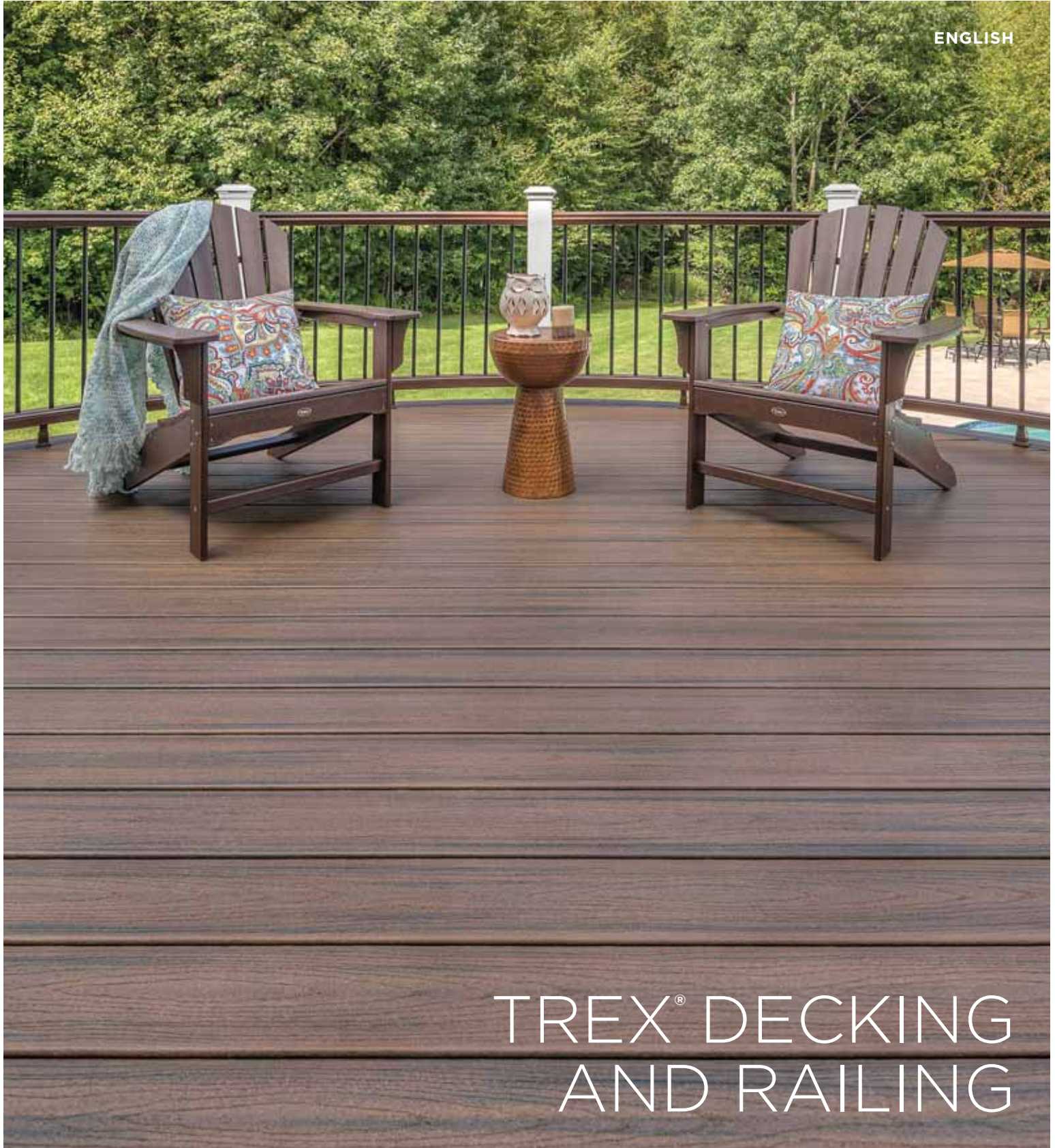




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TREX® DECKING
AND RAILING

CHANGES FOR 2016 INSTALL GUIDE:

- » **Page 4** – Added new Universal Hidden Fastener Gun
- » **Page 5-6** – Care and Cleaning Guide: Added information about jobsite storage and how to clean hard water stains
- » **Page 10** – Planning Ahead: Included information about Trex® Outdoor Storage™
- » **Pages 12-15** – Trex® DeckLighting™: Removed 5A Transformer and replaced with 8.3A Transformer; Added additional warnings in regards to installation methods
- » **Pages 16-19** – Trex® LandscapeLighting™: Removed 5A Transformer and replaced with 8.3A Transformer; Added section for Trex Dimmer Remote Programming
- » **Pages 34-36** – Trex Post Mounts: Included IRC requirements if using Post Mount; Revised use of barrier strips
- » **Pages 42 and 47** – Trex Transcend® Railing: Included use of Select® decking board for Trex Transcend Cocktail Railing
- » **Pages 55-56** – Trex Reveal® Post: Removal of 2x2 post; Included IRC requirements if using Reveal Post
- » **Pages 79-80** – Trex Aluminum Gate: Include maximum gate width measurement

NEED HELP?

Trex provides a variety of valuable resources to answer your questions or concerns. For additional assistance, check out:

» **Trex.com**

Here you will find a wealth of useful information on Trex's extensive products including: installation, care and cleaning instructions and videos, technical help, and FAQs. You'll also find inspiring photos of deck projects, steps to help you plan and start your project, and tips for selecting the right deck builder. At **trex.com**, you can request information, register your warranty, and reach out to customer service representatives who can answer even more questions.

» Call **1-800-BUY-TREX (1-800-289-8739)** and speak to a technical support representative who can answer your questions.

» Email your question or concern to **question@trex.com** and we'll get back to you quickly.

Refer to **www.trex.com** for up-to-date installation and technical documents that may not be found in this printed guide.



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decking: Transcend in Spiced Rum

railing: Transcend in Vintage Lantern and Classic White
with round aluminum balusters in Charcoal Black

NOTE: Construction methods are always improving. Please refer to www.trex.com for the most up-to-date installation requirements.

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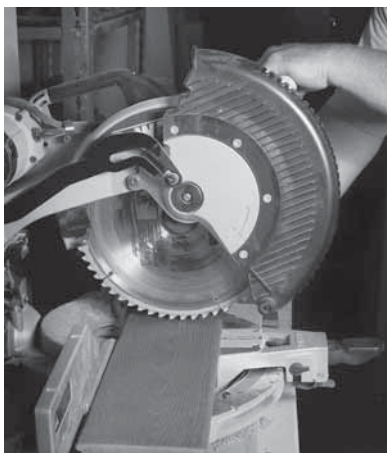
SAFETY

When working on any construction project, you should wear protective clothing and safety equipment. Wear safety glasses, gloves, a dust mask and long sleeves, particularly when cutting in confined spaces.

TOOLS

You can create intricate shapes, profiles, and patterns with Trex. Most installments require no special tools. For best results, use carbide-tipped blades and router bits.

When using a miter saw, we recommend using the Trex Blade™*. This comes in 3 different sizes and is ideal for cutting all our decking and railing products (these are not recommended for cutting Trex Elevations®). Refer to www.trex.com for more information.

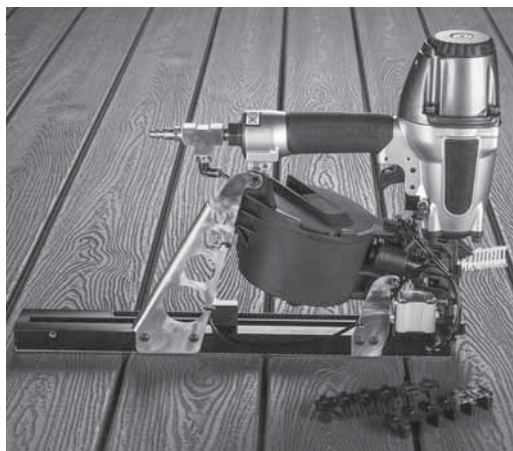


Install Trex recommended fasteners with standard power drills or approved screw guns.



*Trex Blade™ is manufactured and sold by Freud Tools, Inc. under a Trademark License Agreement with Trex Company, Inc.

Trex decking and railing are heavier and more flexible than wood. **DO NOT** try to lift the same quantity of Trex boards as you would traditional lumber. Go to www.trex.com for Safety Data Sheets (SDS).

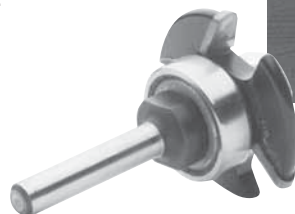
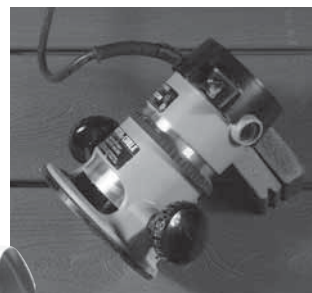


The Trex Hideaway® Universal Fastener Clip Gun is designed specifically to work with the Trex Hideaway Universal Hidden Fastener. This will dramatically decrease the time it takes to install Trex decking. The Trex Universal Gun Kit includes 450 hidden fasteners and collated screws.

If your choice is to use the metal Trex Hideaway Hidden Fasteners, using the pneumatic gun by TigerClaw®* is a terrific option. This will allow for a quicker install time. Trex Gun Pail includes 900-count connector clips and TC-SG collated pneumatic screws.



Trex routs beautifully to give extremely crisp edges. The groove cutter/router bit is used with the Trex Hideaway fastening system.



⚠ CAUTION

DO NOT rout balusters. Routing will change the surface of Trex products.

*Tiger Claw® is a registered trademark of Tiger Claw, Inc.

TREX TRANSCEND®, TREX ENHANCE®, AND TREX SELECT® CARE AND CLEANING GUIDE

All exterior building materials require cleaning. Generally, soap and water is all that is required to clean Transcend, Enhance, and Select products. *For further information, see below.*

PROBLEM	SOLUTION
Dirt and Debris	The affected area should be sprayed off with a hose to remove surface debris. Use warm soapy water and a soft bristle brush to remove dirt and debris from the embossing pattern.
Hard Water Staining	Hard water is water with a high amount of mineral deposits like lime, silica and calcium. When the water dries, deposits are left behind, leaving unsightly spots on surfaces. This is not a defect of Trex products but an issue with the water itself. Generally these deposits can be cleaned with white vinegar on decking surfaces or use of Magic Eraser® on railing surfaces. Rinsing is required so care should be taken to not use hard water for this purpose, and if it must be used, dry with a cloth or use a blower to dry surfaces.
Chalk Lines	Most colored chalks are permanent and may discolor the surface. Use only Irwin Strait-Line®* Dust-Off Marking Chalk (purple), available at Irwin.com
Tannins Due to Debris	Remove all debris from the deck using a hose or broom. Once the deck surface is dry, apply a deck "brightener"*** to the deck as directed by the manufacturer. Deck Brighteners contain oxalic acid, which will also remove tannins.
Ice and Snow	A plastic shovel may be used to remove snow from the deck. Use calcium chloride or rock salt to melt the snow and ice from the deck surface.
Oil, Grease, and Food	All food spills should be removed as soon as possible. The surface must be cleaned within seven days to maintain the stain warranty. To remove, spray off with a hose and use warm, soapy water and a soft bristle brush to remove spills from the embossing pattern.
Mold and Mildew	If debris such as pollen and dirt is allowed to remain on the deck surface, mold can feed on the biofilm. Using a hose and warm, soapy water with a soft bristle brush is recommended to remove the food source and mold.
Using a Pressure Washer (Concrete, Stucco, or Ground-in Construction Dirt)	A pressure washer with no greater than 3100 psi*** that has a fan attachment/adjustment and soap dispenser may be used to remove dirt, concrete dust, or other types of construction dirt. Spray deck with soap, then follow by gently scrubbing each deck board with a soft bristle brush. Spray/rinse each individual deck board using a fan tip no closer than 8-in (203 mm) from the decking surface. RINSE THOROUGHLY. If dirty water from cleaning is left to dry, this will cause a film to remain on the decking surface.
Maintaining Transcend and Select Railing	NEVER use acetone or other solvents on Trex Transcend or Select railing to maintain the beauty of the surface. For color transfer issues (from attachment of baluster spacer), use Mr. Clean® Magic Eraser® Original or Magic Eraser® Extra Power**** to help remove this. For small surface scratches, marks, or scuffs, use Dupli-Color Scratch Seal™ Clear Sealer Pen.*****



TREX TRANSCEND®, TREX ENHANCE®, AND TREX SELECT® CARE AND CLEANING GUIDE/CONTINUED

PROBLEM	SOLUTION
Job Site Storage	Store decking on a flat level surface, and always use proper supports (dunnage). DO NOT store directly on the ground. When stacking decking bundles, supports (dunnage) should start approximately 8-in (203 mm) from each end and be spaced approximately 2-ft (0.61m) on center. In addition, supports (dunnage) should line up vertically/perpendicular to the decking product. Adjust support blocks (dunnage) accordingly if bundles are loose. For Select decking, 1x12 and 1x8 products, the maximum stack height is 12 bundles. For all other decking products maximum stack height is 14 bundles (IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT PROPER DUNNAGE SPACING MUST BE IN PLACE FOR THESE HEIGHTS) . When stacking multiple bundles, ensure that dunnage lines up vertically down through each stack. ALWAYS cover decking products on site until ready to be installed.

*Strait-Line® is a registered trademark of Irwin Industrial Tool Company.

**Use of products containing bleach or acid will lighten the surface of Trex. Use in an inconspicuous area to determine whether you like the effect. Neither product will affect the structural integrity of Trex.

***Use of a pressure washer greater than 3100 psi could damage the boards and void the warranty.

****Mr. Clean® and Magic Eraser® are registered trademarks of The Procter and Gamble Company.

*****Scratch Seal™ Clear Sealer Pen is a registered trademark of Dupli-Color Products Company.

NOTES:

- » Refer to **www.trex.com** to view a general care and cleaning video for Transcend, Enhance, and Select decking.
- » Refer to **www.trex.com** for a care and cleaning guide for Trex Early-Generation Composite and PVC Decking.

TREX REVEAL® RAILING CARE AND CLEANING GUIDE

Maintaining the appearance of your Trex Reveal railing is important. The occasional wash is recommended as over time your Reveal railing may show signs of weathering as a result of exposure to the elements. The frequency of cleaning will depend on the environment and exposure to various types of elements.

For installations where the atmosphere is influenced by bodies of salt water or other contaminant conditions, cleaning is required every 6 to 9 months. Failure to adhere to the required cleaning guidelines will void the Trex Limited Warranty with respect to any condition resulting from such failure. For purposes of any warranty claim, you should retain documentation of the cleaning date, cleaning method used, brand and amount of chemical used, and invoice from cleaning company (or a receipt for chemicals used).

Regular cleaning may minimize the effects of weathering and remove dirt, grime and other build-up. The best method of maintaining the appearance of your Reveal railing is to occasionally wash it using a solution of warm water and a non-abrasive, pH neutral detergent solution. The railing surface should be thoroughly rinsed after cleaning to remove all residues. Use a soft white cloth, sponge or a soft bristle brush.

DO NOT clean Trex Reveal railing with solvents such as thinners or solutions containing chlorinated hydrocarbons, esters or ketenes.

The following cleaners are recommended for cleaning Trex Reveal railing:

- » Formula 409® Cleaner Degreaser/Disinfectant*
- » Spray Nine® Cleaner/Disinfectant**
- » Simple Green® All Purpose Cleaner***
- » Fantastik® All Purpose Cleaner****
- » Windex® Cleaner*****

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

PVC	Trex Escapes
High Performance Composite	Trex Transcend, Trex Enhance, Trex Select
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Baluster	One of a number of closely spaced supports for a railing.
Baluster Spacer	A piece that snaps into top and bottom rail that gives precise spacing to the balusters.
Bird's Mouth Gasket	A 45° corner cut gasket to be used when attaching railing to the corner of a 4x4 post sleeve.
Bump Stop Tab	Part of the connector clip and allows for 1/4" (6 mm) spacing between decking boards.
Carriage Bolt	A bolt with a rounded head and a square shoulder under the head to prevent turning during installation.
Connector Clip	Hidden fastener used between deck boards to secure positioning.
Fascia	Horizontal trim board used to cover rim and end joists. May also be used for stair risers.
Foot Block	Provides support for the bottom rail and gives a finished appearance.
Joist	A horizontal structural pressure-treated board that runs from wall-to-wall, wall-to-beam, or beam-to-beam to support the deck floor and decking materials.
Lag Bolt	A large metal fastener with a hex head and screw threads that drive it into the wood.
Ledger Board	A beam supporting one end of the joists.
Nosing	The rounded front edge of a stair tread.
Pan-head Screw	Self-tapping screw with W-cut design and slightly rounded head.
Pergola	A horizontal trellis or framework, supported on round or square posts, that can carry climbing plants and provides limited cover from sunshine. It may form a covered walk.
Post Sleeve	Formed sleeve that fits over a standard pressure-treated 4x4 post.
Post Sleeve Cap	Attractive flat or pyramid shaped cap to place on top of post sleeve.
Post Sleeve Skirt	Decorative skirt that surrounds the bottom of the post and rests on surface of deck.
Rail Gasket	A gasket used to fill the gap between the railing and post.
Rail Light	Light that attaches to side of post sleeve.
Rail Support Bracket (RSB)	Innovative bracket designed for horizontal, angled, and stair railing installations.
Recessed Light	Light that is recessed so it sets flush with decking surface.
Rim Joist	A joist on either side or the end of the deck. May have stairs attached and typically opposite of the ledger board.
Riser	The vertical board nailed to a stringer.
Riser Light	Light that attaches to stair riser.
Scarf Cut	A joint used to join two pieces of decking end-to-end, usually cut at a 45° angle.
Screw Plug	A small plug to cover a screw.
Self-tapping Screw	A fastener that taps and drills its own hole and does not require a pre-drilled hole.
Shim	A wedge that is placed between two surfaces to fill in the gap.
Stair Tread	Steps or stairway boards that are the steps.
Start Clip	Metal clips used at the end of decking boards to secure them in position.
Stringer	The structural member in a stairway that supports the treads and risers.
Tempered Glass	A safety glass that is four to five times stronger than standard glass made by a process of extreme heating and cooling.
Universal Fastener	Plastic 1/4" (6 mm) self-gapping hidden fastener that has increased durability and allows for easier and faster installation than traditional fasteners.
Weather Stripping	A self-adhesive strip applied to the glass panel option to create a tight fit with top and bottom rails.

