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Single Family Residential Uncovered Decks and Porches



Detail A

TABLE R507.2 DECK LEDGER CONNECTION TO BAND JOIST^{a, b} (Deck live load = 40 psf, deck dead load = 10 psf, snow load ≤ 40 psf)

	JOIST SPAN							
CONNECTION DETAILS	6' and less	6'1" to 8'	8′1″ to 10′	10′1″ to 12′	12'1" to 14'	14′1″ to 16′	16′1″ to 18′	
	On-center spacing of fasteners							
¹ / ₂ -inch diameter lag screw with ¹ / ₂ -inch maximum sheathing ^{c, d}	30	23	18	15	13	11	10	
$^{1/2}$ -inch diameter bolt with $^{1/2}$ -inch maximum sheathing ^d	36	36	34	29	24	21	19	
¹ / ₂ -inch diameter bolt with 1-inch maximum sheathing ^e	36	36	29	24	21	18	16	

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 pound per square foot = 0.0479 kPa.

a. Ledgers shall be flashed in accordance with Section R703.8 to prevent water from contacting the house band joist.

b. Snow load shall not be assumed to act concurrently with live load.

c. The tip of the lag screw shall fully extend beyond the inside face of the band joist.

d. Sheathing shall be wood structural panel or solid sawn lumber.

e. Sheathing shall be permitted to be wood structural panel, gypsum board, fiberboard, lumber or foam sheathing. Up to $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch thickness of stacked washers shall be permitted to substitute for up to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of allowable sheathing thickness where combined with wood structural panel or lumber sheathing.



FIGURE R507.2.1(1) PLACEMENT OF LAG SCREWS AND BOLTS IN LEDGERS



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Detail B



FIGURE R507.5 TYPICAL DECK JOIST SPANS

	TABLE R507.5	
DEC	(JOIST SPANS FOR COMMON LUMBER SPEC	IES ^f (ft in.)

SPECIESª	SIZE	SPACING OF DE	CK JOISTS WITH (inches)	NO CANTILEVER ^b	SPACING OF DECK JOISTS WITH CANTILEVERS ^c (inches)		
		12	16	24	12	16	24
Southern pine	2×6	9-11	9-0	7-7	6-8	6-8	6-8
	2×8	13-1	11-10	9-8	10-1	10-1	9-8
	2×10	16-2	14-0	11-5	14-6	14-0	11-5
	2×12	18-0	16-6	13-6	18-0	16-6	13-6
Douglas fir-larch ^d , hem-fir ^d spruce-pine-fir ^d	2×6	9-6	8-8	7-2	6-3	6-3	6-3
	2×8	12-6	11-1	9-1	9-5	9-5	9-1
	2×10	15-8	13-7	11-1	13-7	13-7	11-1
	2×12	18-0	15-9	12-10	18-0	15-9	12-10
Redwood, western cedars, ponderosa pine ^e , red pine ^e	2×6	8-10	8-0	7-0	5-7	5-7	5-7
	2×8	11-8	10-7	8-8	8-6	8-6	8-6
	2×10	14-11	13-0	10-7	12-3	12-3	10-7
	2 × 12	17-5	15-1	12-4	16-5	15-1	12-4

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Stair & Handrail Specifications



Handrail Notes:

- 1. Handrails shall be continuous on at least one side of stairs with 4 or more risers.
- 2. Top of the handrails shall be placed not less than 34 inches nor more than 38 inches above stair nosings.
- 3. The handgrip portion of handrails shall be not less than 1-1/4 inches nor more than 2 1/4 inches in cross section for non circular handrails.
- 4. Handrails shall be placed not less than 1-1/2 inches from any wall or other surface.

