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Xtendex® Q&A

McFarland Cascade's Xtendex® composite deck system is wood-free and installs in half the time of traditional decking.

The widely available Classic profile offers:

- Box beam design for geometric strength
- A concealed fastening system that makes installation 50 percent faster
- A hollow core means its light weight and cooler underfoot
- Superior resistance to fading
- 12-, 16- and 20-foot lengths
- Wood grain or contemporary ribbed surface
- 20-year pro-rated warranty

What is Xtendex?

Xtendex is composite decking made up of High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) polymer, rice hulls and other functional additives. Xtendex comes in a six-inch nominal profile (5 1/2" net) and is available in 12-, 16- and 20-foot lengths.

Why rice hulls?

Rice hulls are high in mineral fiber and give Xtendex superior strength and performance enhancements. We mix rice hulls with HDPE into a compound which is 100 percent recyclable for processing. Our polymers are virgin to assure consistent quality in the finished deck board. Because rice hulls are an agricultural waste product, they would normally be disposed in a landfill. Reusing this resource is good for the environment, and because rice hulls make our product strong, Xtendex holds up well under the rigors of the environment.

Does Xtendex have a railing system?

Yes. Xtendex has several styles of railing available in three finishes, Cedar, Redwood and grey; choose from Traditional, Roma and Venetian.

Do you fasten Xtendex down with screws?

The Quick Clip hidden fastening system provides 50 percent faster installation and works with both our Classic and Architectural deck boards. The patented clips are concealed and the surface appearance of the deck is not compromised with fasteners. The Quick Clip system also directs expansion and contraction of the deck boards. The Traditional deck board requires surface screws for installation.

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Will Xtendex expand and contract with temperature changes?

All polymer materials will expand and contract more than wood. We add rice hulls for strength and to minimize expansion. Xtendex will expand and contract 1/8 inch for every 20 degrees of temperature variation. G-trim will effectively mask this movement.

Does Xtendex fade?

All composite and other building materials fade. Xtendex will fade to a lighter shade because of exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays but will retain its original hue. Compared to most other composites, Xtendex is more color stable and has UV inhibitors.

Does Xtendex require special maintenance?

No. Xtendex requires no water repellents, stain or special cleaners. You can clean Xtendex with water and a mild detergent when normal dirt and pollutants coat its surface.

Can I use Xtendex in high moisture environments?

Yes. Because Xtendex uses rice hulls instead of wood fiber, it won't absorb moisture like wood-based products. This means Xtendex swells significantly less than other composites. You should install the deck surface at least 12 inches above the ground to allow for proper air circulation.

For more information about Xtendex, call McFarland Cascade toll free at (800) 426-8430.

McFarland Cascade—the outdoor projects people—enhances the quality, style and comfort of exterior home projects. A manufacturer and distributor of pressure-treated consumer lumber, composite decking and other products that are sold through quality retailers throughout the West, the company began as a producer of poles and pilings in Sandpoint, Idaho in 1916.

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