

HEPPNER HARDWOODS INC.



Domestic and Imported Lumber • Custom Milling

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Hardwood Decking is a natural product that will shrink or expand as it loses or absorbs moisture. This will occur in any outdoor environment. To minimize checking, splitting, cupping and twisting, we recommend the following:

Storing Recommendations: Store untreated material flat and covered but, allowing airflow to circulate. Keep exposure to sun to a minimum. Do not store decking directly on the ground. Stack the material on flat and leveled stickers at least 3" above the ground.

Installation Recommendations:

- Allow material to acclimate to local temperatures and humidity levels for a minimum of 7 days before installation.
- Treat all fresh cuts with a quality sealer such as Anchorseal.
- Do not treat surfaces that will be finished with Anchorseal as it will not allow the finish to penetrate.
- Treat all surfaces of decking with a finish or decking oil before it is exposed to sunlight.
- Fasten using coated decking screws or clip systems.
- Gap spacing of at least 1/4" is recommended. (Gap spacing allows material room to expand and contract depending on the environment where it is installed)
- Deck Pitch: Be sure your deck substructure is pitched away from the building for adequate water runoff.

Routine Maintenance Recommendations: Use a low PH cleaner such as Bona Soap to help preserve the rich color of your deck. Look for a cleanser specifically designed for oiled wooden floors, environmentally sound and PH neutral. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and guidelines.

Seasonal Maintenance Recommendations: For seasonal maintenance, reseal/finish your tropical hardwood deck with a deep penetrating stain or sealer such as Ipe Oil Hardwood Deck Finish. Most stains are too low in pigment solids and resins to penetrate a hardwood deck like IPE, Cumaru and other Brazilian hardwoods. Exotic hardwoods require a special deck stain formula that will give lasting results and a maintainable finish.

Understanding the Wood: Wood is organic and hygroscopic; wood will take in moisture and expel moisture according to its environment. When taking in moisture the wood expands, when expelling moisture the wood shrinks. Wood fibers react and change under all types of conditions. It is the responsibility of the consumer and installer to determine where and under what conditions the product should be installed.