

1 WHAT IS A BREAKER BOARD? LET US EXPLAIN

Deck planks are supplied in 5.8m lengths and therefore with all areas being of a specific size, one needs to optimise the use of a 5.8m plank. This is where the understanding of how and why the use of a breaker board is an important aspect of a deck installation. Every installation is different, it is very important that one understands how the layout of the deck will impact on the amount of deck planks one would have to purchase to complete the installation.

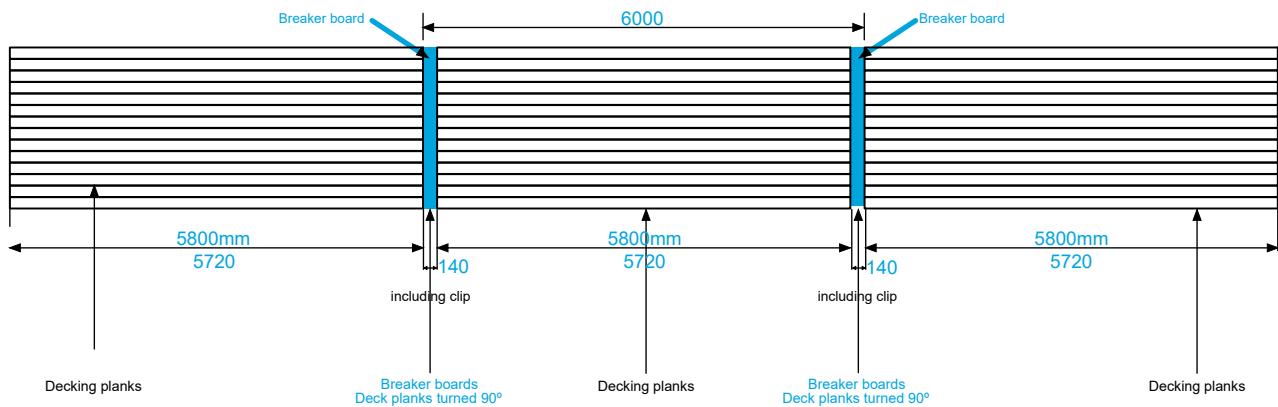
ONE DOES NOT WANT LOTS OF JOINS IN A DECK FOR LOTS OF REASONS.

- It is unsightly.
- Staggered joints are a thing of the past as now we get these perfectly straight 5.8m long decking planks.
- Joining boards back to back is a definite no-no. Especially when we are talking about composite planks because composite planks expand across the length and not the width. If they are installed back to back, the expansion and contraction will be very visible and very unsightly. One will see the gaps opening and closing, but not with a Best Deck deck installed using the breaker board installation application.

• **TO VALIDATE YOUR GUARANTEE, A BREAKER BOARD IS REQUIRED.**

2 MAKING USE OF A BREAKER BOARD?

The terminology 'breaker board' is a fancy way of saying - take a plank and turn it 90° to the direction that the current planks are running.



EXAMPLES OF HOW TO APPLY A BREAKER BOARD

A: Here we have an area of 6000 long but Best Deck boards are 5800 long. By inserting a deck plank on either end running in the opposite direction to the main deck, you are now able to make up your 6000 span. While you would be slightly over the 6m span, one would rip the deck boards down the length.

B: This image shows a span of 11740 wide but deck planks are 5800 long, so if you put them back to back, you would be short. By inserting a deck plank at 90° (breaker board), you would increase the total width and are now at the required distance of 11740. This is the concept and is applied to all installations.

