



## Dewdocks recommends stainless steel screws

Stainless steel screws are more expensive, but the strength of the product is far superior to coated screws, (zinc-plated or painted). As a result coated screws are not recommended for the Dewdocks docking system for the following reasons:

- 1) Some screws are brittle; potentially allowing the head to twist off when screwed into wood.  
Try this as a test of potential screws:
  - clamp a coated screw in a vice and give it a blow with the palm of your hand; or, hold the screw with a pair of pliers and tap it on the floor – if you find the screw breaks with relative ease the screws are sub-standard.
  - stainless steel screws; when clamped in a vice, require more force and will bend, not break – use a hammer to test this principal.
- 2) Coated screws will rust and discolour wood, detracting from your dock's natural beauty. Stainless steel does not rust and will not cause discolouration.
- 3) Given that water is in motion, and in such close proximity to your dock, stainless steel is a preferred! – All hardware included in a Dewdocks docking system is stainless steel. i.e., header block bolts.
- 4) Stainless steel screws will allow you to replace the deck on your dock with relative ease in the future and the screws can be reused!

Dewdocks are designed with the option of having all blue, all black or a mixture of blue and black bumpers; however, Dewdocks suggests that you consider that at dusk and dawn (when light levels are poor), to use blue bumpers on the corners to help better distinguish the edge when docking your boat.

