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## TECHNICAL BULLETIN

### Cutting and Drilling Tropical Forest Products

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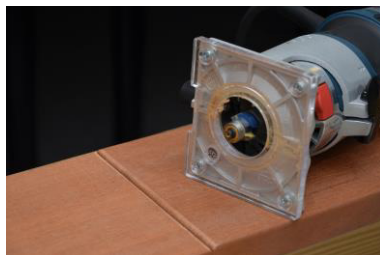
#### Cutting Tropical Forest Products Wood Decking and Cladding

Use carbide-tipped finish cut saw blades with 80 teeth or higher to reduce tear.

Use a small hand router with a radius bit to remove rough edges.

Use TFP PRODECK End Sealer to seal all ends immediately after cutting to reduce end checking.

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## Drilling

Holes should be drilled as far from the board ends as allowable (3/4" minimum) to reduce end splits from over torque of screw heads.

Use high-speed drills (2500–4000 RPM) that maintain consistent drilling speeds in combination with a fast spiral jobber or tapered drill bit.

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TFP PRODECK  
Pro-Plug Smart Bit



Fast Spiral Jobber Bit



Bit  
Countersink



Fast Spiral  
Taper Bit



Bit with  
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**Drill Bits and Drilling tools can be found in our TFP PRODECK Tool kit.**

Use heavy-duty drills (0 to 1000 RPM) with auger-style bits for heavy timber drilling.

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Auger Bit

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