THE HIDDEN LINK™ Installation Sequence…

Step 1…
To install the first deck board, place The Hidden Link™ flat against the joist as shown. Fasten the tab into the joist using the 1” screws supplied.

Step 2…
…then place the first deck board on top The Hidden Link™ fastening it to The Hidden Link™ using the 1” screws supplied.

Step 3…
…after the first The Hidden Link™ is fastened to the deck board, move to the opposite edge of the deck board and slide The Hidden Link™ between the deck joist and deck board. Fasten the 1” screw through The Hidden Link™ tab at EVERY JOIST LOCATION as shown.

Step 4…
…then fasten The Hidden Link™ to the joist using the 2” screw at EVERY JOIST LOCATION.

Step 5…
To install the next deck board, fasten the tab of The Hidden Link™ to the edge of the deck board with the base of the clip on the underside of the deck board. The Hidden Link™ must be within 1” of the side of EACH JOIST as it will slide under the previously fastened deck board.

Step 6…
Then take the entire length of deck board with the clips installed and tuck the clips under the previously fastened deck board. The Hidden Link™ automatically gaps the deck boards to 1/8” space.

Step 7…
Then repeat steps #3 - #6, progressively working down the entire length of each joist.

Step 8…
Image above shows the first and second deck boards installed. Be sure the deck boards are snug against the spacer as you continue fastening the subsequent deck boards.

Step 9…
As you reach the end of your deck, fasten The Hidden Link™ on the OUTSIDE edge of your Rim Joist as shown, with approximately 16” spacing between each one around the entire perimeter of your deck.

Step 10…
Fasten The Hidden Link™ to the underside of the last deck board. You may finish off with your desired fascia material or just leave the rim joist exposed.

Please Note: Steps 1 & 2 can also be used to install the last deck board as well.