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## DECKING INSTALLATION GUIDE

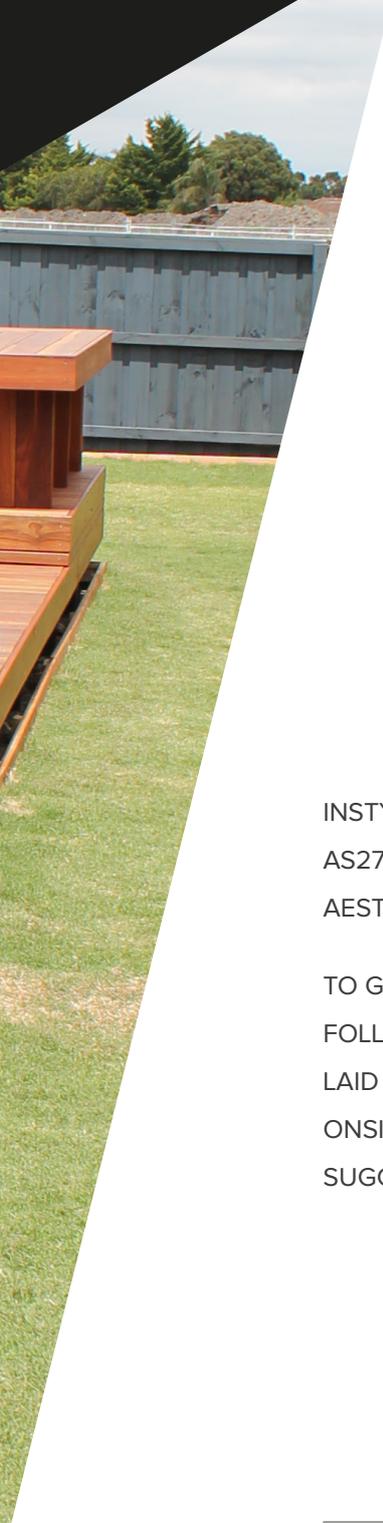


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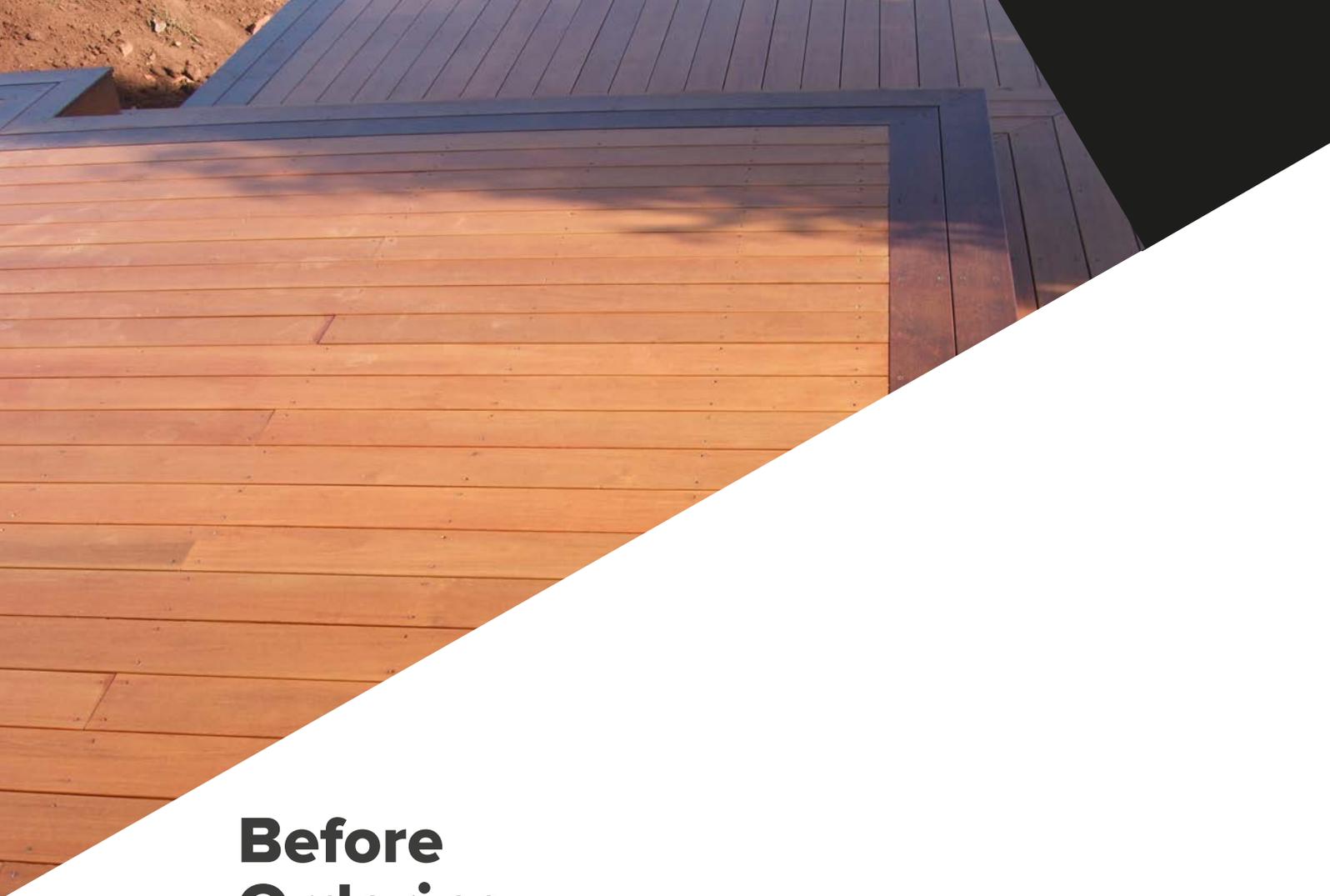
INSTYLE DECKING IS MANUFACTURED TO AUSTRALIAN STANDARD AS2796, TO ENSURE THE HIGHEST QUALITY PRODUCT IN TERMS OF AESTHETIC APPEAL, DURABILITY AND PERFORMANCE.

TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR INSTYLE DECK, IT IS IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW OUR INSTALLATION GUIDE, AND ADHERE TO ALL RECOMMENDATIONS LAID OUT IN THE FOLLOWING GUIDE. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATE TO: ONSITE HANDLING, INSTALL METHODS, REGULAR MAINTENANCE, AS WELL AS SUGGESTIONS FOR COATINGS AND FINISHES.

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## Before Ordering.

It is recommended when working out the size of your decking, that you allow for a minimum of 10% wastage, to cover any offcuts or issues that may arise during installation. When measuring the decking, it is also worth considering if there are any other areas that might require boards, such as stairs, perimeter boards, plinth, etc. It is also worth considering having your new decking factory pre-coated, as this can save considerable time on site.

Before laying InStyle decking, make sure that the ground below the decking has adequate drainage, is clear from weeds and debris, and anything that may cause water to pool. Make sure that the design of the deck allows adequate ventilation, and that you have allowed for a minimum of a 5mm gap between decking boards. A combination of drainage, ventilation and adequate gapping between boards will help to prevent a build-up of moisture below the deck, which could potentially lead to a difference in moisture between the top and bottom of the boards, which may lead to excess movement, or cupping in the boards. It also allows for natural expansion in the boards, which will occur during humid or wet conditions. A minimum clearance of 400mm is recommended for InStyle decking from the ground.

It is crucial to make sure that the subfloor for your decking is built in accordance with AS1684 and AS1720. The use of suitable materials for bearers and joists will ensure the stability of your new InStyle decking.

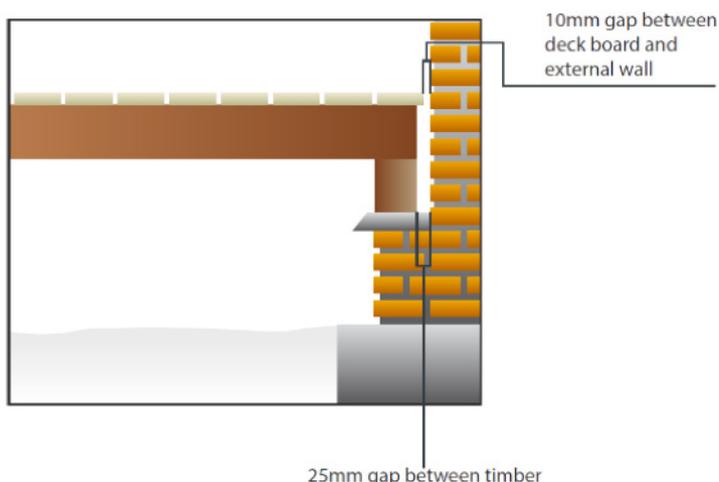
# High Risk Decks.

A High Risk Deck is a deck with a clearance of 150-400mm from the ground. The risk comes from an increased chance of moisture pooling below the deck and causing an imbalance of moisture within the decking boards themselves. There are many considerations to be made when building a High Risk Deck. Board size is critical – a 64mm /70mm decking board is ideal in high risk decks however a 86mm/90mm board also can be used in conjunction with hardwood joists F11 or better for superior holding. There must be adequate cross ventilation, as well as sloped ground away from the building and agricultural pipe to drain any excess moisture away.

It would also be good practice to lay down a plastic membrane under the deck, covered with gravel or sand to keep it in place. This will help keep soil moisture from affecting the timber as well as preventing any vegetation growth. The decking boards themselves need to be no wider than 100mm, and must be gapped at least 5mm apart. If it is unlikely the deck will receive the appropriate levels of maintenance required, or is fully exposed then a narrow board is definitely recommended as water can pool on the decking for extended periods causing issues such as cupping, splitting and mould.

## Taking Delivery of your InStyle Decking.

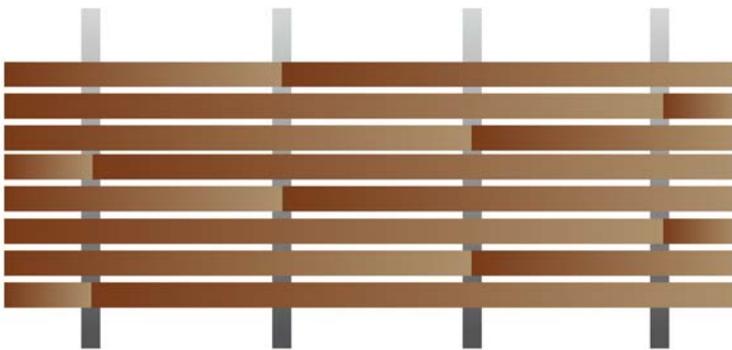
Your InStyle decking will be delivered wrapped in plastic to protect it during transportation and delivery. Once the pack is opened, it needs to be stored inside, off the ground, away from the weather, to maintain integrity of the boards prior to installation. Leaving the decking outside prior to installation may cause swelling, splitting or checking in the boards, which will ultimately make installation difficult and compromise the quality of the finished product.



# Installing your InStyle Decking.

Prior to installation, InStyle decking must be coated on all sides and ends with a suitable, penetrating oil based product. Cutek CD-50 or WOCA are recommended, and your local InStyle supplier can organise one of these products to be factory coated. Sealing of all docked ends is required, and your supplier will also be able to supply a product to do this.

The use of a hot dip galvanised or 304 stainless steel screw or nail is required for fixing your InStyle decking. The use of 316 stainless steel screws will be required in decks exposed to chlorine or salt water. We recommend the use of a 12g x 50 decking screw on an 86 x 19 InStyle Decking, and a 14g Bugle head screw for 130/135/140 x 19 InStyle decking boards. For a 32mm InStyle decking board, the use of 14g x 75 bugle head screws are recommended. Joists should be spaced at no more than 450mm for 19mm or 600mm for 32mm. Two fixings per joist are required, with the fixings spaced a minimum of 12mm from the edge of the decking board. Pre drilling and countersinking is required, as this will help to prevent splitting, particularly where two boards join on a joist.



**JOINTS STAGGERED**

# After Installation.

## **DO NOT CUT ANY METAL ON UNPROTECTED DECKING – FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN IRON TANNATE STAINS**

Once installed, regular maintenance of the deck should be upheld, including cleaning between the gaps in the deck over joists, where debris might build up, and reapplying of finishes in adherence with manufacturers recommendations. As most decking is generally subject to the weather and elements, failing to maintain your InStyle decking may result in a significant drop in the performance and look of the decking, with movement in the boards, and potential greying off of the timber over time. Regular maintenance will help ensure the long term appearance and performance of your InStyle decking. Pot plants or any other items that are not moved regularly should be elevated off the deck.



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