

Red Balau Batu Decking Installation Guide

Importer's Instructions

Prior to installation:

Oil with Ipe Oil™ Hardwood Deck Finish available through West Wind.

- Treat all 4 sides to ensure equal moisture transfer and reduce likelihood of cupping. Apply one more coat after deck installation. Product not absorbed into the wood within 20-30 minutes must be back brushed to prevent surface sheen and puddling
- Coverage 200-300 sq ft per gallon
- Do not apply if precipitation is expected within 24-48 hours. Surface temperature must be between 8 C to 32 C
- Cleanup with paint thinner or mineral spirits
- **As with any oil based products there is DANGER: rags, steel wool, or waste soaked with U.V. Plus could spontaneously catch fire if improperly discarded. Place waste in a sealed water filled metal container.**

Installation:

- For "Hidden Fastener" appearance **only** use the KREG Deck Jig Hidden Deck Fastening System
- Pre-drill screw holes with Kreg Deck Jig
- **For faster installation contractors screw boards without jig**
- Use KREG Protec-Kote Deck Screws or stainless steel screws
- **Do not use hidden clip fasteners** (due to expansion and contraction)
- Leave 1/4" between 5/4x6 boards to allow for expansion in moist conditions
- Leave 3/16" between 5/4x4 boards to allow for expansion in moist conditions
- Trim ends neatly and butt together tightly. Lengthwise expansion is nil
- Use 4" boards when installing 18" or lower from ground (ensure proper ventilation and airflow beneath deck)
- Joist spacing 24" on center for 5/4 material and 16" on center for 3/4" material

Maintenance:

Apply Ipe Oil™ finish for hardwood decking to well cleaned and dry deck once a year for first few years then as needed to maintain appearance