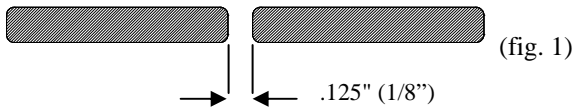




Plank Spacing (Gapping)

It is essential when installing composite deck planks to allow for product expansion and contraction during temperature changes.

Between Boards: Minimum $.125''$ ($1/8''$) "See fig. 1"



Board Ends: Based on installation temperature and highest expected temperature for your geological area, a good rule-of-thumb as follows: For every 20°f change in temperature plan $.0625''$ ($1/16''$) minimum gap. For example, if the temperature at the time of installation is 60°f and the highest expected temperature in this area is 100°f , planned minimum gap should be $.125''$ ($1/8''$). "See fig 2"
Installation during peak high temperature seasons is equally important. For example if temperature during installation is 80°f you would plan a $.0625''$ ($1/16''$) gap.

