



CALCULATING LINEAL METERS:

First, find the area to be decked in square metres (m²).

This can be done with a simple equation: L (length of area in metres) x W (width of area in metres) = m²

Now, in order to find the lineal metres required to complete our deck, we need to know the width of the decking boards being used.

*Please note that you will need to add any pre-determined spacing between boards to the width part of the equation.

m² (square metres in millimetres) ÷ W (width of board, and any spacing in millimetres) = Lineal Metres

So, as an example, let's say your deck area is 50m² and you're using 90mm wide boards, the calculation will look like this:

50,000mm ÷ 90mm = 555.5 Lineal metres

HOW TO LAY YOUR TIMBER DECKING

Most decking will have both a smooth side and reeded side (see example below).



Contrary to popular belief, the reeded side is not meant to be a 'anti slip' surface. The reeded side should actually be placed face down on your timber joists. The gaps formed in the reeds are to allow water and moisture to run off and preserve your timber from rot and mould. Unreeded timber (smooth both sides) should only be used against steel, and with a moisture barrier between the steel and timber.