



Decking Seasoning Guide

Claymark supplies the following range of decking products:

Grade	Size	Condition	Length
Premium	100x25	CCA H3.2 TW GPT	RL
		CCA H3.2 TW Smooth	RL
	100x40	CCA H3.2 TW GPT	RL
		CCA H3.2 TW Smooth	RL
	150x40	CCA H3.2 TW GPT	RL
		CCA H3.2 TW Smooth	RL
Standard	100x40	CCA H3.2 TW GPT	RL

Griptread (GPT) decking is produced with the best graded face being the GPT side.

The decking is supplied treated wet. Timber has a tendency to take up and lose moisture depending on the temperature and humidity of the surrounding air. Eventually it will reach a moisture content that is consistent with the ambient temperature and humidity: This is known as the Equilibrium

Moisture Content or E.M.C. The performance of the timber for your deck can be enhanced by ensuring that when it is used it is at a moisture content suitable for the ambient conditions. This can be achieved by leaving the timber exposed to air close to where the timber will be used.

To get the best results it is recommended you adhere to the following guidelines before the timber is fixed in place:

- Once on site place decking products into stacks with fillets between rows of timber for 18-22 days before fixing to allow the initial drying and shrinkage to occurs. Place some weights on the stack if possible
- The filleted stack should be located where there is an even airflow around the whole stack. Put the stack under a covered area where possible to avoid exposure to direct sun
- If practicable provide some protection to the ends of the timber stack to avoid rapid drying of the ends of each
- board and to ensure more even seasoning along the full length of boards
- By seasoning the decking for a period it will allow the product to acclimatise to the conditions
- If the process is followed shrinkage checking and movement of the decking will be minimised