

Garapa decking

Overview

Garapa is a South American hardwood timber. We stock carefully selected, legally sourced, 19x90mm and 19x140mm 1st Grade Garapa decking sourced from the best suppliers.

Our Garapa decking is machined smooth on both sides with 4 rounded edges from kiln dried timber.

With proper care it is very durable and excellent for use as exterior decking.

Pre installation

Ensure joists are spaced at a maximum of 450mm centre to centre. If joists are SA Pine, ensure they are SABS S5 Graded and the treatment is minimum CCA H3.

Joist spans must comply with SANS 10082 safe span tables to ensure a solid deck. 50mm wide joists for good support and secure screwing are recommended.

We recommend that joists are oiled with Waksol (heavy wood oil) prior to decking installation. We recommend that the underside of the decking is pre-oiled with Galseal.

Installation and fastening

Space boards at 4mm (use our deck spacers). Ensure screw lines are straight. Cut deck boards square. Use a stagger pattern when using multiple lengths. Use double joists at joints.

We stock specialized Stainless Steel decking screws with a torx-drive head. A specialized countersinking and pre drilling tool must be used. A 60mm screw length is recommended.

Use a dedicated electric/battery screwdriver with a medium torque setting to ensure screws are not over tightened.

Galvanized steel pozi drive screws are NOT recommended due to their relatively short life span.

Hidden decking clips such as EasyClip can be used on 19x90mm Garapa only.

Finishing

After installation, Somerset Timbers Galseal must be applied to feed oil back into the timber paying attention at board ends. Various colours are available. This can be reapplied as necessary – a 2nd coat probably after 6 months and then yearly after a clean.

The use of surface sealers and varnishes is not recommended as this causes the timber to heat up excessively in hot conditions and does not allow the timber to breathe. If no oil is applied, Garapa will fade to a light grey colour. Due to the density fine hair cracks are a characteristic of the timber as it dries over time. In very dry or UV exposed areas there is a risk of roughness and flaking.

Following correct installation and periodic maintenance, Garapa should provide a very long lasting, beautiful surface.

Technical data

Dimension	19x90mm and 19x140mm
Colour	Yellow brown
Profile	
Lengths	0.9m up to 6.0m in 300mm increments
Span	Max 450mm bearer to bearer
Density	750 to 850kg per m ³
Recommended fastening	S/S decking screws 60mm
Alternative fastening	EasyClip clip system on 19x90mm only.
Hardness	1630 on Janka scale
Species name	Apuleia leiocarpa
Origin	South America
Moisture	Kiln dried - beware of low cost air dried Garapa.
Certification	PEFC – Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification
Finishing	Galseal