TANDEM MODULAR GRID INSTALLATION GUIDE





Build your wooden frame

Attach your Modular Grid



Attach Lafitt Tandem Veneer with Connector



Finish with Lafitt Tandem Cap Unit

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The Tandem[®] system allows you to install different outdoor living components such as outdoor kitchens (barbecue, fridge, bar), patio furniture (bench and table), flower box, outdoor gas fireplace, privacy wall, fencing and deck skirting.

You can easily build all these features if you use the new Tandem Modular Grid.

OUR SYSTEM HAS MULTIPLE BENEFITS:

- Provides a unified look for all the features of the landscaping design.
- Provides a durable, economical and maintenance-free solution.
- Offers great flexibility and unrestricted creativity regarding the configuration and size of components to be constructed.
- Offers a solution to difficult issues (e.g. deck skirting).

BASIC PRINCIPLES

A set of Tandem Modular Grids is attached to a treated wood structure. Tandem veneers are then attached to the grids. Since veneer units are manufactured in multiples of 2 %, the overall dimensions of outdoor units should always be a multiple of

2 % in order to avoid cuts. The wooden structure should be built taking into account the modular design of Tandem veneers. The same applies to the height, which must be a multiple of 7 1/16. The item is finished off with an appropriate capping module. You can construct a range of outdoor units of various dimensions.

MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE SYSTEM

- Tandem Modular Grid, 28" × 42 $\frac{1}{2}$, including stainless steel screws and loop clamps for fastening. A modular grid covers a facing surface of 8.40 sqft. Each modular grid includes a kit of 25 connectors, 10 × 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ screws and 10 loop clamps.
- Tandem veneer units.
- Galvanized shelf angle (for deck skirting, privacy walls and fences) 2 $1\!\!/_2$ × 2 $1\!\!/_2$ × 8' (min 10 gauge, Z275 G90 galvanized steel, ASTM A653 Grade 33).
- Concrete capping module (Sold Separately)





OTHER COMPONENTS (SOLD SEPARATELY)

- Treated Wood: 2x4, 2x6 and 2x8 boards, 4x4 or 6x6 posts, 4x8 plywood sheets (all wood should be treated against rot and must be category S-P-F #1 or better). Refer to the various suppliers' specific application sheets for details.
- Fiber cement panels 48" × 96" × 1/2.
- #10 screws of varying lengths, nuts, bolts and washers where required, all in stainless steel. It is not recommended to use treated wood screws (green ceramic) or metal plated screws (zinc, copper or other).
- Hilti Kwik Bolt®-type anchors (for concrete deck skirting).
- Simpson Strong-Tie-type hardware for construction of wood frame for deck.
- Custom countertops made of granite, quartz, marble and natural stone as alternatives to concrete tops.
- Cementitious adhesive for between each layer of veneers.
- Eliminates the use of cementitious products (mortar).

You must always take the modular design of Tandem® veneers into account when constructing wood framing. The overall dimensions of outdoor units must always be a multiple of 2 5% in length and width and 7 1/16 in height. When installing the framing, remember that grids need a 5% space between the veneer and the frame.

Bearing this in mind, the following tables show detailed measurements for the framing of units. These tables are very useful for quickly calculating the actual dimensions of the wood framing and the unit to be constructed to build the component without any veneers cut.

NOTE: When using a Dim A less than 15 ¹³/₁₆ cuts will be needed.



Table of component and its wood frame dimensions based on the modular format of veneers

DIM A (IN)	DIM A (MM)	DIM B (IN)	DIM B (MM)
715/16	201	13⁄8	35
10%16	268	4	102
13¾	335	65⁄8	169
1513/16	402	95⁄16	236
181/16	469	1115/16	303
211/8	536	14%16	370
23¾	603	17³⁄16	437
263⁄8	670	19 ¹³ ⁄16	504
29	737	221/2	571
31⁵⁄≋	804	251⁄8	638
345⁄16	871	27¾	705
3615/16	938	30¾	772
39%16	1005	331/16	839
42¾	1072	3511/16	906
44 ¹³ ⁄16	1139	38¼	973
471/2	1206	4015/16	1040
501/8	1273	43%16	1107
52¾	1340	46¼	1174
55%	1407	481/8	1241
581⁄16	1474	51½	1308
60 ¹¹ /16	1541	541/8	1375
635⁄16	1608	56¾	1442
65 ¹⁵ ⁄16	1675	593⁄8	1509
68%16	1742	621/16	1576
71¼	1809	645/8	1643
73%	1876	675⁄16	1710
76½	1943	6915/16	1777
791⁄8	2010	72⁵⁄8	1844
81¾	2077	75¼	1911
847/16	2144	77%	1978
871/16	2211	801/2	2045
89 ¹ 1⁄16	2278	831/8	2112
925⁄16	2345	85¾	2179
94 ¹⁵ ⁄16	2412	887/16	2246
975⁄8	2479	911/16	2313
1001⁄4	2546	9311/16	2380
1027⁄8	2613	965⁄16	2447
105½	2680	99	2514

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TANDEM® COLUMN COMPONENTS





1 Column grid Final height: 42" (Shown with U Start Base Block®)

Connectors: 50 connectors per bag (Enough for 1-42" column)





Pallet of panels

21.8 square feet needed per column. Use modules G only (Lg Unit 18.5"w) 24 of the long pieces are needed (21.6 sf)

24" x 24" Tandem Wall Cap (Sold Separately)



Install Base Block



Take a panel and slide the supplied connectors into the dovetails until they snap onto the horizontal rod of the grid.

of the grid is clear

STEP 4



Take another stone and repeat the same process. Make sure you have a corner stone to finish the corner. Once installed, slide the stone along the horizontal axis to adjust the corner.

STEP 5



Once you have completed the first two rows, use a square to make sure the column is square and then fill the space with 3/4" clear aggregate. Fill the empty space with aggregates at every row.

Cutting Line Horizontal Rod

If you have to cut the grid before installation on the base, you must cut the vertical rod at mid distance between two horizontal rods as shown below.



To integrate a wall into the column set the first course up against the column.



At the second row the long veneer on the column needs to be grooved. Set wall block into grooved veneer.

Note: You must groove a panel every other row.



STEP 7: GROOVED VENEER DETAIL

Every other row will require a grooved veneer.



When starting row 3 place full veneer panel across the top of grooved panel. The wall block in row 3 will butt up against column similar to row 1.

STEP 9





IMPORTANT

When you are starting the second row, make sure the base of the top panel hits the top portion of the connector.

When you have reached the last row, cut the top portion of the connectors with pliers snippers or just by twisting the top portion with your hands.



Apply glue on the top of the panels before putting on the capping. IMPORTANT: The capping must lay on the panels , not on the grid.