



INSPECT YOUR DECK LEDGER BOARD INSPECTION SHEET

50% of decks in the United States are beyond their safe service life, leaving 30 million outdoor living structures in need of rebuild.

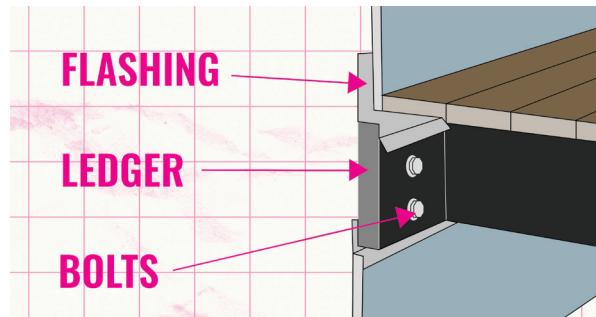
A ledger board (or simply, ledger) is a key structural element that helps provide strength and stability to a deck. **Making sure the ledger is in safe working condition and built right is essential for safety and durability.**

TWO COMMON REASONS WHY LEDGER BOARDS FAIL



ROTTING AND BOARD INTEGRITY

- As the ledger is exposed to the elements, it may rot over time
- Not just an aesthetics issue, rot can also cause structural damage
- Insect damage can significantly reduce ledger strength
- Wind pressure and the weight of the deck can impact the ledger



IMPROPER FASTENING AND FLASHING

- Not using approved screws or bolts
- Inadequate spacing/not using enough fasteners
- Faulty flashing, allowing water to seep behind the ledger
- Ledger is anchored to rotted or improper home rim joist

LEDGER BOARD SAFETY INSPECTION

Check if your ledger board is attached with approved screws and bolts in an alternating pattern. If you only see nails, add bolts according to local building codes.

Look for rusted, damaged, loose or nonsecure fasteners. Rusted fasteners should be replaced and we recommend stainless-steel or other corrosion-resistant alternatives.

Use a screwdriver to inspect the physical aspects of the ledger board. If it looks rotted, cracked or feels spongy, your ledger board must be replaced.

This is a simple guide created to help homeowners perform a preliminary ledger board inspection. Owens Corning recommends working with a certified home inspector to perform a proper checkup for the whole deck structure. Find an inspector: <https://www.nadra.org/membership/directory/inspectors#directory/map>

OWENS CORNING LUMBER STRUCTURAL FRAMING DESIGNED FOR BETTER BUILT LEDGER BOARDS

If you plan to replace or build a new deck, consider selecting materials designed to enable safe, resilient structures.

ATTRIBUTES	OC™ LUMBER STRUCTURAL FRAMING	WOOD	STEEL
Rotproof	✓	✗	✓
Rustproof	✓	✓	✗
Rated for underwater contact (fresh & salt)	✓	✗	✗

OWENS CORNING LUMBER LEDGER BOARD PROFILES



2" x 6" (1.5" x 5.5")
Standard Lengths:
12', 16', 20'
Woodgrain:
Both sides



2" x 8" (1.5" x 7.5")
Standard Lengths:
12', 16', 20'
Woodgrain:
Both sides



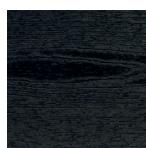
2" x 10" (1.5" x 9.25")
Standard Lengths:
12', 16', 20'
Woodgrain:
Both sides



2" x 12" (1.5" x 11.25")
Standard Length:
12', 16', 20'
Woodgrain:
Both sides

AVAILABLE IN A VARIETY OF COLORS

Black



Driftwood



Saddle



Weatherwood



White



Gray



Sand



All four standard profiles have a square-edged design. Check custom lengths and special colors availability with your Owens Corning representative. Minimum order quantity may apply. Product samples available upon request. Actual product colors may vary due to photographic lighting sources or screen settings.

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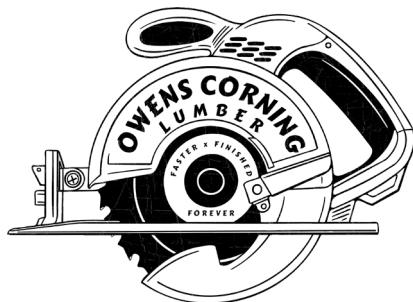
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