



Deck it right the  
**FIRST TIME.**<sup>™</sup>



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Horizon decking shown in Castle Gray with Horizon Mission railing in Black.

# WHY FIBERON?

## **Fiberon Vision**

Fiberon® is committed to providing high-quality products that deliver outstanding performance and meet or exceed the highest expectations of our professional customers and consumers. We have a proud history of innovation, and we will continue to develop products that advance the composite decking industry, thereby strengthening our brand and position as a market leader. Fiberon will service its customers with the respect and appreciation they deserve and include their interests in all corporate efforts.

## **Fiberon Innovation**

Since 1997, Fiberon has continued to advance technology to provide homeowners with products that are both beautiful and durable. Our decking and railing systems have achieved an unequalled reputation for quality, and present homeowners with a wide variety of styles and color choices. We remain focused on product innovation, and will continue to offer the highest-quality, longest-lasting products in the industry.



## Fiberon Sustainability

Known for their beauty and durability, Fiberon products are eco-friendly as well. From raw materials to distribution, we incorporate smart, sustainable practices into every phase of the manufacturing process.

- Made from locally-sourced, pre- and post-consumer recycled content
- Manufactured with zero water-waste discharge
- Free of urea formaldehyde and other toxic chemicals
- Deliver long-term performance without chemical preservatives, stains or paints
- Transported via railway to distributor locations
- Contribute to high performance green buildings

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# FIBERON PARAMOUNT

## Cellular Decking

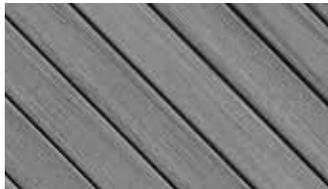
The finest in polymer decking, Fiberon Paramount™ Decking offers unsurpassed beauty in the look of exotic hardwoods. Fiberon Paramount combines all the advantages of cellular decking with a highly resilient surface for lasting durability. This strong surface is bonded to the core to create a hard-wearing deck board with premium, realistic wood looks that last. Paramount Decking is backed by a Lifetime Performance, Limited Warranty.

- Beautiful solid and exotic hardwood colors and grain patterns
- Durable co-extruded surface
- Highly moisture resistant
- No organic content to promote mold growth
- Ultra-low maintenance
- Complementary fascia

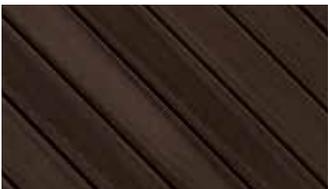
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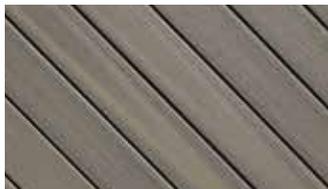
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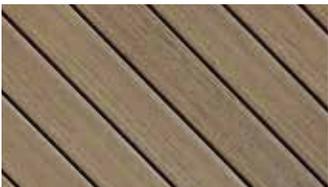
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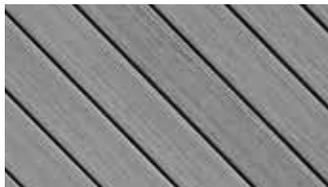
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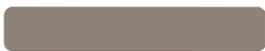
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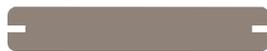
Fossil



Mineral



Square Edge (SE)



Grooved Edge (GV)

Grooved Edge deck boards: Nominal 1 in. x 5.5 in. Available in 12 ft., 16 ft. and 20 ft. lengths.

Square Edge deck boards: Nominal 1 in. x 5.5 in. x 20 ft.

Fascia: Nominal 0.5 in. x 11.75 in. x 12 ft.

Fascia colors: Brown, Sand, Fossil, Earth and Mineral/Flagstone.



Sandstone



Earthstone

\*Available in select markets only. Ask distributor for availability.



Flagstone

Paramout decking  
shown in Brownstone.



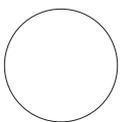
# FIBERON SYMMETRY

## Capped Composite Railing

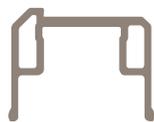
Beautiful, chic Fiberon Symmetry™ Railing gives homeowners style and functionality. From contemporary to classic, new Symmetry Railing is designed to give homeowners maximum safety and maximum design options. Now in a matte white finish with easy-to-install hidden hardware, you can lean on Symmetry for the perfect complement to your outdoor living space. Unmatched in quality, Fiberon stands behind Symmetry with a 25-year limited, performance warranty.

- State-of-the-art composite construction
- Matte surface finish in Tranquil White, Serene Black and Simply Brown
- Sturdy aluminum sub-rail (H-channel) enables line and stair rail lengths up to 12 ft.
- Hidden, corrosion-resistant hardware
- All line kit lengths (6 ft., 8 ft., 10 ft., and 12 ft.) include stair kit hardware
- Available in 36 in. and 42 in. rail heights
- ADA handrail-compatible
- Custom gates and gates kits available (special order)
- 25-year limited performance warranty

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Top Rail Profile

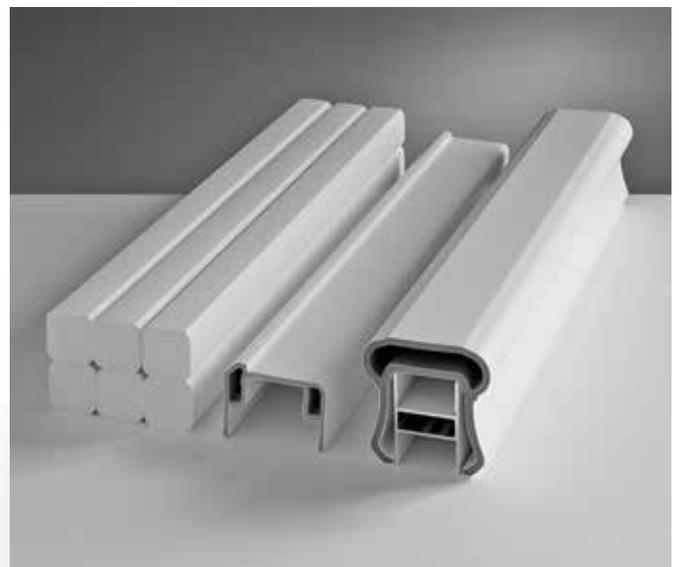


Bottom Rail Profile

### Post Sleeves:

- 5 in. x 5 in. x 48 in. available in Tranquil White (Includes Post Cap, Base Moulding and Post Adapters)
- 4 in. x 4 in. x 39 in. available in Tranquil White
- 4 in. x 4 in. x 48 in. and 108 in. available in Tranquil White, Serene Black and Simply Brown
- Post Cap and Base Moulding sold separately

Baluster Kits: 29.5 in. and 35.5 in., sold separately



**25**<sub>yr</sub>  
Performance  
Limited Residential  
Warranty



For the most up-to-date information and specifications, visit [fiberondecking.com](http://fiberondecking.com) or call 800.573.8841.

# FIBERON HORIZON

## Capped Composite Decking

Fiberon Horizon® features the most dramatic tropical looks available in composite decking. Its surface durability is unmatched, thanks to Fiberon's innovative PermaTech® technology. Capped on all four sides and backed by a 25-year stain and fade warranty, Horizon provides the ultimate in beautiful, long-lasting, low-maintenance decking.

- Striking looks emulate exotic, tropical hardwoods
- Patent-pending PermaTech technology provides long-lasting surface protection
- Reversible boards offer varied wood grains for a more natural look
- Decking resists stains, mold and mildew, and cleans easily

Actual products may vary from colors shown.



Ipe



Rosewood



Tudor Brown



Castle Gray



Greystone



Square Edge (SE)



Grooved Edge (GV)

Grooved Edge deck boards: Nominal .935 in. x 5.4 in.. Available in 12 ft., 16 ft. and 20 ft. lengths.

Square Edge deck boards: Nominal .935 in. x 5.4 in. x 20 ft.

Fascia: Nominal .75 in. x 11.25 in. x 12 ft.

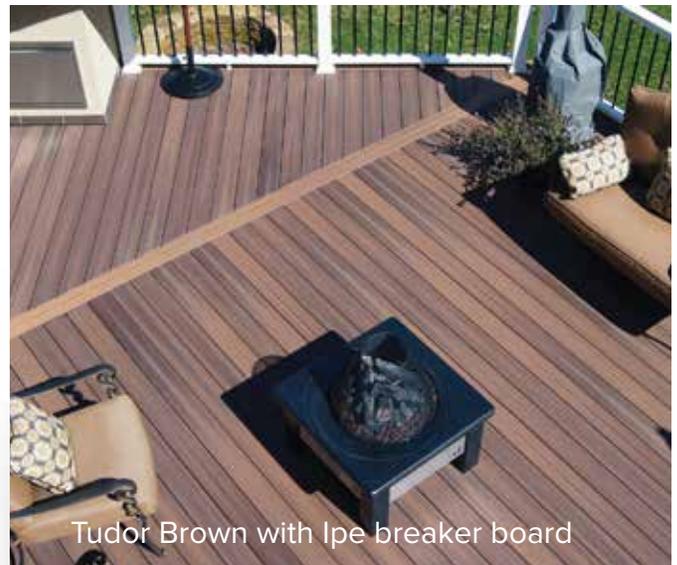
Riser Board: Nominal .75 in. x 7.25 in. x 12 ft.

Fascia and riser colors: Ipe, Rosewood, Tudor Brown, Castle Gray and Greystone



Built by Fine Decks, Inc., Owings, MD

Horizon Ipe decking with Horizon railing shown in White.



Tudor Brown with Ipe breaker board



**25** yr  
Stain & Fade  
Performance  
Limited Residential  
Warranty

Backed by the industry's first Stain and Fade Warranty



Rosewood



Greystone



**20<sub>yr</sub>**  
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Horizon White railing shown with  
Black Round Metal Balusters.

# FIBERON HORIZON

## Capped Composite Railing

With its rich colors and varied infill options, Fiberon Horizon® Railing delivers true design versatility. Horizon railing complements all Fiberon decking products, helping you create a beautiful, customized outdoor space.

- Flat, drink-friendly rails are made from sturdy, low-maintenance composite
- White available in 6 ft. and 8 ft. rail sections and 6 ft. stair sections (includes top and bottom rails, balusters, baluster inserts, crush blocks and hardware)
- Black, Bronze and Dark Walnut available in 6 ft. and 8 ft. rail kits and 6 ft. stair kits (includes top and bottom rails, baluster inserts, crush blocks and hardware)
- Three infill options: Composite Square Balusters, Metal Balusters or ClearVisionSystem panels
- ADA-compliant handrail system available

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White

Black

Dark Walnut

Bronze



Top Rail Profile



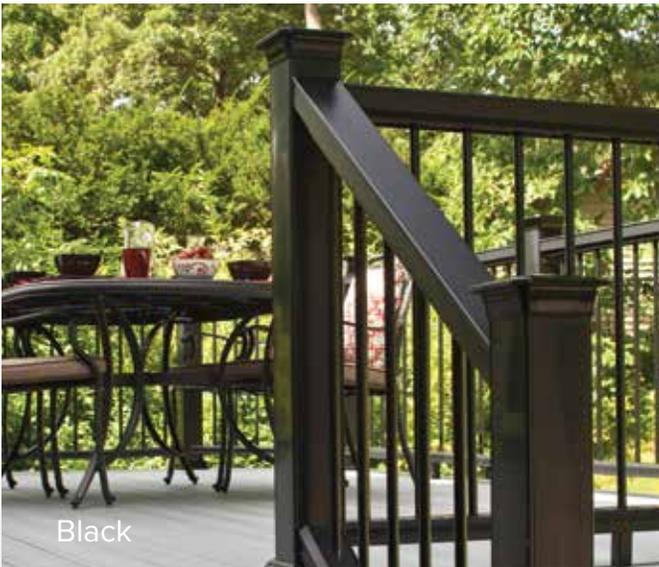
Bottom Rail Profile

### Post Sleeves:

- 5-3/4 in. x 5-3/4 in. x 48 in. available in White (Includes Post Cap, Base Moulding and Post Adapters)
- 4 in. x 4 in. x 39 in. available in White
- 4 in. x 4 in. x 48 in. available in White, Black, Bronze and Dark Walnut
- 4 in. x 4 in. x 108 in. available in White, Black, Bronze and Dark Walnut
- Post Cap and Base Moulding sold separately

### Baluster Kits:

- 29.5 in. and 35.5 in., sold separately



Black



Dark Walnut



Bronze

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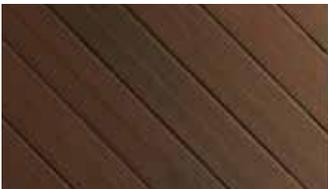
# FIBERON PROTECT ADVANTAGE

## Capped Composite Decking

Capped on three sides, Fiberon ProProtect Advantage® Decking features deep, rich tones with subtle streaking and realistic wood grain patterns. With its proven PermaTech surface, ProProtect Advantage offers exceptional stain and fade resistance, warranted for 25 years. It's the ideal choice for a beautiful, easy-to-maintain outdoor living space.

- Elegant look of natural hardwoods
- Multichromatic colors with realistic wood grain patterns
- Protective PermaTech surface on three sides
- Backed by a 25-year limited warranty

Actual products may vary from colors shown.



Chestnut



Gray Birch



Western Cedar



Square Edge (SE)



Grooved Edge (GV)

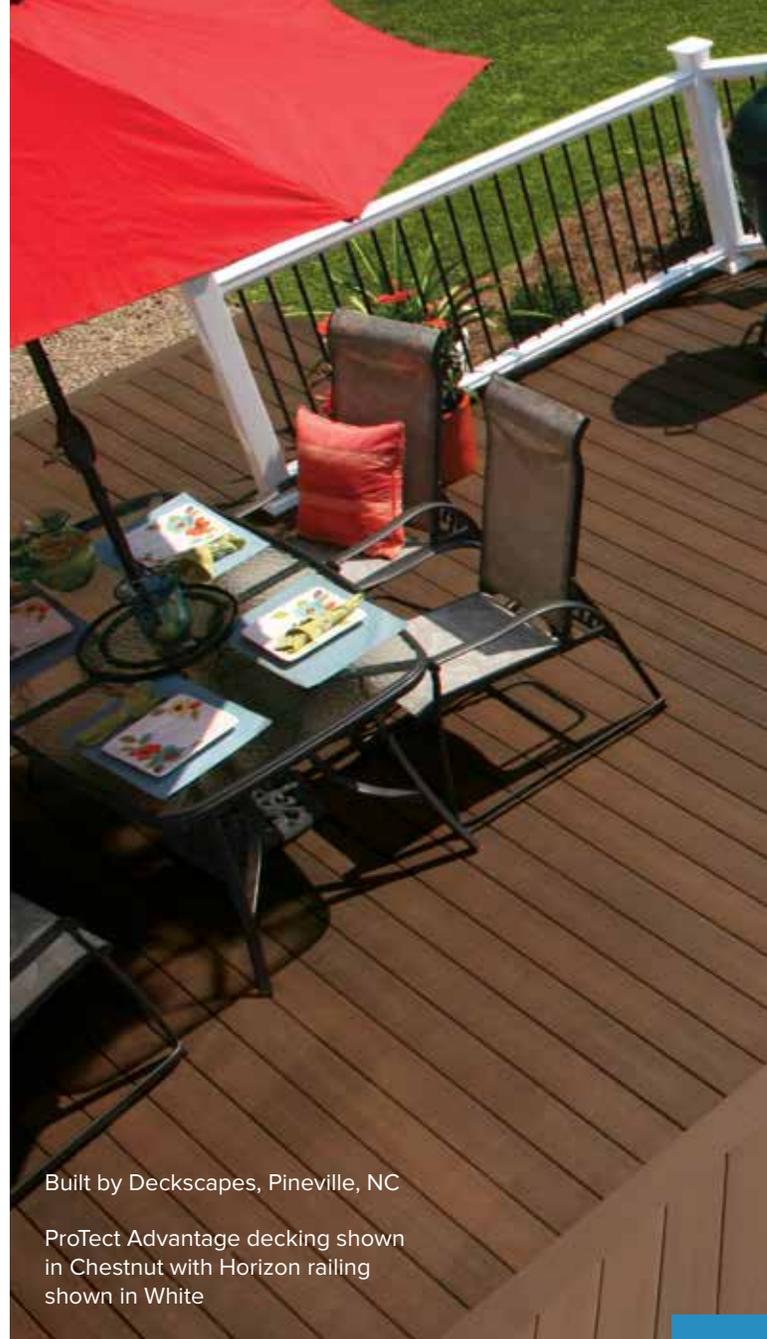
Grooved Edge deck boards: Nominal .93 in. x 5.3 in.. Available in 12 ft., 16 ft. and 20 ft. lengths.

Square Edge deck boards: Nominal .93 in. x 5.3 in. x 20 ft.

Fascia: Nominal .75 in. x 11.25 in. x 12 ft.

Riser Board: Nominal .75 in. x 7.25 in. x 12 ft.

Fascia and riser colors: Chestnut, Western Cedar and Gray Birch



Built by Deckscapes, Pineville, NC

ProProtect Advantage decking shown in Chestnut with Horizon railing shown in White



Gray Birch

**25** yr  
Stain & Fade  
Performance  
Limited Residential  
Warranty

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and Fade Warranty



Western Cedar



Chestnut

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# FIBERON GOOD LIFE

## Capped Composite Decking

Low-maintenance Good Life™ composite decking offers an unbeatable combination of price, performance and looks. Now anyone can break free from the limitations and upkeep of wood decking— at a price that doesn't break the bank.

- Delivers exceptional value, unbeatable durability
- Prefinished with a protective surface on three sides
- Resists mold and mildew
- Won't rot, warp or splinter like wood
- Never needs staining or painting
- Backed by a 25-year limited warranty

Actual products may vary from colors shown.



Cabin



Cottage



Villa



Cabin



Cottage



Villa



Square Edge (SE)



Grooved Edge (GV)

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Square Edge deck boards: Nominal .93 in. x 5.3 in. x 20 ft.

Fascia: Nominal .75 in. x 11.25 in. x 12 ft.

Fascia colors: Cabin, Cottage and Villa

Good Life Cabin decking with Horizon railing shown in White.



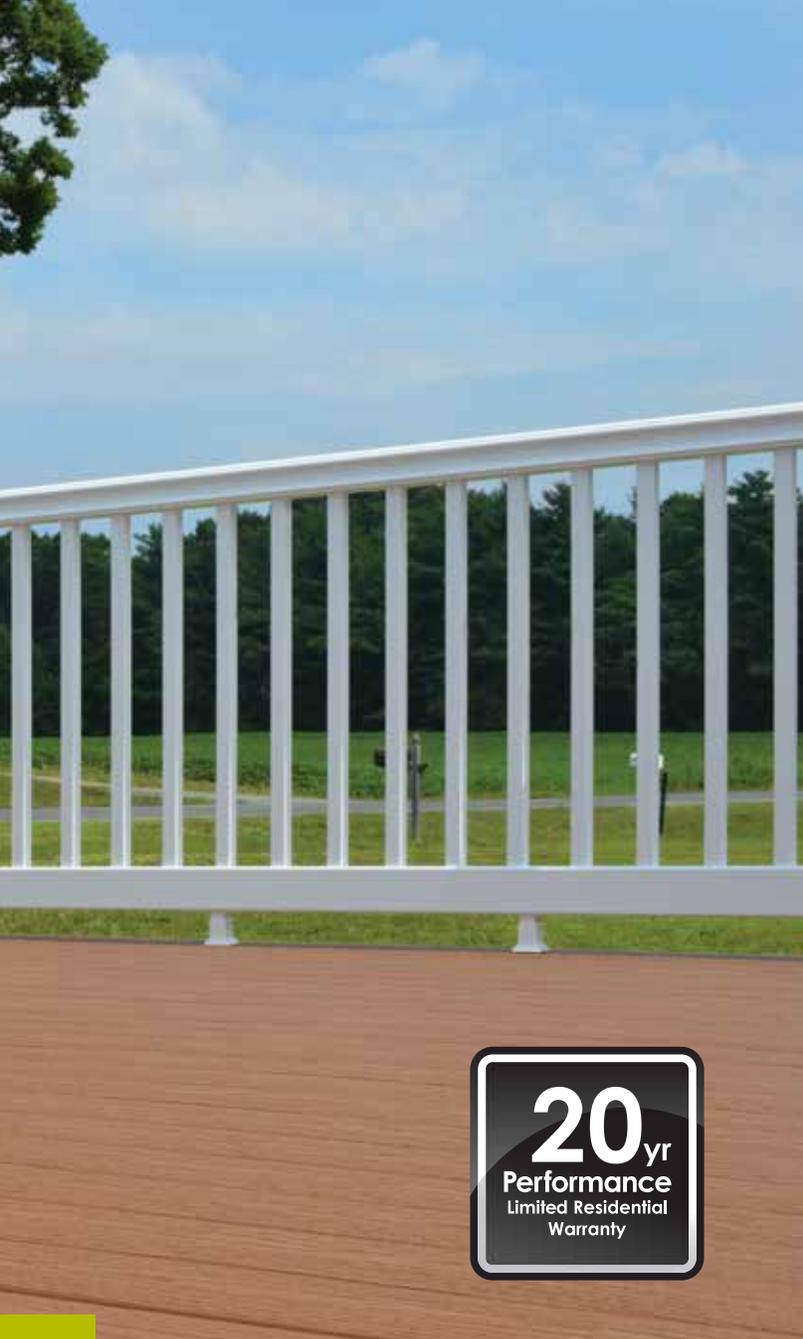
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Good Life Cabin decking with Good Life railing shown in White.





**20<sub>yr</sub>**  
**Performance**  
Limited Residential  
Warranty

# FIBERON GOOD LIFE

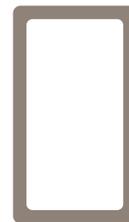
## Capped Composite Railing

With its classic design and durable performance, Good Life™ is the best value in composite railing. This beautiful white railing pairs well with any Fiberon decking line, adding the perfect surround to decks, porches, balconies and stairs. Drop-in balusters and matching rail collars make installation quick and easy.

- Strong, durable composite with permanent surface finish
- Backed by a 20-year limited warranty
- Available in 36 in. and 42 in. installed rail heights
- Available in 6 ft. and 8 ft. rail and 6 ft. stair sections



Top Rail Profile



Bottom Rail Profile

- Post Sleeves:
- 5-3/4 in. x 5-3/4 in. x 48 in. available in White (Includes Post Cap, Base Moulding and Post Adapters)
  - 4 in. x 4 in. x 39 in. available in White
  - 4 in. x 4 in. x 48 in. available in White
  - 4 in. x 4 in. x 108 in. available in White
  - Post Cap and Base Moulding sold separately

# FIBERON NATURAL

## Composite Railing

Keep the beautiful look of real wood without ever having to stain or paint. Fiberon Natural Railing features two rich colors with wood grains that rival natural mahogany and redwood. Durable and strong, Fiberon Natural Railing is made of a premium, quality composite with a permanent finish. Sporting a drink-friendly, flat, top rail, Natural Railing is easy to install with drop in square composite balusters. Six foot rail lengths easily convert to stair railing with use of stair baluster Inserts. Hardware and balusters are sold separately.

- Realistic wood looks
- Strong, low maintenance, composite railing
- Permanent finish never needs staining or painting
- Available in 6 ft. rail lengths
- Kits include top rail, bottom rail and crush blocks
- Backed by a 20-year limited warranty
- Mahogany complements Fiberon Horizon Rosewood, Ipe and Tudor Brown; ProTect Advantage Chestnut and Western Cedar; Good Life Cabin
- Redwood complements Fiberon Horizon Ipe and Tudor Brown; ProTect Advantage Western Cedar; Good Life Villa

Actual products may vary from colors shown.



Top Rail Profile



Bottom Rail Profile

Post Sleeve: Available in 4 in. x 4 in. x 48 in.  
Black Post Cap and Base Moulding sold separately  
Black Square Composite Stair Baluster Inserts: Available in 30 packs  
Black Hardware available: Line, stair and angle installations sold separately

Fiberon Natural Railing is available in select markets.

Natural Mahogany railing with black square composite balusters.





Mahogany



Redwood

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# FIBERON HIDDEN DECK FASTENERS

## Deck Accessories

### Fiberon Phantom Hidden Fasteners

Specifically designed for Fiberon grooved composite deck boards, the Fiberon Phantom® series of hidden fasteners creates a smooth, beautiful deck surface.

#### Fiberon Phantom Products:

- **Fiberon Phantom GT Hidden Fasteners** with screws and driver bits are available in boxes of 90 (50 sq. ft. coverage) or buckets of 900 (500 sq. ft. coverage) for 16 in. on center installations.
- **Fiberon Ballistic NailScrew Driver Kit** includes driver, swivel hose fitting, belt hook, safety glasses, allen wrenches and oil.
- **Fiberon Phantom Ballistic Screws with driver bits** are available in 900 count buckets.
- **Fiberon Phantom EC, End Clip Hidden Fasteners** eliminate surface fasteners on perimeter deck boards. Sold separately, each bag includes 25 clips, 40 screws and driver bit for 25 lineal foot coverage, 12 in. on center installations.
- **Fiberon Phantom HP Hidden Fasteners** are specifically designed for Paramount Decking and are available in 90 count boxes for 50 sq. ft. coverage for 16 in. on center installations.
- **Fiberon Phantom 20EC, End Clip Hidden Fasteners** are specifically designed for Paramount Decking. Sold separately, each bag includes 25 clips, 40 screws and one driver bit for 25 lineal foot coverage, 12 in. on center installations.

### Fiberon Cortex Screws for Hidden Face-Fastening

Fiberon Cortex® Screws are the only hidden-face fasteners recommended for Fiberon decking. Fiberon Cortex Screws are available in all colors of Fiberon decking products. Cortex Screws are not recommended for use with Good Life decking. Available in boxes to cover 100 l/f for 12 in. on center joist or 140 l/f for 16 in. on center joist installation.

Note: All approved Fiberon hidden fastener systems and face fasteners are listed on the [Fiberondecking.com](http://Fiberondecking.com) website. These approved fasteners are designed to accommodate normal dimensional changes without material fracture or change in holding capability and are recommended for installation of Fiberon decking products. Any use of unapproved fasteners, including biscuits or nails, may lead to product failure and will void the product warranty.



Fiberon Phantom GT Hidden Deck Fasteners



Fiberon Ballistic NailScrew Driver with Fiberon Phantom Ballistic NailScrews



Fiberon Phantom GT Hidden Fasteners



Phantom 20EC Phantom EC

Fiberon Phantom 20EC and EC, End Clip Hidden Fasteners



Fiberon Phantom HP Hidden Fasteners



Fiberon Cortex Screws



Built by Fine Decks, Inc., Owings, MD

Horizon decking shown in Ipe with  
Horizon railing shown in White.

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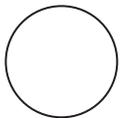
# FIBERON DECK AND RAIL LIGHTING

## Deck and Rail Accessories

Fiberon offers a range of energy-efficient options to illuminate your outdoor space with style. Made of rust-free aluminum, Fiberon outdoor lighting products are powder-coated for a long-lasting finish. Each light uses low voltage, environmentally-friendly LED technology and consumes only 1/12 as much energy as standard bulbs. An available remote-control dimmer enables convenient lighting control. Choose from four lighting styles and colors.

\*Lighting product colors complement Horizon Railing in White, Black and Dark Walnut.

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White



Black



Bronze\*



Dark Walnut



Post Cap Light  
(Caps available without LED light - not pictured)



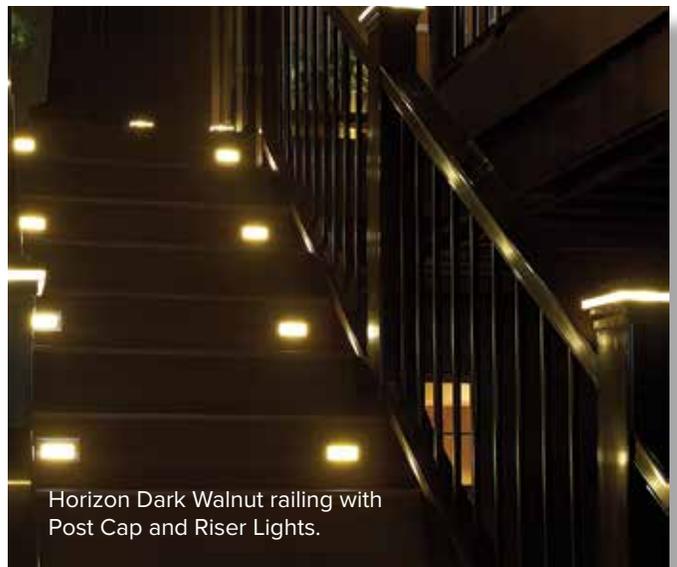
Side Post Light



Riser Light



Accent Light (Bronze only)



Horizon Dark Walnut railing with Post Cap and Riser Lights.

\*Lighting products complement White, Black and Dark Walnut Horizon Mission Railing. \*Please note: Bronze Post Cap and Side Post Lights do not match Horizon Mission Railing in Bronze. We recommend viewing Fiberon Deck and Rail Lighting colors with deck, riser and rail product selections to ensure color compatibility.



Horizon White railing with Post Cap and Side Post Lights.



Horizon White railing with Post Cap and Side Post Lights.



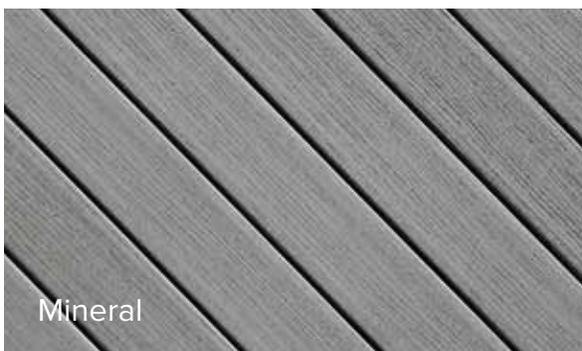
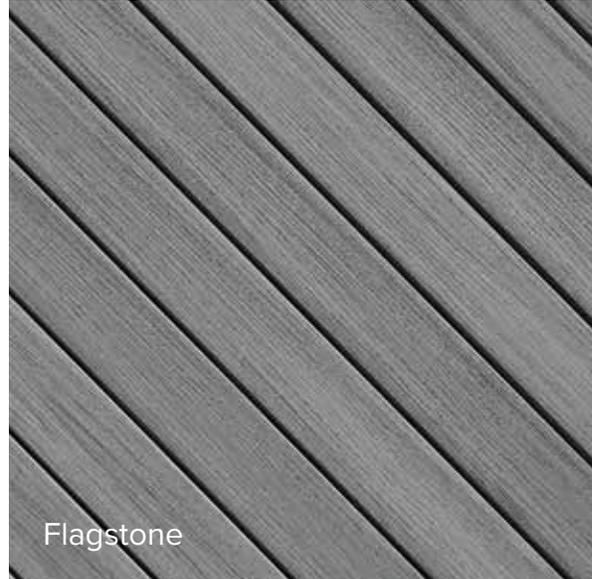
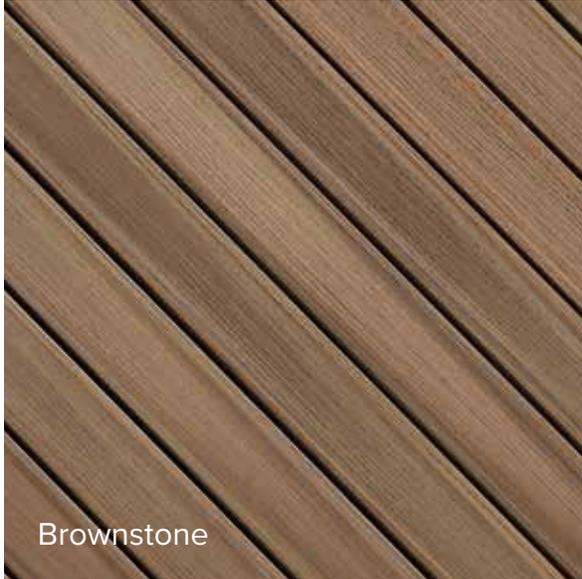
Horizon Bronze railing with Post Cap and Side Post Lights.

# FIBERON DECKING COLORS

## FIBERON PARAMOUNT

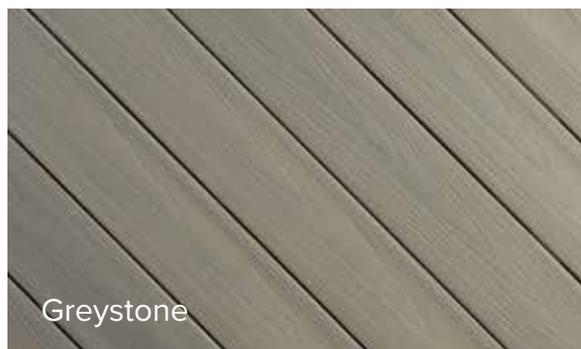
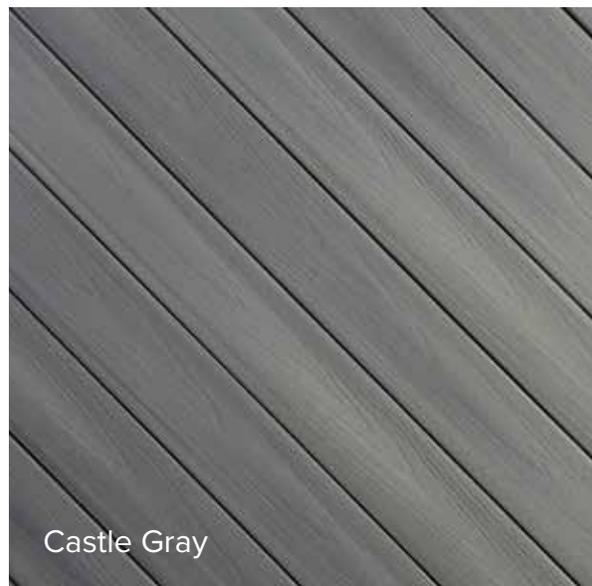
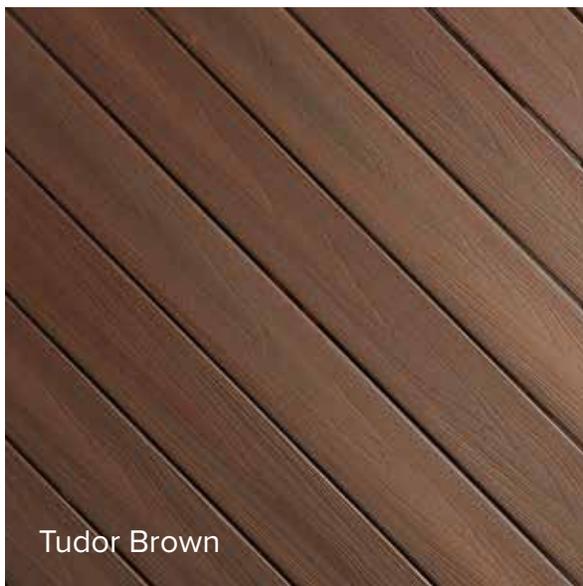
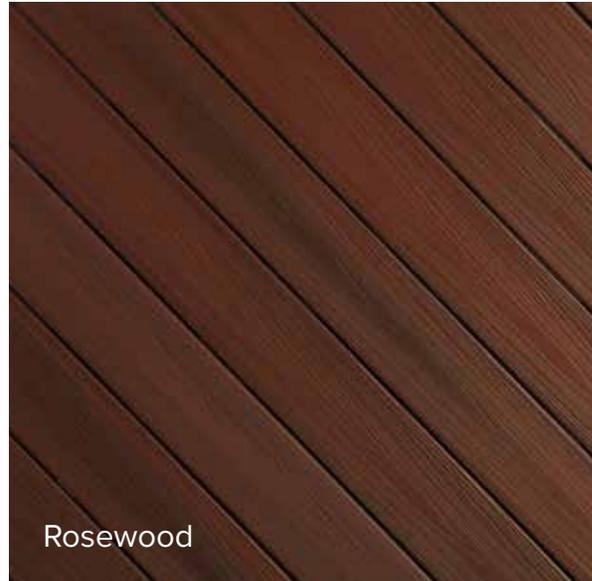
Cellular Decking

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**FIBERON HORIZON**  
Capped Composite Decking

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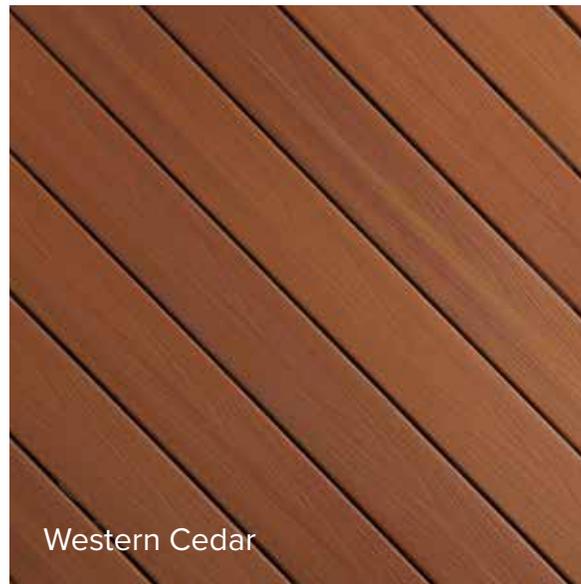


# FIBERON DECKING COLORS

## FIBERON PROTECT ADVANTAGE

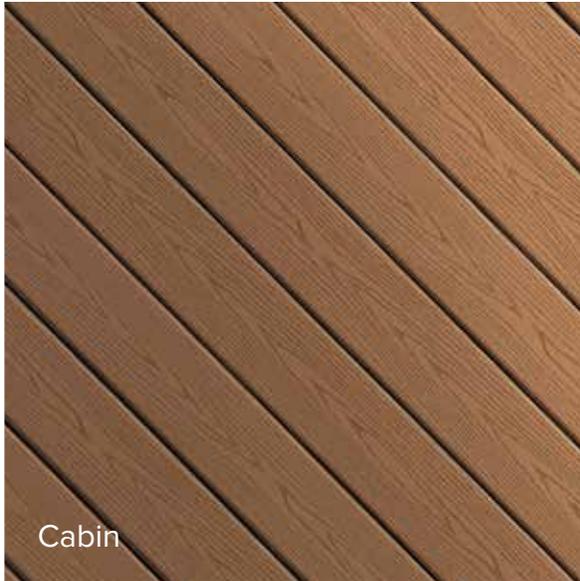
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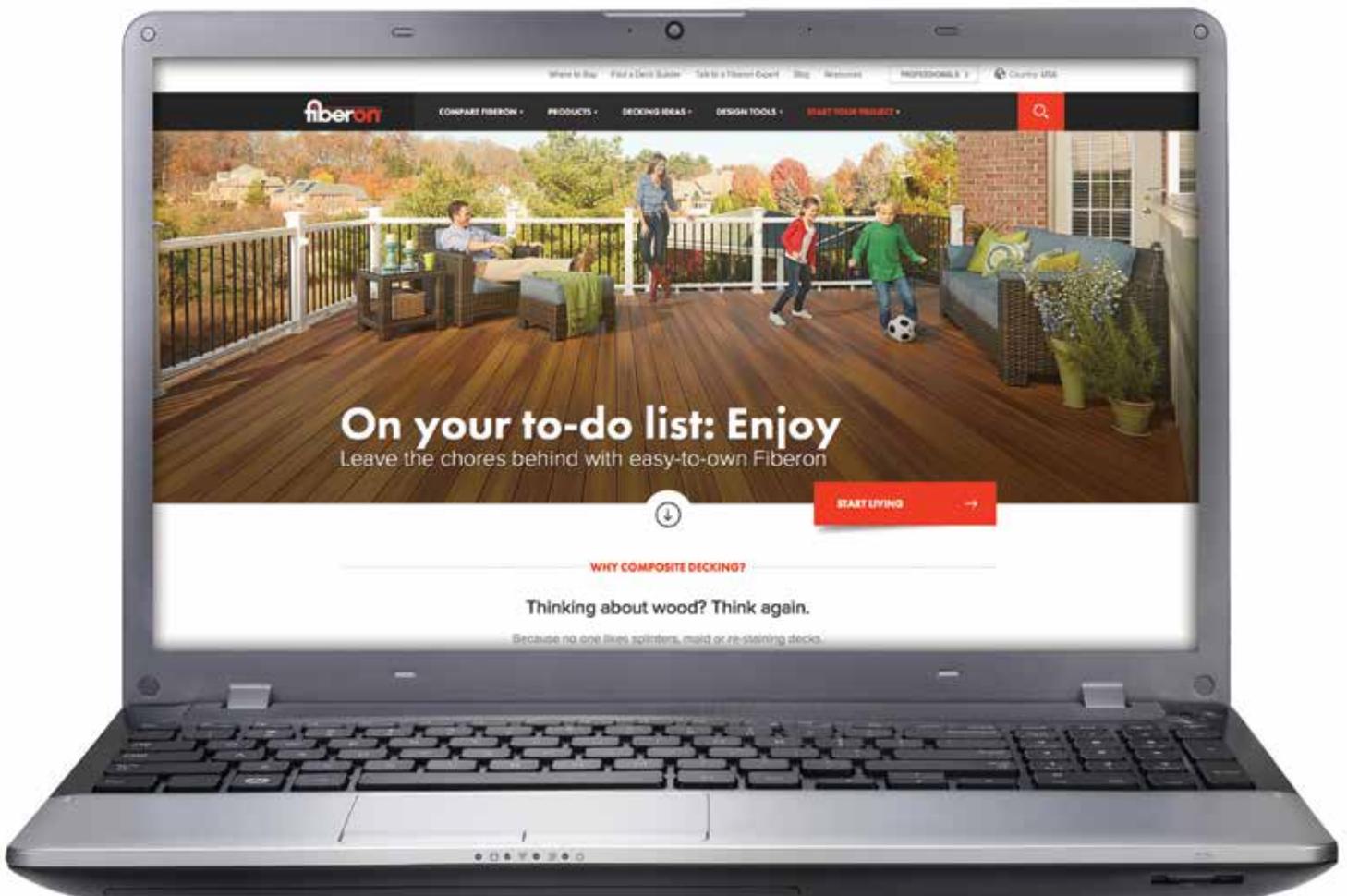
**FIBERON GOOD LIFE**  
Capped Composite Decking

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# fiberondeck

Find inspiration and information to create your outdoor living space at [fiberondecking.com](https://fiberondecking.com)



[Fiberondecking.com](https://fiberondecking.com) provides homeowners, deck builders and dealers with beautiful photos and decking and railing product details. Whether you want ideas for creating your outdoor living space or need information on installing your custom deck design, you'll find the help you need here.

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To help you plan your dream deck, check out these tools on [fiberondecking.com](http://fiberondecking.com)



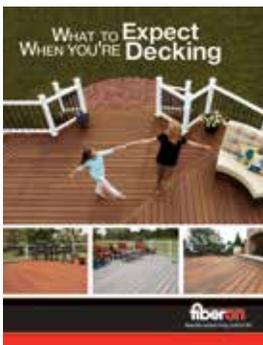
### Explore Photo Galleries

Need some ideas? Explore hundreds of composite deck photos.



### Experiment with a Deck Visualizer

This tool is the quick and easy way to visualize different Fiberon decking, railing and lighting products together. Pick colors and styles that you like the best, then save or share your designs.



### Get the Ultimate Deck Planning Guide

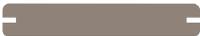
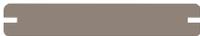
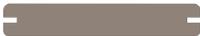
This free planning guide from Fiberon is a comprehensive look at what to expect when you're planning to build a deck.

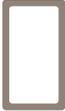


### Create Your Deck with the Fiberon Deck Design Tool

Use this detailed 3D tool to create your own deck designs. Customize your deck; then, upload your designs to a photo of your own home. Output includes material lists and drawings. With this tool, you'll have everything you need to start your project.

# FIBERON PRODUCT MATRIX

Decking Product	Paramount	Horizon	ProTect Advantage	Good Life
Board Profile Dimensions	Flat bottom 1 in. x 5.5 in.	Flat bottom .935 in. x 5.4 in.	Flat bottom .93 in. x 5.3 in.	Relieved bottom .93 in. x 5.3 in.
Square Edge Profile				
Grooved Edge Profile				
Reversible	No	Yes	No	No
Material	Cellular Foam Polymer with coextruded cap on 3 sides	Durable PermaTech outer surface is bonded on 4 sides of PE and wood composite core	Durable PermaTech outer surface is bonded on 3 sides of PE and wood composite core	Durable outer surface is bonded on 3 sides of PE and wood composite core
Multi-colors	Sandstone, Brownstone, Flagstone & Earthstone	Ipe, Rosewood, Tudor Brown, Castle Gray & Greystone	Chestnut, Gray Birch & Western Cedar	—
Solid Colors	Mineral & Fossil	—	—	Cabin, Cottage & Villa
Limited Performance Warranty	Lifetime	25-Year	25-Year	25-Year
Stain & Fade Limited Warranty	—	25-Year	25-Year	25-Year
Square Edge Lengths	20 ft.	20 ft.	20 ft.	20 ft.
Grooved Edge Lengths	12 ft., 16 ft. & 20 ft.	12 ft., 16 ft. & 20 ft.	12 ft., 16 ft. & 20 ft.	12 ft., 16 ft. & 20 ft.
Span Limitations	Perpendicular to joist: 16 in. Up to 45° angle to joist 12 in. Stair stringer spacing 16 in.	Perpendicular to joist: 16 in. Up to 45° angle to joist 12 in. Stair stringer spacing 12 in.	Perpendicular to joist: 16 in. Up to 45° angle to joist 12 in. Stair stringer spacing 11 in.	Perpendicular to joist: 16 in. Up to 45° angle to joist 12 in. Stair stringer spacing 8 in.
Fascia Available	.5 in. x 11.75 in. x 12 ft. All colors	.75 in. x 11.25 in. x 12 ft. All colors	.75 in. x 11.25 in. x 12 ft. All colors	.75 in. x 11.25 in. x 12 ft. All colors
Riser Available	No	.75 in. x 7.25 in. x 12 ft. All colors	.75 in. x 7.25 in. x 12 ft. All colors	No
Surface Fasteners	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Hidden Fasteners	Phantom HP & 20EC	Phantom GT & EC	Phantom GT & EC	Phantom GT & EC

Railing Product	Symmetry	Horizon	Natural	Good Life
Profile Dimensions	Top: 2.974 in. x 2.974 in. Bottom: 2 in. x 2 in.	Top: 3.75 in. x 2.5 in. Bottom: 3.5 in. x 1.75 in.	Top: 3.5 in. x 2 in. Bottom: 2 in. x 3.5 in.	Top: 2.97 in. x 2.97 in. Bottom: 2 in. x 3.5 in.
Top Rail Profile				
Bottom Rail Profile				
Material	Premium quality composite with permanent PVC surface.	Premium quality composite with permanent PVC surface.	Premium quality composite with permanent PVC surface with realistic wood finish.	Premium quality composite with permanent PVC surface.
Colors	Tranquil White, Serene Black & Simply Brown	White, Black, Dark Walnut & Bronze	Mahogany & Redwood	White
Limited Performance Warranty	25-Year	20-Year	20-Year	20-Year
Line Lengths	6 ft., 8 ft., 10 ft. & 12 ft.	6 ft. & 8 ft.	6 ft. & 8 ft.	6 ft. & 8 ft.
Stair Lengths	6 ft., 8 ft., 10 ft. & 12 ft.	6 ft.	6 ft.	6 ft.
Available Baluster Styles, Profiles and Dimensions	<input type="checkbox"/> Beveled Composite 1.25 x 1.25 x 29.5 in. 1.25 x 1.25 x 35.5 in. (Tranquil White, Serene Black & Simply Brown)  <input type="checkbox"/> Round Metal (Black) .75 in. diameter 29.5 in. and 35.5 in.	<input type="checkbox"/> Square Composite 1.25 x 1.25 x 29.5 in. 1.25 x 1.25 x 35.5 in. (White, Black, Dark Walnut & Bronze)  <input type="checkbox"/> Round Metal (Black) .75 in. diameter 29.5 in. and 35.5 in.	<input type="checkbox"/> Square Composite (Black) 1.25 x 1.25 x 38 in. 1.25 x 1.25 x 42 in.	<input type="checkbox"/> Square Composite (White) 1.25 x 1.25 x 38 in. 1.25 x 1.25 x 42 in.
ClearVisionSystem				
Clear Panel	28.5 in. x 65 in.	28.5 in. x 65 in.	28.5 in. x 65 in.	28.5 in. x 65 in.
Channels	White or Black	White or Black	Black	White or Black

# FIBERON CARE AND MAINTENANCE

## Important Considerations

- Ensure minimum six inches of required ventilation under deck substructure and required spacing between decking boards.
- Improve drainage or grade soil to eliminate standing water under decks.
- Direct downspouts, downspout extensions and splash guards away from decks.
- Position dryer vents away from decks.
- Maintain a deck that is dry and clean.
- Clean your deck as often as needed, at least twice each year.
- Use extreme caution with pressure washers and use at pressures less than 3,000 psi at 10 in. above deck surface. Pressure washing is not recommended when mold/mildew are present on the deck.
- Keep debris out of gaps between the decking boards so rain showers can remove pollen and organic debris between cleanings.
- Minimize the use of wet mulch up against the deck structure.
- Items stored directly on top of the deck surface, such as flower pots, prohibit water evaporation and can cause some staining on the deck surface.

## Ventilation

Do not install decking directly to a solid surface. Make sure there is adequate and unobstructed air flow under the deck to prevent excessive water absorption. Improve drainage or grade flat areas where standing water may gather. Allow a minimum of 6 in. (15 cm) between the bottom of the deck substructure/joists and the ground. The deck design must allow unrestricted airflow under at least 50% of its perimeter to permit adequate ventilation.

## Mind the Gap

If the gap between decking boards is less than 3/16 in., organic debris such as leaves, seeds or pollen can settle on the deck and clog gaps. Water can pool, steeping organic debris that forms a “tea” or of tannin which may stain your deck. This organic debris is a strong food source for mold. Keeping the gap clean is the easiest way to keep the deck clean. If gapping becomes clogged, use a garden hose, a spatula, putty knife or similar tool to remove debris.

## Clean Your Deck

Clean your deck as often as needed, at least twice each year to remove pollen, organic debris, dirt or stains. Generally, a broom or a blower will work better than a hose for removing scattered organic materials like leaves. For general cleaning, use soap and water or mild household cleaners.

## Construction Chalk

Colored chalk, used in construction for marking straight lines prior to cutting, is permanent on most surfaces. Contact the manufacturer of the specific brand and color of chalk for a cleaning solution that may prove effective. The best advice is to avoid colored chalk, using workable alternatives such as white chalk or baby powder.

## Masonry Construction

It is important to protect decking during masonry construction. White or hazy residue from mineral deposits (efflorescence) can leach out of stone and masonry materials after water evaporates leaving the deposits behind. Minerals from soils in certain arid and mountainous environments can also cause a hazing affect when deposited on the deck surface. This can only be prevented with complete and secure coverage of the decking surface area during the construction phase or installation of the decking after the masonry construction phase. To minimize this affect during masonry construction, keep materials dry and allow masonry and cement to cure properly.

For mineral deposits left on the decking surface, periodic cleaning is required to maintain visual attractiveness. Fiberon developed Fiberon Composite Deck Cleaner specifically formulated for, and effective in cleaning dirt, clay, mud, soil, mineral deposits and masonry and stucco residue. Use the Fiberon Composite Deck Cleaner with a brass bristle brush to clean, repeating the process as needed. Be sure to follow the label instructions. Do not mix recommended cleaning products together as harmful chemical reactions could occur.

## Dirt and Grime

Dislodge accumulated dirt with a broom or by using soap and water and a non-metal scrub brush. Thoroughly rinse off with a garden hose. Skilled professionals may use a pressure washer with wide fan tips, at low pressures under 3,000 psi and at safe distances, 10 in. above deck. In the wrong hands, your composite deck can be damaged. Exercise extreme caution.

## Oil and Grease Stains

Speedy clean-up is best. To clean grease and oil stains that soap and water cannot remove, some all-purpose cleaners, such as Fantastik, will cut through grease and grime. Or use a commercial deck cleaner designed specifically for your type of decking. De-Solv-It Citrus Solution is effective in removing tar, asphalt, oil, grease and chewing gum. Be sure to follow the manufacturer’s recommendations and test in an inconspicuous area prior to cleaning the entire deck.

## Mold and Mildew

Mold and mildew are common environmental conditions. Molds grow on decaying organic material such as wood, leaf decay and pollen. Tiny and lightweight, mold spores travel easily through the air. Different climates experience varying degrees of these conditions depending on the amount of moisture and heat present.

To thrive, mold and mildew need air, water, elevated temperatures and a food source. There is no way to eliminate all these conditions in the environment. A wide variety of building materials including concrete, wood products, vinyl siding and many others are subject to potential mold growth.

To minimize mold on your decking, clean your deck as often as needed, at least twice each year. Climate conditions vary in different regions of the country and may necessitate more

periodic cleaning. Removal of leaves, debris, and other organic materials that provide a food source for mold development is important. If mold is present on your deck, there are many commercial products available for cleaning mold. We recommend the following commercial cleaners. For best

results, be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions and use cleaners within their stated shelf life. Do not mix recommended cleaning products together as harmful chemical reactions could occur. Never mix bleach and acids.

Collier Manufacturing 30-Seconds® Outdoor Cleaner and 30-Seconds® Spray & Walk Away are heavy duty, mildly alkaline chlorinated mold and mildew removers/cleaners that are biodegradable once rinsed into the soil. Both have been tested and perform very well in removing mold and mildew and retarding its return.

For more information on cleaning mold and mildew, see Fiberon Technical Bulletin # 13 at this link, [fiberondecking.com/resources/literature](http://fiberondecking.com/resources/literature).

### Salt and Calcium Chloride

Buildup of salt and calcium chloride from snow and ice removal is easily removed with enough water and perhaps a light scrub. Use a garden hose or sprayer. If using a pressure washer, use at low pressures under 3,000 psi and at safe distances, 10 in. above deck, to avoid damaging your deck. Never use METAL shovels or sharp-edged tools to remove snow and ice on the surface of any Fiberon decking product.

### Static

Dry or windy environments may create a temporary condition of static electricity, which will vary depending on climate and site conditions. Heat pumps and dryer vents that are close to, or pointed toward the decking material, can also generate static electricity on the deck.

### Rubber Mats

Welcome mats or grill mats with a rubber, vinyl or latex backing can mark your deck. The marks can be removed, but to avoid them, use polypropylene or colorfast woven rugs only.

### Important Ladder Usage Safety Instructions

When using a ladder, place the ladder on a piece of 3/4 in. plywood firmly secured to the deck surface to disperse the load of the ladder's feet to nearby underlying joists. Drill fasteners downward through the top of the plywood sheet, into the deck board gaps and into the joists to keep the plywood from slipping. This avoids leaving holes in your decking once the plywood sheet is removed. Be sure to follow the ladder manufacturer's instructions and safety tips.

### Fire and Unusual Heat Sources

Composite decking will retain heat when exposed to direct or reflective sunlight. Exercise caution if walking barefoot as footwear may be required. Fire and unusual sources of heat and heat build-up can possibly damage Fiberon decking surfaces. Examples would include fire, reflected light from different types of glass (ex. low-e glass), fire features and under-deck waterproofing installations that do not provide the 6 in. (15 cm) of unobstructed net free ventilation.

#### • Low-E Glass/Reflected Heat

Low-emissivity glass is designed to prevent heat gain inside the house by reflecting sunlight outward. This reflective property can result in excessive heat build on the surface of Fiberon decking. The properties that Low-E glass employs to prevent passive heat gain within a structure can result in unusual heat build-up on exterior surfaces.

When sunlight is reflected and concentrated, it can harm a range of building materials that include doors, windows, siding, trim and decking. Damage caused to these products can include melting, sagging, warping, discoloration, increased expansion and contraction, and accelerated weathering.

If you have questions on how to reduce this risk, contact the manufacturer of the product which contains the Low-E glass for suggestions on how to reduce or eliminate the reflected heat.

#### • Under-deck waterproofing systems

Under-deck waterproofing systems, properly installed, can provide additional living or storage space. Improper installations are those that restrict air flow and result in build-up of heat and/or humidity which can result in unwanted consequences. Contact the manufacturer of the specific under-deck waterproofing system for installation instructions to ensure the required 6 in. (15 cm) of unobstructed ventilation is achieved for Fiberon decking. If already installed, seek methods to achieve the ventilation requirement.

#### • Fire Features/Fire Pits

Fire features and fire pits are increasingly popular in outdoor living environments. Fire can damage many building products, including Fiberon decking. Improperly installed fire features and fire pits can cause damage to the surface of Fiberon decking via direct exposure to the flame or excessive radiated heat. Proper caution should be taken when designing, installing and using these features to ensure damage does not result.

### Fiberon Paramount Decking

Recommended cleaners include Simple Green and Krud Kutter Cleaner Degreaser. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and test in an inconspicuous area to make sure cleaner does not harm the decking surface. Avoid the use of rubber or vinyl products on Paramount Decking as a reaction could occur resulting in discoloration under the rubber or vinyl product. Certain chemical ingredients in products such as insect repellent and sunblock could cause a reaction and result in a stain on the decking surface.

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