SELECTING THE RIGHT CAMO® HIDDEN FASTENER

For correct installation of a variety of board products and environmental situations, CAMO Hidden Fasteners are available in 1-7/8" and 2-3/8" lengths, and a choice of ACQ-compatible ProTech coated carbon steel or 316 stainless steel. Please read the information below to select the proper fastener for your CAMO fastening project.

## **Recommended Length:**

For any nominal 5/4" deckboard product, use **1-7/8" (48mm) CAMO Hidden Fasteners**. Actual board thickness of this category is typically 1" (25.4mm), but can range from  $\frac{3}{4}$ " (19mm) to 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (32mm) depending on the manufacturer. For deckboards that exceed 1" in actual thickness, we recommend the 2-3/8" fastener.

For nominal 2x deckboard product, use **2-3/8" (60mm) CAMO Hidden Fasteners**. Actual board thickness for 2x decking is typically  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " (38mm). The 2-3/8" fastener is not recommended for installation of boards that exceed  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " in thickness.

## **Recommended Coating or Alloy:**

## CAMO ProTech Coated Carbon Steel

CAMO ProTech coated Hidden Fasteners are ACQ-compatible and exceed the requirements for installing Pressure Treated Lumber, PVC, Composite and Capped Composite deckboard materials in environments with normal exposure to the elements.

## **CAMO 316 Stainless Steel Alloy**

Stainless steel CAMO Hidden Fasteners are recommended as a best practice for all exterior deck installations and are necessary where superior corrosion resistance is needed. This includes any application in coastal, marine or waterway areas as well as near swimming pools; any deck surface that will be exposed to extreme conditions such as chlorine, wood strippers or ice melting chemicals; and when installing Cedar, Redwood, and Hardwood\* deckboard materials where tannin release may cause staining and streaking.

Deckboard Material	Recommended CAMO Hidden Fastener
Pressure Treated Lumber	Stainless Steel or ProTech Coated
Composite or Capped Composite	Stainless Steel or ProTech Coated
PVC	Stainless Steel or ProTech Coated
Cedar	Stainless Steel
Redwood	Stainless Steel
Hardwood or Imported Hardwood	Stainless Steel



\*When installing hardwood decking with stainless steel CAMO Hidden Fasteners, pre-drilling is recommended. Follow the Pre-Drill Instructions provided in all CAMO Marksman tool Installation Instructions and on www.camofasteners.com.

