

Trailer Decking Installation and Maintenance

Installation

Always use a sharp saw blade to avoid any rough edges and always cut face side up.

Trailer Decking plywood is not treated and relies on its HDP overlay coating to give protection from moisture. Any cut or machined edge on the plywood will need to be sealed with at least two coats of protective acrylic paint to minimise moisture ingress.

It is recommended to screw down the decking to the trailer frame with the head of the screws flush with the ply. It is possible to countersink the screw head without breaking the surface of the overlay.

You can also rivet the sheets down; however, the rivet head will slightly protrude and can possibly catch as things slide over the deck of the trailer.

If the fastener does break the overlay surface, cover the fastener head with a dab of paint.

Allow for a 3mm expansion gap between sheets and between the sheet & trailer framing.



Maintenance

If the HDP overlay is damaged, it is recommended to paint the area with two coats of protective acrylic paint to minimise moisture ingress.



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