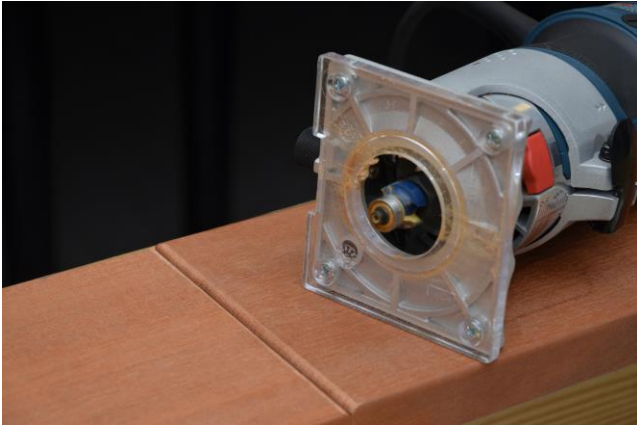
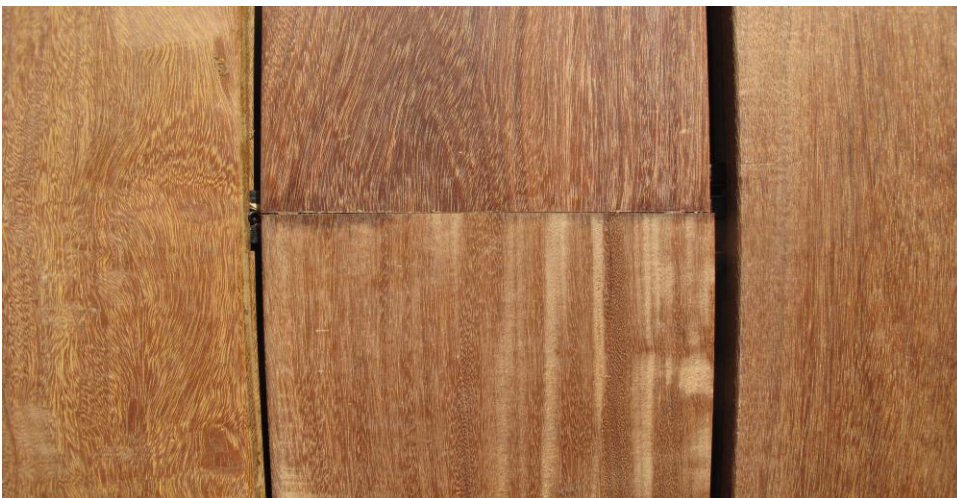


Technical Bulletin-End Matching and Butt Joints

For the best appearance we recommend routing the board ends with a 1/8" radius. It prevents a hard edge from developing where the boards butt, similar to engineered wood flooring.



Taking it one step further we have also seen contractors use biscuits or dowels to eliminate any potential for movement at the butt joints. When using hidden fasteners with or without biscuits or dowels double up the clips at but joints to make sure a mechanical connection is achieved between both pieces of decking to the stringers to maintain consistent gapping and prevent shifting as shown below.



Butt joints, either face or blind fastened, need to be blocked by adding a sister joist or double stringer. This allows for proper fastener placement and avoids placement of fasteners too close to a butt joint which occurs when attempting to attach both boards to a single joist.