



## AZEK Alpine Collection Install Guide

### INSTALLING

NOTE: SOLVENT-BASED ADHESIVES AND ACETONE CAN DAMAGE THE APPEARANCE OF ALPINE COLLECTION PRODUCTS! DO NOT USE.

AZEK Alpine Collection should be installed using the same good building principles used to install traditional siding products and in accordance with the local building codes and the installation guidelines included below. AZEK Building Products accepts no liability or responsibility for the improper installation of this product.

- AZEK Alpine Collection may not be suitable for every application and it is the sole responsibility of the installer to be sure that AZEK products are fit for the intended use. Since all installations are unique, it is also the installer's responsibility to determine specific requirements for each application.
- AZEK Building Products recommends that all applications be reviewed by a licensed architect, engineer or local building official before installation. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call AZEK Customer Service at (800) 910-3545 or visit our website at [AZEKexteriors.com](http://AZEKexteriors.com)
- All Alpine Collection products are to be handled like you would a stained piece of mahogany, walnut or any other premium wood and not like dimensional lumber. Store flat, keep dry and clean out of direct sun until installation. The faux stained pieces should never be stored on the ground, on asphalt or on any rough surface face down. Boards should be removed from skids by lifting at both ends when possible—friction between laminate and bare board may cause minor marking. See cleaning tips for removal method.
- Avoid storing AZEK Alpine Collection in areas of excessive heat, such as on asphalt, in direct sunlight, or under dark tarps or coverings. • Always leave the manufacturer's protective wrap on the product until installation. If removed, replace the protective wrap, or use a different non-translucent cover, to keep the product free from dust and construction debris.

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- When installing WP4 and Stealth Bead ceiling boards, make sure that perpendicular to the ceiling joists.
- Check ceiling for square. If the diagonal measurements in each corner are not the same, establish a starting point by drawing or snapping a straight chalkline for your first row in line with your desired layout.
- Measure the depth of the porch front to back at the end where you will start installing. Subtract 1/2" from this measurement to account for the 1/4" gap you want to leave around the perimeter of the ceiling to allow for any expansion and contraction. A moulding will eventually cover this small gap.
- Calculate how many boards it will take to cover the ceiling. Divide the width of the porch ceiling by the finished width of the Canvas board to get the number of whole boards needed to cover the ceiling. If the last board is less than 2", trim down the first and last board to create equally spaced bead or "V" groove.
- AZEK products must not be used in load bearing applications, but may be used in spanned applications such as fascias, soffits and ceilings. For optimal performance, AZEK should be installed over a solid backing.

**AZEK BEADBOARD SPANNING CONSIDERATION:**

- For 1/2" AZEK Beadboard, run boards perpendicular to structure when possible to create the shortest possible run of material.
- When using 1/2" AZEK Beadboard, use 12" OC framing as well as a high quality construction grade polyurethane adhesive on joists.
- For spans greater than 12" OC, use a minimum 1/2" backer such as plywood or OSB with construction grade adhesive and mechanical fastening a minimum of every 8". Fasteners should hit joist or framing when possible.
- For spans greater than 16" OC, see below.
- For spans greater than 16" OC, use a minimum 1/2" backer such as plywood or OSB with construction grade adhesive and mechanical fastening a minimum of every 16". Fasteners should hit joist or framing when possible.
- Never span AZEK products more than 16" without utilizing instructions above. Proper fastening will help reduce the possibility of excessive movement from expansion and contraction.
- With all Beadboard ceiling and soffit installations, follow good building practices and ensure adequate ventilation is provided.

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**WARNING: To avoid chipping, position laminate wood texture facedown for cutting and avoid high-speed settings.**

Face nail the first board positioning it on the ceiling, cut or groove side 1/4" away from the wall/beam, fascia. Using a pneumatic gun and 2" stainless steel finish nails, face nail the perimeter WP4 boards to the ceiling joists every 16" on center. Position the nails 1/2" to 3/4" from the outer edge of the WP4. Use matching touch-up for exposed cut board edges.

- All WP4 boards, including the first one, should be nailed every 16" on center through the tongue. Framing needs to be at 16" on center to offer proper support. Position the pneumatic gun at the back edge of the board's tongue, angle it away from the tongue and to one side. This will keep the nail from pulling out and blocking the tongue when you fit the groove of the next board over it. Slide the groove of the next board into the tongue of the previous board. If necessary, tap it tightly in place with a hammer and wood/strike block.
- For runs longer than 18', cut a bevel or shiplap joint into the end of the WP4. Leave a 1/8" gap when installing WP4 at temperatures below 40°F. Consider a T-Mould, faux beam, or coffered ceiling as a means of hiding the butt ends of the WP4. At the scarf joint, use matching touch-up pen for cut board edges.
- Finish installing WP4 over the ceiling. If necessary, trim the final board from the tongue side.

**CLEANING**

- Wipe material with gentle cleanser like Simple Green cleaner and a soft cloth.
- If marking occurs from board-to-board friction, use COSMOFEN 20 PVC Cleaner available through Weiss U.S.A., Monroe, NC. Tel. 704-282-4496

**WARNING: DO NOT use abrasive scrub pads like Scotch Brite pads or any solvent like acetone and toluene! They will break down the laminates and dull the surface.**

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