



COMPOSITE DECKING
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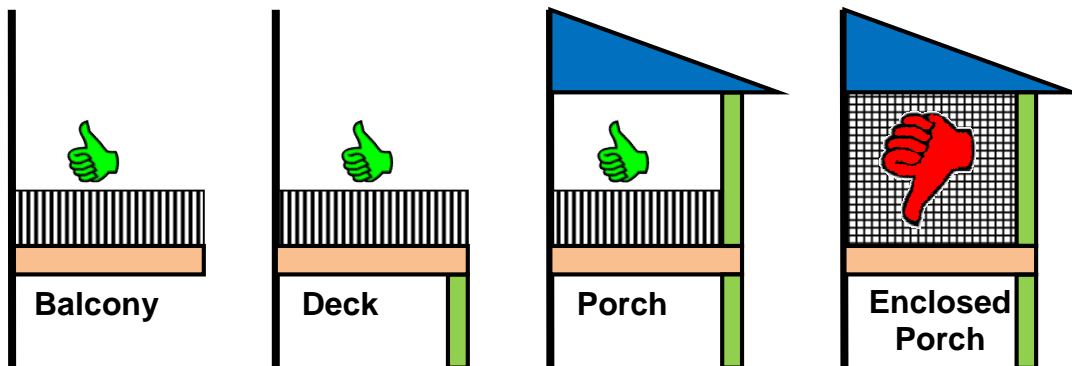


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If you plan to use composite decking material such as AZEK, Choicedek, Trex, Timbertech, or any of the other new deck materials, the product must have an approval report from a nationally recognized testing agency such as the International Code Council Evaluation Services (ICC-ES). This report will provide the basis for acceptance by the Grand Rapids Building Safety Division and how it can be used by the permit holder.

You must read the report carefully and thoroughly.

Almost all composite decking materials are limited by the manufacturer to exterior uses only. This **excludes** their use in enclosed porches, sun rooms, and other similar rooms.



Composites are generally not designed for supporting loads. Column loads may not bear on composite decking.

Not all composites are approved for use as **stair tread material**. **Read the report!** Some manufacturers require that stair jacks be placed as close as 8" on center.

Composite decking may not be used as a structural component of a guard rail unless specified by the manufacturer.