

## Hidden Siding Fasteners Installation Instructions

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Crafted from solid stainless steel, DeckWise® Hidden Siding Fasteners create a smooth, sleek and upscale look. The entire system is designed to significantly reduce cupping, twisting, and mold growth due to water penetration. The DeckWise® Hidden Siding Fastener system is perfect for both residential and commercial applications.

# Materials needed to install rainscreen siding:

- · Rainscreen Siding
- DeckWise® Hidden Siding Fasteners & Starter Clips
- · Stainless Steel Screws
- Base Board (1x6 PT Pine is Typical)
- Furring Strips (1x3 Pine is Typical)
- Vapor Barrier
- Level
- Rubber Mallet or Hardwood Wrench™
- Chalk Line
- Cordless Drill
- Ipe Seal<sup>™</sup> Hardwood End Grain Sealer
- Eye and Ear Protection, Gloves and Face Mask

#### Prior to installation:

- Calculate how much siding you will need based on the "Net Finished Dimensions" only.
- Rainscreen Siding must acclimate to your local climate.
- Use Ipe Seal<sup>™</sup> to cover the ends of the grain of any freshly cut siding boards.



### DeckWise® Hidden Siding Fastener Kit Contains:





DeckWise® Starter Clips



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#8x2" Stainless Steel Trim Head Screws



T15 Driver Tip

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## Step-by-step installation guide:

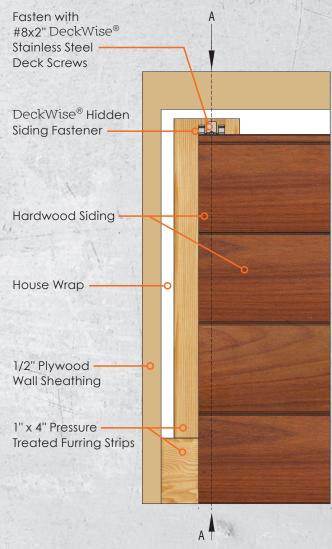
- Install house wrap to prevent moisture intrusion.
  (Always follow the vapor barrier manufacturer's instructions.)
- 2. Install the baseboard (horizontal furring strip) with stainless screws. Ensure the baseboard is level.
- 3. Align furring strips vertically on top of baseboard 16" on center. Attach furring strips.
- 4. Install starter clips (included with the hidden siding fastener kit) on your baseboard. Align each starter clip with the furring strips installed in step 3.

(TIP: use a chalk line reel to create a level line).

- 5. Install the first Rainscreen Siding board on top of the starter clips. (TIP: Use a level to ensure this first board is aligned properly).
- 6. Place hidden siding fasteners into the pre-molded groove. Center fastener over vertical furring strips.
- 7. Drive a stainless steel screw through the siding fastener top hole into the furring strip at a 45 degree angle or, drive a stainless steel screw through the siding fastener bottom hole to penetrate both the siding board and the underlying furring strip, at a 45 degree angle. Pre-drilling is suggested prior to screwing into hardwoods.
- Set the proceeding siding boards on top of the installed siding fasteners.
  (TIP: Use a rubber mallet or the Hardwood Wrench™ to align boards properly and straight).
- 9. Repeat steps 7 & 8, until complete.
- 10. Install final top board. Pre-drill and counter sink with 3/8" hardwood plugs across the top.

TIP: Where two pieces of siding butt against each other, use two hidden siding fasteners. (Use two starter clips if there is a butt joint with more than one piece of siding installed on the baseboard).





SCREW LOCATION IF HANGING SIDING ON THE VERTICAL, ANGULAR, OR OVERHEAD

