



Close up of pre-aligned grain plug

Cortex®

HIDDEN FASTENING SYSTEM FOR DECKING

**Now with
Cortex Collated
Plugs!**

FEATURES

- Now with Pre-aligned Grain Collated Plugs
- Cortex Plugs made from deck board
- ACQ Approved
- Strip-out resistant #20 TORX® ttap® drive system

PACKAGING QUANTITIES (Loose)

- 100 lin ft (224 screws, 300 plugs, 2 setting tools)
- 100 sq ft (350 screws, 400 plugs, 3 setting tools)
- 300 sq ft (1050 screws, 1200 plugs, 6 setting tools)

PACKAGING QUANTITIES (Collated)

- 100 lin ft (224 screws, 240 plugs, 2 setting tools)
- 300 sq ft (1125 screws, 1200 plugs, 6 setting tools)

DESCRIPTION

The Cortex Hidden Fastening System is the fastest, easiest way to hide the heads of your deck screws across the entire deck, first and last board, perimeter, and stairs. Cortex plugs are made from the same material as market-leading deck boards.

COMPLETE HIDDEN FASTENING

Combine the versatility of Cortex for first board, last board, perimeter boards and stairs with the speed and ease of the Tiger Claw TC-G for the field of the deck to get a beautiful fastener-free surface.

LENGTH: 2 1/2"



INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

Installation with Spotter Lid Guide

Position the legs of the guide to straddle the joist or stringer and push guide flat to decking surface. Predrill through center holes using a standard 3/16" diameter drill bit. With the setting tool, drive screw at medium or high speed until it disengages at proper level below the deck surface. Drive at one continuous speed – do not slow down. Install 2 screws into decking at each joist. Maximum spacing between each row of 2 screws should be 16" on-center.

Installing Collated Cortex Plugs:

Tear off one strip of collated Cortex plugs from quad strip and position the leading plug into hole. With a clean hammer, gently tap plug into place. Pull collated strip away from installed plug, and tap plug once more to flush. For installation information, please view our Ask the FastenMaster **Complete Hidden Deck Fastening with TC-G and Cortex** video on our website.



Cortex for Trex Deck Selection Guide			
BOARD TYPE	PACKAGING QUANTITY	COVERAGE	SKU
Trex Select®	224 screws, 300 plugs, 2 setting tools	100 lin ft	FMCTX-TX1LFSL**
	1050 screws, 1200 plugs, 6 setting tools	300 sq ft	FMCTX-TX300SL*
Trex Transcend® (Collated Plugs)	224 screws, 300 plugs, 2 setting tools	100 lin ft	FMCTXTCL-TX1LFTS**
	1050 screws, 1200 plugs, 6 setting tools	300 sq ft	FMCTXTCL-TX300TS**
#20 TORX® ttap® driver bits (2 PK)			FMCTXSETTOOL3-2PK

Cortex is also available directly from the following board manufacturers: AZEK®, Clubhouse®, Fiberon®, Deckorators®, TimberTech®, and Wolf®. For information and stocking dealers, please visit their websites.

**Selecting SKU/Board Color

When ordering, please combine SKU column with board manufacturer color key.

Example: Cortex 100 sq ft for Trex Select Madeira = FMCTX-TFX300SLMD

Cortex Deck Replacement Plugs SKU Selection Guide			
	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	SKU
Trex®	40 pc loose replacement plugs	Enhance	FMCTXPG-TX40EN**
		Select	FMCTXPG-TX40SL**
		Transcend	FMCTXPG-TX40TS**



Trex Transcend®



Trex Select®



New board colors are always being added to the Cortex product line. If the board color you are looking for is not listed, consult our website for recent updates or call FastenMaster customer service.

For technical support or to place an order: 800-518-3569 or www.FastenMaster.com