

✓ MODULAR DECK SYSTEM EASY TO ASSEMBLE **BUILDING CODE COMPLIANT** SAVES TIME AND MONEY



# HOW TO ASSEMBLE YOUR MODULAR DECK SYSTEM.





# OUR VISION...

Everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy our little piece of the 'Aussie Dream'. Designed and manufactured to the Building Code and suitable for domestic and commercial use less than 1 metre high. Build your own "Goodtimes" in a configuration that meets your needs.

## **ALL YOU REQUIRE IS:**

Various Drill Bits: 3mm Drill Bit 47mm 3/8" Nutsetter 64mm 1/4" Nutsetter 47mm x 5mm Hex Drive 64mm Phillips Head Drive #2 4mm Drill Bit



Spirit Level



Shifter or Spanner to suit 16mm nut



Various Drill Bits (Refer to list)



Impact Driver, Electric or Cordless Drill



Tape Measure



Drop Saw Should you wish to cut your own decking and baseboards

## INTRODUCTION

The Goodtimes DIY Modular Decking System is a fast and cost effective way to build your own deck. It consists of modular base frames that sit on a variety of different adjustable supports that enable retrofitting into any existing area without digging any holes. Prefabricated decking panels make laying your deck fast and easy.

# WHAT SURFACE CAN YOU BUILD A GOOD TIMES DECK ON?

A Good Times DIY modular deck can be built on concrete (ie alfresco areas), existing pavers or even on grass/soil (using a concrete paver as your support base).

## STEP 1: CHOOSE THE SIZE OF YOUR DECKING

- · Measure the height of your deck
- Measure the size of your deck

• To help plan and cost your deck, login to our website and use the deck planner

### **STEP 2: ASSEMBLE YOUR BASE FRAMES**

- Base Frames are available in 70x45mm and 90x45mm (for Domestic use only) or 140x35mm (for Domestic, Commercial and Steps).
- · Select a number of base frame kits.
- Using an electric or cordless drill, predrill (4mm hole) and assemble the base frame members using the screws purchased (fixings not included). Note: Outside frames are pre-drilled but end grain is not.
- Refer to the "Select your Fixings" table below for required fixings as they are not included with the base frame kit.





SELECT YOUR FIXINGS		FIXINGS PER CONNECTION ITEM									
Use this chart to find the right screws to build your Good Times Co. Modular Deck		3ase Frame Kits	Merbau/Pine Half Deck Panel to Base Frame	Ekodeck+ Panel to Base Frame	Dropper Part 'A' to Base Frame	Step Connector to Base Frame	Dropper Part 'A' to Dropper Part 'B'	Base Frame to Base Frame	Steele Support to Base Frame (1 frame)	Steele Support to Base Frame (2 frames)	Vertical Cladding to Dropper Part 'B'
TYPE OF SCREW AND SIZE		Bas	Mer	to B	Dro to B	Stel to B	Dro Dro	Bas Bas	Ster Bas	Ster Bas	Ver Dro
External Timber Screws. Galvanised (Countersunk Rib, Phillips Head)	10ga - 8 x 65mm		12								Min 2
Quickfix Hidden Fastening System Stainless steel & Plastic components	Standard Clips			5-7							
	Locking Clips			2							
Timber Screw. Galvanised, Type 17 (Bugle Head Batten)	14ga - 10 x 75mm	16									
Timber Screw Galvanised, Type 17 (Hex Head)	14ga -10 x 90mm (90mm Base Frame to Base Frame)							6			
	14ga -10 x 65mm (140mm Base Frame to Base Frame)				2	4	Min 2	6		4	
Timber Screw Galvanised, Type 17 (Hex Head, Full Thread)	12ga - 11 x 30mm								4		

# **STEP 3: SET YOUR HEIGHTS AND JOIN BASE FRAMES**

SELECT YOUR SUPPORT COMPONENTS FROM THE FOLLOWING TABLES	Steel Support	Support Feet			
Base Frame Kit - 70x45mm (Domestic)					
Height Range	Steel Support	Support Feet			
110mm - 150mm	NO	50mm			
Note: Lock nut to be removed from adjustable foot to achieve the minimum heights above					
Base Frame Kit - 90x45mm (Domestic)					
Height Range	Steel Support	Support Feet			
130mm - 220mm	NO	100mm			
200mm - 365mm	140mm	150mm			
330mm - 495mm	270mm	150mm			
460mm - 625mm	400mm	150mm			
590mm - 755mm	530mm	150mm			
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Base Frame Kit - 140x35mm (Domestic and Commercial)					
Height Range	Steel Support	Support Feet			
180mm - 260mm	NO	100mm			
250mm - 415mm	140mm	150mm			
380mm - 545mm	270mm	150mm			
510mm - 675mm	400mm	150mm			
640mm - 805mm	530mm	150mm			
Note: Lock nut to be removed from adjustable foot to achieve the minimum heights above					

#### **CONNECTING SUPPORTS TO FRAMES:**

- Lower height ranges using only the 50mm or 100mm foot have a knock in tube end which goes directly into the base frame's pre-drilled holes. Unscrew the tube end, then using a hammer, knock it into the underside of the base frame module ensuring only one is inserted at an intersection (see page 4). Once this is done, reattach the foot you can use the key head at the top of the foot to adjust the height by using a cordless drill through the hole in the top of the frame.
- All other height ranges require a 2 piece support, including a steel component and 150mm foot. Screw the 150mm foot into the base of the steel support. Place the top of the steel support into the internal corner of the base frame module and attach using the fixings purchased (see Step 2 Select your fixings), remember to pre-drill a shallow 4mm hole in the timber. Ensure only one support is attached at an intersection.



#### JOIN YOUR BASE FRAMES:

- Once supports are connected to the individual base frames, flip the frames over and place in position.
- Align the top of the frames.
- Make frame to frame connections at below locations using screws purchased (not included) remembering to pre-drill a 4mm hole first.





#### STEP 4: HOW TO ADD STEPS Follow the below instructions to add steps using more modules



#### **1. SELECT YOUR TIMBER:**

- Additional levels/steps are connected using STEP CONNECTORS which are to be cut from 90x45mm treated pine.
- Ensure all steps assembled are the same height to comply with the Building Code of Australia.

#### 2. CUT STEP CONNECTORS TO SIZE

For a 140x35mm base frame kit the step connector should be 270mm in length.

The bottom of the connector should line up flush with the bottom of the lower level base frame. This ensures there is 30mm clearance between the step connector and upper level deck panel.



#### **3. SECURE STEP CONNECTOR**

Using 14ga -10x65mm Timber Screw Galvanised, Type 17 (Hex Head) screws secure connector to Base Frames as per example.

Remember to pre-drill 4mm hole once lined up but do not drill all the way through. Ensure the holes are lined up down the centre of the step connector.

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#### **1. SELECT TIMBER FOR YOUR DROPPERS:**

Purchase length/s of timber that match your base frame kit:

If your base frame is 90x45mm select a 90x45mm timber for component 'B' (See Fig.1). If your base frame is 140x35mm select a 90x35mm timber for component 'B'. Component 'A' should always be constructed from 90x45mm timber regardless of the base frame size.

Correct selection of material for component 'B' will ensure a flush surface for mounting the vertical cladding.

#### 2. CUT DROPPER COMPONENTS TO SIZE:

Your Dropper should be constructed in two parts, 'A' and 'B' (see Fig 1). Begin by calculating component 'A's length. Component 'A's length should be calculated using this formula:

Deck height - 30mm clearance from top of the base frame - 50mm clearance from the ground. E.g. using a deck height of 650mm; 650mm high deck - 30mm - 50mm = 570mm (is length of component 'A').

Then construct component 'B':

For a 140x35mm base frame 'B' should be 110mm shorter than 'A'

For a 90x45mm base frame 'B' should be 60mm shorter than 'A'

#### 3. ASSEMBLE AND ATTACH DROPPERS TO BASE FRAME:

Secure Component 'A' to 'B' using a staggered screw pattern. The two screws securing the dropper to your base frame should be vertically aligned and not staggered (refer to Fig 1.) Ensure staggered screws are no more than 150mm apart. Pre-drill 4mm holes where required.

\*Fix the corner dropper close to the corner of the base frame.



Droppers should be positioned at maximum spacings of 600mm apart.

Use 14 - 10x65mm Type 17 Galvanised Hex Head Timber screws to connect component 'A' to base frame and component 'A' to component 'B'. Use 10ga - 8 x 65mm Galvanised Counter Sunk Ribbed with Phillips Head screws to connect vertical cladding to component 'B'.

#### 4. SELECT YOUR DECKING MATERIALS (TWO OPTIONS):

- Purchase a random length pack of decking from Bunnings and cut in your own type of decking.
- OR -
- Select the required number of prefabricated decking panels (1113x555mm) and fill in your deck. They have been split into 2 halves so they fit into a car and can be lifted by one person (20 kg max weight).

#### **5. INSTALL PREFAB DECKING PANELS**

- Drop the Decking Panels into position over the Base Frame. The decking boards should run in the opposite way to the internal frame members.
- Take care to line up the gaps between the panels and fix into position with fixing screws. TIP: Use Masonite packing strips to achieve perfect gaps
- Run panels the same way or in a parquetry pattern depending on how you assemble the base frames.

\*Refer to pages 8 and 9 for Screw/Fixing positions for both Standard and Parquetry layouts.

#### **6. ENCLOSE VERTICAL FACES**

If you have decided to cut in your own deck or clad the vertical faces of your decking you can contact your local Bunnings for advice on the best product for your project.

• 140x19mm Vertical cladding matches the 140x35mm base frames for height. 90x19mm vertical cladding matches the 90x45mm base frames.

# CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Enjoy your new deck for years to come by:

- Not having the timber in contact with the ground.
- Using stainless steel fixing in sea side areas.
- Merbau panels should be stored in a dry, undercover area. Merbau is tannin rich and leaching will occur upon installation. It is recommended and can prolong the life of your deck by applying a suitable oil or stain to these panels (ensure it is clean before application).
  Oiling the deck boards every year will keep your deck looking like new.



# STANDARD LAYOUT: PINE/MERBAU PANELS



## PARQUETRY LAYOUT: PINE/MERBAU PANELS



# STANDARD LAYOUT: EKODECK+ PANELS



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