



DuraLife™ Step-Clip™ for Kebony

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KEBONY INTRODUCES DURALIFE™ STEP-CLIP™ FOR KEBONY TO MAKE DECK INSTALLATION SIMPLE, QUICK AND SECURE

St. Clair, MI – June 12, 2019 – Environmentally friendly modified wood manufacturer Kebony today announced the launch of the *DuraLife™* Step-Clip™ for Kebony system available in the US, according to Andy Hehl, Kebony US Manager.

The Step-Clip for Kebony system uses easy to install strips along with custom profiled Kebony deck boards to minimize the time and labor spent surfacing decks. First, strips are placed directly onto the joists with a pneumatic nail gun. Each strip is designed to not only protect the top of the joists, eliminating the need for joist protection tape, but also properly spaces each deck board. Once the strips are properly laid, the installer simply steps on the Kebony deck boards to snap them into place, making installation simple, easy and fast.

“Builders and contractors will save significant time surfacing decks and spare themselves fatigue with this new system,” Hehl said. “Using it eliminates several tasking steps in conventional deck installation.”

With this system, the risk of installer mistakes is significantly reduced, and installers can use their time more wisely, as there is no need to stop and wait for special cuts or posts; Step-Clip enables them to be completed after the main boards are installed. The Step-Clip for Kebony system is sold with 1-1/4” stainless steel ring shank coil roofing nails, so there isn’t a need to buy specialty hardware to use the system.

Design elements supported by Step-Clip for Kebony include picture framing, feature/divider boards, perpendicular divider boards, and others. This quick, easy to install to system reduces time and creates a stunning Kebony deck without visible surface nails or screws.

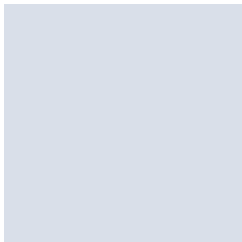
Kebony is a Norwegian company which aims to be the **leading wood brand and technology organization**. Underpinned by proven timber modification technologies, it produces an enhanced wood of a superior quality that is both environmentally friendly and cost-effective.

The company's **headquarters is based in Oslo**, with its production facility in Skien, South of Oslo. Currently employing about 60 people, Kebony has subsidiaries in Norway, Denmark and Sweden, sales representatives in Germany, France, UK and the US and a wide distribution network internationally. Shareholders are leading the venture with private equity investors from Germany, France, UK and Norway. The company has received numerous awards for its environmentally friendly technology and innovation, including its naming as a World Economic Forum Technology Pioneer.

The **Kebony® technology** permanently transforms sustainable wood species such as pine into Kebony wood with features that are comparable, and in some cases superior, to those of precious tropical hardwoods. This unique environmentally friendly process is also a superior alternative to traditional wood treatment based on impregnation with biocides (wood preservatives). The company's patent-protected production processes yield products that deliver major improvements in durability and dimensional stability, at the same time as being highly attractive. The Kebony products are suitable for a multitude of applications and designs – encompassing both indoor and outdoor applications.

Kebony's mission is, through active innovation, quality thinking and understanding of commercial possibilities; give the world beautiful, long lasting and environmentally friendly wood products. The company will show social responsibility and contribute to improvements of the environment in a way that builds a better future.

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