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Deck Aesthetics and Longevity are Augmented by What We Don't See

Hidden fasteners, color-match screws, and corrosion resistant materials keep decks looking newer longer



A deck built by Dr. Decks of Tacoma, Wash., using Screw Products, Inc. fasteners and composite decking materials.

GIG HARBOR, Wash.— When it comes to building and maintaining a beautiful deck, one trend today is paying special attention to the fixtures we don't see, in addition to those we do.

Jim Miller, president and founder of an international fastener company Screw Products, Inc., explained that several products geared toward deck building and repair are designed to blend in rather than stand out, at the same time increasing safety and durability of the structure.

“Both contractors and home owners have endless options these days when it comes to designing their decks,” he said, “but using the wrong fasteners can take away from the overall look of a deck if they stand out against the color and grain, corrode easily, or lead to warping and splintering. We specialize in a number of fasteners that address these problems on virtually any deck, be it made of wood or composite materials.”

Miller said one of Screw Products, Inc.'s largest offerings are Bronze Star Drive Corrosion-Resistant Screws, ideal for exterior projects using hard or soft woods, chipboard and other tough or treated materials.

These screws countersink themselves, meaning they finish flush or just below the deck board's surface, and are triple coated to withstand corrosion from both salt spray and ACQ conditions (alkaline copper quaternary, a treatment typically found in pressure-treated wood).

For an even more seamless look, Screw Products, Inc. offers C-Deck Composite Star Drive Deck Screws, with screw heads that match the deck board colors of more than a dozen major composite decking manufacturers.

With names like Mountain Cedar, Vintage Lantern and Fire Pit, C-Deck Star Drive Screws match most composite deck colors on the market today, and [Screw Products Inc.](#) can also complete custom color orders. The deck screws are for use with interior and exterior wood, composite, and other plastic materials, and are an approved fastener for the Trex® *Transcends*® and select *Enhance*™ lines.

Trex is the largest manufacturer of wood-alternative decking and railing products in the nation, boasting products made from reclaimed plastic and wood that contribute to a building's LEED points. In addition, C-Deck Composite Star Drive Deck Screws match the decking of leading manufacturers TimberTech, Fiberon, Azek Deck, EverGrain, Gossen, Tuf Board, Monarch, Enduris, NyloBoard, Latitudes Decking & Railing, and MoistureShield. [A simple chart](#) helps customers match decking to the correct color-match fasteners.

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For completely hidden fastening, Screw Products, Inc. carries the The Ultimate Deck Clip™, a hidden deck clip for use with hardwood, soft wood, composite and synthetic decking.

“This is a hidden deck fastener that requires no pre-drilling and holds the decking much tighter than plastic clips,” said Miller. “And should a board need replacing... no problem. Our system allows you to get to the screw from the top, not the bottom or at an angle as most competitive systems do.”

For more information on Screw Products, Inc.'s decking and railing products as well as its full line of fasteners available nationwide, visit www.Screw-Products.com or call (877) 844-8880.

About Screw Products

Screw Products, Inc. has been providing quality fasteners backed by customer service since 1999. Its extensive product line offers benefits such as a type 17 auger point, longer bit life, reduced splitting and they counter sink themselves. Orders ship out the same day they are received; [Screw Products Inc.](#) products are available online and at retailers across the country.