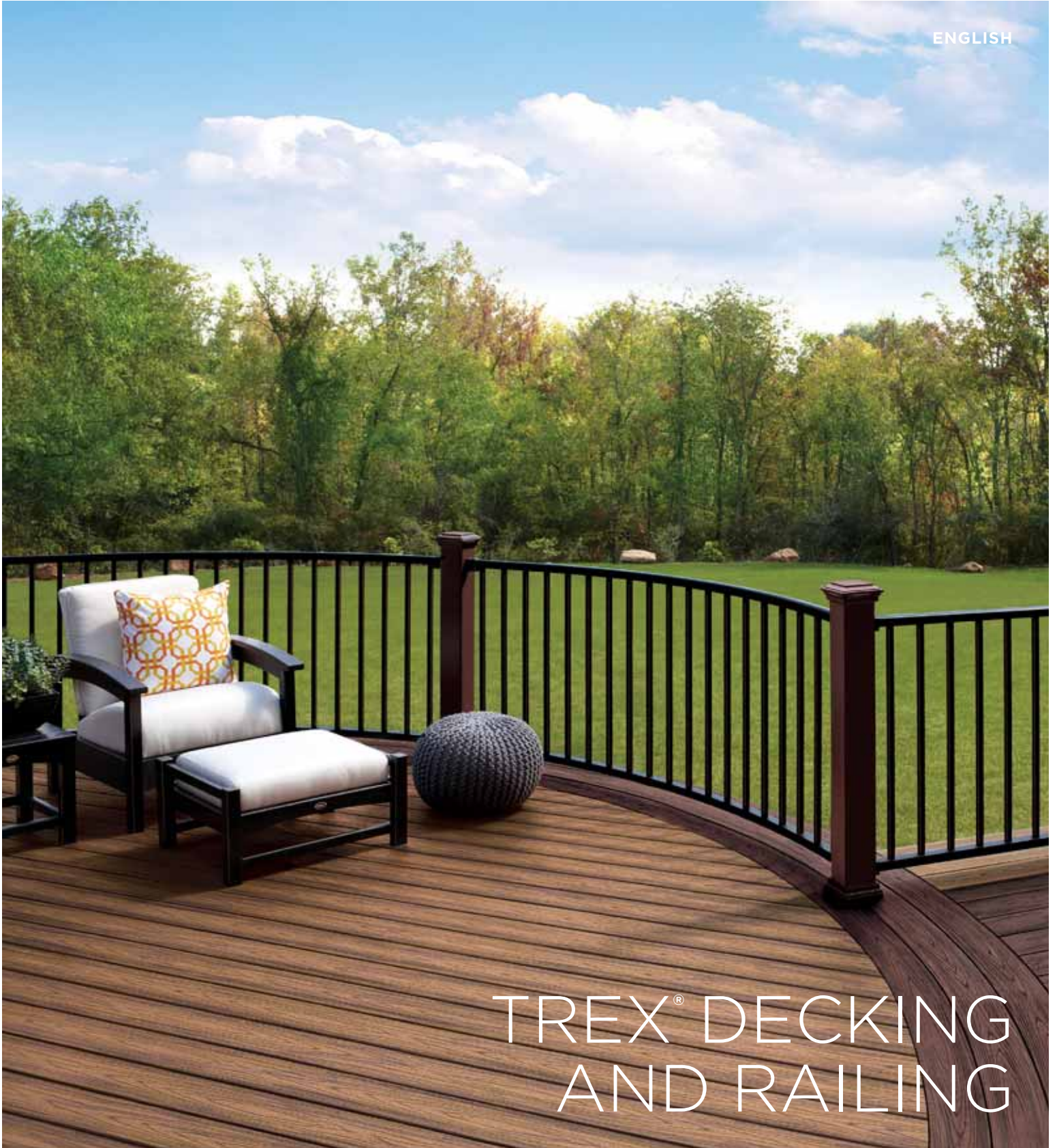




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# TREX® DECKING AND RAILING

## CHANGES FOR 2017 INSTALL GUIDE:

- » **Page 5** – Removed Trex Hideaway Universal Collated Clip System
- » **Page 7** – Renamed Reveal Railing Care and Cleaning Guide to Signature Railing Care and Cleaning Guide
- » **Page 8** – Removed Glossary of Terms page
- » **Page 12** – Added SKU page for Trex Lighting products
- » **Page 21** – Renamed Trex Reveal Post Cap Light to Signature Post Cap Light
- » **Page 23** – Renamed Trex Reveal Post Lamp to Trex Wedge Deck Rail Light
- » **Page 26** – Added SKU page for Decking and Hidden Fasteners
- » **Page 33** – Updated stair overhang from ½" to ¾"
- » **Page 35** – Added tip about using additional fastening method when using Trex Universal Fasteners in wide temperature range environments
- » **Page 40** – Updated Surface Mount Post Instructions to show revised picture of guide block
- » **Page 44** – Updated Joist Mount Post Instructions to clarify attachment methods and show revised picture of guide block
- » **Page 53** – Added SKU for Transcend, Signature (formally Reveal), and Select Railings
- » **Page 57** – Updated Transcend Railing instructions to show the following:
  - Remove Colonial Baluster option
  - Added post choices
  - Added new footblock instructions
  - Added new 3-hole bracket instructions
  - Added additional details to Transcend Stair instructions
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  - Renamed to Signature Railing
  - Added Signature Cocktail design
  - Added Signature Traditional design
  - Added Signature Stair Cocktail design
  - Added Signature Stair Traditional design
- » **Page 107** – Renamed Reveal Panel to Signature Panel instructions
- » **Page 114** – Updated Select Railing instructions to show the following:
  - Remove all square balusters
  - Added new bracket design
- » **Page 129** – Updated warranties

## 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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### **ON THE COVER**

*decking:* Transcend in Tiki Torch & Lava Rock  
*railing:* Signature in Charcoal Black  
with Trex posts in Vintage Lantern

**NOTE: Construction methods are always improving. Please refer to [www.trex.com](http://www.trex.com) for the most up-to-date installation requirements.**

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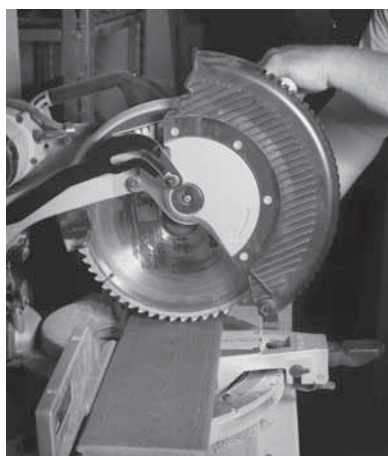
When working on any construction project, you should wear protective clothing and safety equipment. Wear safety glasses, gloves, a dust mask and long sleeves, particularly when cutting in confined spaces.

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](http://www.trex.com) for Safety Data Sheets (SDS).

## 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](http://www.trex.com) for more information.



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

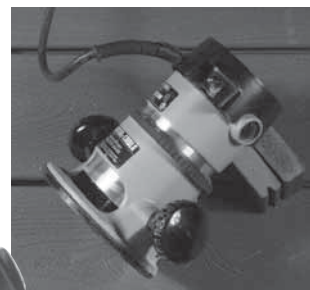


\*Trex Blade™ is manufactured and sold by Freud Tools, Inc. under a Trademark License Agreement with Trex Company, Inc.

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<sup>®</sup>, TREX ENHANCE<sup>®</sup>, AND TREX SELECT<sup>®</sup> 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
<b>Dirt and Debris</b>	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.
<b>Hard Water Staining</b>	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 <sup>®</sup> 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.
<b>Chalk Lines</b>	Most colored chinks are permanent and may discolor the surface. Use only Irwin Strait-Line <sup>®</sup> * Dust-Off Marking Chalk (purple), available at <a href="http://Irwin.com">Irwin.com</a>
<b>Tannins Due to Debris</b>	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.
<b>Ice and Snow</b>	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.
<b>Oil, Grease, and Food</b>	All food spills should be removed as soon as possible. <b>The surface must be cleaned within seven days to maintain the stain warranty.</b> To remove, spray off with a hose and use warm, soapy water and a soft bristle brush to remove spills from the embossing pattern.
<b>Mold and Mildew</b>	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.
<b>Using a Pressure Washer (Concrete, Stucco, or Ground-in Construction Dirt)</b>	A pressure washer with <b>no greater</b> 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. <b>RINSE THOROUGHLY.</b> If dirty water from cleaning is left to dry, this will cause a film to remain on the decking surface.
<b>Maintaining Transcend and Select Railing</b>	<b>NEVER</b> 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 <sup>®</sup> Magic Eraser <sup>®</sup> Original or Magic Eraser <sup>®</sup> 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	<p>Store decking on a flat level surface, and ALWAYS use proper supports (dunnage). <b>DO NOT</b> 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 (<b>IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT PROPER DUNNAGE SPACING MUST BE IN PLACE FOR THESE HEIGHTS</b>). 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.</p>

\*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](http://www.trex.com) to view a general care and cleaning video for Transcend, Enhance, and Select decking.
- » Refer to [www.trex.com](http://www.trex.com) for a care and cleaning guide for Trex Early-Generation Composite and PVC Decking.

## TREX SIGNATURE® RAILING CARE AND CLEANING GUIDE

Maintaining the appearance of your Trex Signature railing is important. The occasional wash is recommended as over time your Signature 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 Signature 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 Signature railing with solvents such as thinners or solutions containing chlorinated hydrocarbons, esters or ketones.**

The following cleaners are recommended for cleaning Trex Signature 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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