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New Deck™  
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## 1.0 PRODUCT

Radially sawn NEW DECK™ is a totally new concept in Australian hardwood decking. NEW DECK™ is profiled from back sawn bevelled edge boards and incorporates a number of exciting new features which includes a domed upper face for shedding water. Radially back sawn boards can be identified by the alignment of growth rings, which are basically parallel to the broad face of the board. NEW DECK™ is supplied seasoned (ie. dry) and is available in a range of widths.

## 2.0 SPECIFICATIONS

### 2.1. Species:

NEW DECK™ boards are typically sawn from naturally durable regrowth hardwoods such as Silvertop Ash, Southern Mahogany or Yellow Stringybark (ie. Class 2 durability). Class 2 timbers are deemed suitable for use as decking in Australian Standard AS 080-1693.

Silvertop Ash has a greater tendency for expansion and contraction when exposed to the weather and elements. Because of this, it is very important to allow recommended spacing between boards to avoid issues when timber swells due to increased moisture content. Some surface checking may occur if timber is exposed to the weather and these non structural cracks that are typical in most Australian hardwoods are more prominent in Silvertop Ash.

### 2.2. Grade

All timber is supplied as standard and better and is not select. Small tight knots, gum veins, splits, ambrosia (pin hole) and other marks are acceptable features that sometimes occur in boards.

Timber is graded in accordance with AS27462 - 1994 Australian Standard Part 2 Grade description.

### 2.3. Sketch/Sections:



Figure 1  
(NEW DECK boards in cross section)

### 2.4. Profiles:

NEW DECK™ boards are 19mm thick and typically supplied in a smooth dressed and seasoned (ie. dry) width of 55mm, 80mm or 100mm. The main features of all NEW DECK™ boards are:

- .. a domed upper face designed to shed water
- .. sloping slides to prevent debris build
- .. concave lower faces to reduce contact with the joist and thus reduce the likelihood of moisture being trapped

### 2.5. Lengths & Availability:

NEW DECK™ is generally kept in stock. Boards are supplied in random lengths of between 1.5 and 5.4m. (av. lengths approx. 4.0m). Engineered set lengths of specified lengths may be available with 5.4m set length packs generally in stock.

## 3.0 FIXING & APPLICATIONS

### 3.1. Fixing Recommendations:

Setting up: NEW DECK™ is laid wide face up. Gaps should be left between boards to allow for swelling during wet weather. The amount of swelling (or shrinkage) will vary depending on the width of the board, the species of timber and local climatic conditions. Joists should be spaced at max. 450mm centres.

Installation: For most “typical” installations, the following spacing guide should be followed but also consult Radial Timber Sales for site specific recommendations (eg. in areas subject to high moisture such as south facing decks or in bush settings, it may be advisable to increase the spacing between boards to allow for additional swelling):

- .. NEW DECK 55 4 to 5mm gaps between boards
- .. NEW DECK 80 5 to 6mm gaps between boards
- .. NEW DECK 100 6 to 7mm gaps between boards

Fixings: NEW DECK™ can be gun or hand nailed with 50mm long hot dipped galvanised or stainless steel “twisted shank” or “ring shank” nails or decking screws, but care should be taken close to ends to avoid splitting (pre-drill all holes if hand nailing). NEW DECK 55 can be can be fixed with one nail per board per joist, however, two nails at butt joints or ends is advisable (position nails in the centre of boards). NEW DECK 80 & 100 should be fixed with 2 nails per board per joist (position nails approx. 20mm in from edge of board).

Seasoning & Storage: Some surface checking may occur if timber is exposed to the weather but these non structural cracks are typical in most Australian hardwoods.(NOTE: unprotected northwest facing decks may be subject to extreme temperature changes and therefore, timber is more likely to check or move). It is also normal for hardwoods to leach red/brown extractives during heavy rain periods. Extractives tend to be less prominent in lighter species but it is advisable to cover or protect walls and paving until all extractives have leached (can vary depending on rainfall but will generally continue for up to 6 months). Packs should be stored up off the ground and under cover or protected with an additional tarp to prevent swelling. If wetting does occur, allow a min. of 24 hours for timber to dry before fixing.

### 3.2. Suggested Applications:

NEW DECK™ is a stylish alternative to traditional decking and has been used in: houses, apartments, visitor centres, restaurants, parks, screens and fences.

For images of NEW DECK visit: [www.radialtimbers.com.au](http://www.radialtimbers.com.au) gallery

## 5.0 FINISHING

All exposed, externally fixed decking will tend to fade to a silver grey colour if left uncoated. The degree of greying will vary depending on the amount of exposure to sun, wind and rain. The timber used in this above ground product has natural durability and when used in conjunction with good building practices, should generally not require additional treatment against decay.

Native timbers should be offered some weather protection while acclimatising to local conditions. Radial Timber recommends the application of an oil based sealer or decking finish on external timber (especially if being fixed during extreme weather conditions). There are a variety of treatments, stains and coatings available and most can be applied prior to or shortly after fixing.