

SCREW PRODUCTS INC.



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Screw Products, Inc Obtains Assets of DeckLok, The Advanced Lateral Anchor

ICC-ES-2114, proves DeckLok Patented Connection Meets Code

"DeckLok Strengthens All Three Critical Deck Connections! You NEED DeckLok to meet Code!",



Screw Products, Inc. has recently acquired the assets of DeckLok Bracket Systems. DeckLok is a patented, Advanced Lateral Anchoring system that significantly strengthens the critical connections between deck components to greatly reduce the risk of collapse. The DeckLok system enhances the critical nailed connections with lateral brackets that are bolted to hold the deck's sub frame together. Decks fail when the nailed connections pull loose. When DeckLok anchors are used, decks hold together to the limit of the timber strength, not just until the nails pull out. By adding DeckLok Brackets to your current construction methods, your deck will be able to meet or exceed IRC & IBC 2006 requirements for resisting lateral force and guard rail post loads.

The DeckLok lateral anchor system was engineered to address the three most critical connections on a deck: railing systems, ledger boards and stair stringers.

- For rail posts, DeckLok creates a bolted connection, oriented in shear, between the rail post and the deck floor joist. A single DeckLok Lateral Anchor provides a 500 percent strength increase over current construction methods.
- For ledger boards, DeckLok anchors the deck's ledger board to the floor joists of the house. Each set of anchors used provides up to 4,000 pounds of resistance to deck pullout and collapse.
- For stair stringers, the DeckLok Lateral Anchor reinforces the connection between the stair stringer and the deck frame to reduce the possibility of the stairs shifting away from the deck and collapsing.

Simply put, your deck will be dramatically stronger and safer.

As decks get older, the wood degrades (dries out, cracks, checks) and the nailed and screwed connections become unreliable; the possibility for collapse dramatically increases. DeckLok Lateral Anchors can be easily retrofitted to existing decks, as well as new construction, to strengthen the substructure of your deck.

DeckLok Advanced Lateral Anchors are constructed from 16 gauge steel and available with a post-manufactured hot dip galvanized coating for traditional deck applications and in 316 stainless steel for use on boat docks and other seacoast applications. These products are compatible with treated wood products.

For more information about the DeckLok - The Advanced Lateral Anchor, visit www.screw-products.com or call, toll-free, (877) 844-8880.

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