less than 1.0M high which do not require a balustrade or handrail. The system has been designed so that it simply screws together. The varying length of the adjustable supports caters for flat surfaces to uneven/sloping ground. Your "Good Times" can be placed over a concrete slab or existing paving or in the yard over grass on small ground plates which involve minimal removal of organic matter. The decking can be easily installed using the pre-made decking panels or can be cut-in using traditional methods with random long lengths of timber decking.

There are a variety of uses for your "Good Times Co" DIY Modular Decking including free standing decks/day bed, deck off the back of your house, around swimming pools or caravans etc... Decking panels could be hinged to allow for storage underneath.

Refer to the "Good Times Co" Installation Guide to see how easy it is to build your new deck. The "Good Times Co" website www.goodtimesco.com.au and Youtube video has additional installation instructions and product material.

What is a Deck?

A deck is a raised timber floor area that is supported on stumps. A deck may be attached or detached from a building. It may have a perimeter handrail for safety depending on the deck height above the ground level. Access to a deck may be from the ground via a stair or from a house or building through a door. Decks are not normally roofed.

I would like to build a Deck. What type of things do I need to consider?

It is possible that your local Council or Government department may need to approve the construction of your deck before you can start to build. It is always good practice to contact your local Authority if you are unsure. This would occur whether you engaged a Builder to construct the deck or if you were to build it yourself. All decks must comply with the National Construction Code, the Building Regulations, the Building Act and Australian Standards. The "Good Times Co" DIY Modular Decking System complies with these rules and regulations if it is constructed in accordance with the installation instructions.

There are various rules that need to be complied with when constructing the deck. These include (but are not limited to) the local Council/Government Planning Policy, the zone of your land and size of your block, meeting minimum setbacks from all title and street boundaries, possible overlooking and the height of the deck above the ground, bushfire requirements,

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Maintaining your Deck

There are various things that can reduce the life of your deck. These can include termites, wet rot and moisture, seaside/corrosive environments, and placing higher loads on the deck for what it has been designed for.

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You can prolong the life of your deck by applying a suitable oil or stain to your deck (ensure it is clean before application). Reapply the desired coating at regular intervals depending on the type of coating you are using and your climatic location. A good start is one coat before and after the hotter seasons of the year.

Other helpful hints include having a minimum of 50mm ground clearance to the underside of all timber members and the ground level, and ensuring that there is adequate site drainage. Sweep your deck clean instead of hosing it down. Ensure that all pot plants have trays underneath. Consider the use of stainless steel screws in lieu of galvanised screws in coastal environments to ensure the minimum deck life expectancy is achieved.

Deck Safety

In order to achieve the maximum safety standards and life from your deck we recommend that:

- Do not place heavy objects on the deck unless the object is less than the design loads,
- Place outdoor furniture away from the edge of the deck,
- Ensure that the deck is less than 1.0M above the finished ground level at all times.

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- AS 1170.1 SAA Loading Code – Permanent Imposed and other actions,
- AS 1684.1 Residential Timber Framed Construction,
- AS 1720.1 Timber Structures – Design Methods,
- AS 2870 Residential Slabs and Footings,
- AS 3600 Concrete Structures,
- AS 4100 Steel Structures.

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