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# Innovation and evolution



### The evolution of *I-Series*

It took innovative thinking, persistence and the belief that even great composite could be made better to develop I-Series. Here is the evolution of the composite revolution Eva-Last® has been leading since 2006.



#### Square hollow profiles hit the market Eva-Last® begins with cost effective square hollow first generation decking profiles, Eva-tech™ is introduced to the South African market.

#### Eva-Last introduces round hollow profiles Eva-Last® upgrades its lightweight decking range to the round hollow profile which begins to outperform square hollow decking in the market.

#### Solid summit board developed No internal moisture retention, but boards have limitations in moving, shipping and installing. Did not allow for greater spans. So Sub-structure costs still high. No structural benefit, same span as round hollow.



Eva-Last® sees potential in semi-solid profile designs and begins to develop a new lightweight composite board that can overcome moisture issues plaguing many hollow profiles.

#### Eva-Last® releases a revolutionary bamboo plastic composite board called Infinity. At the same time develops I-Series in Eva-tech finish with immediate success.

#### I-Series created with Infinity capping Eva-Last® launches I-Series with Infinity™, and sets a new standard for lightweight composite decking.





### I-Series track record

Eva-Last® is the world leader in the development and manufacture of lightweight, high performance composite decking profiles. It has been successfully tested in some of the harshest climatic environments that a deck can endure.



2015 Installation, South Africa

I-Series adds beauty as well as function to this stunning game reserve.





**2012 Installation, Namibia**Eva-Last® composite thrives even in the harshest of conditions.



### A look at recent history

The *I-Series* range was introduced to the African market in 2016, and Eva-Last® has painstakingly worked to enhance the overall features of this new step in direction of composite technology.







Two versions of *I-Series* boards are successfully produced using Eva-tech<sup>TM</sup> first generation technology.





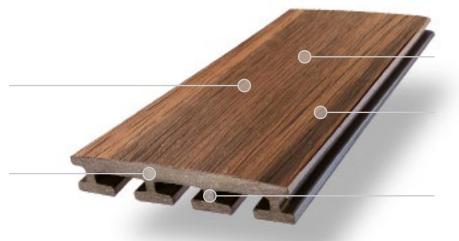


I-Series is enhanced through
 Infinity™ co-extrusion technology and advanced protective cap.

### 2019/2020

Infinity<sup>TM</sup> engineered polymer cap.

High density bamboo fibre & polymer composite core



Enhanced timber grain surface aesthetics.

Greater and richer colour variation.

Optimisation of I-beam engineering principals





NEW colours, textures and finishes are offered exclusively for *I-Series* family of profiles.

Superior capping technology Greater slip resistance, deeper, richer colours for a more natural look



### Family of profiles

The *I-Series* product range includes grooved, non-grooved and starter profiles. This allows the range to be very useful in many decking situations including framing, starter boards, trim, cladding and vertical applications.



#### **Grooved boards**

The standard and most popular grooved I-series boards are extremely versatile profiles and are designed to be easy to install using HULK hidden fasteners (clip & screw).



#### Starter boards

Starter boards are used as the first and last boards installed on a deck and have one side grooved and one side square edge. These boards are top fixed in a line on the outer edge providing a more finished look around deck edges and reducing visibility of face fixings.

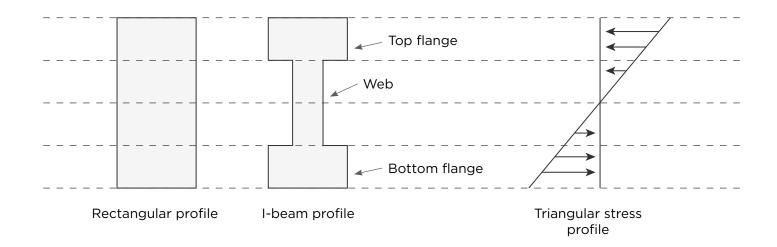


#### Non-grooved boards

Non-grooved or square edge boards do not have a groove for hidden clip fastening but rather work like traditional decking planks being fastened through the surface with deck screws. *I-Series* product architecture



### Why an *I*-beam?



The I-beam design is created to resist maximum bending. An I-section posesses great mechanical strength and is more efficient and economical than even a solid profile due to the following reasons:



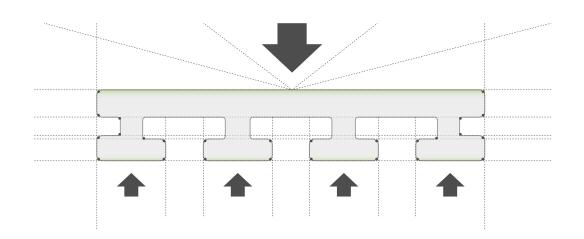
- **1. Stress profile** is triangular and near zero at the neutral axis. The middle portion of the beam resists bending, as compared to the top and bottom flanges.
- 2. I-beam works out much more economical and it saves on material costs.

## **Structural integrity**

Superior I-beam shape creates improved strength and increased load capacity.

The *I-Series* family of profiles has the highest possible flexural performance and stiffness, even superior to a solid profile. Load bearing and joist spacing are increased substantially through use of *I-Series* profiles in product testing.

Extensive testing undertaken to confirm the full extent of *I-Series* performance benefits.



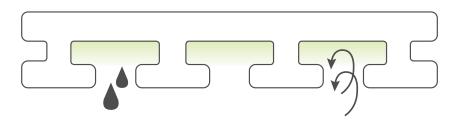
#### Three point ultimate load test example: I-Series vs competitor product

*I-Series* far outperforms other lightweight composite decking boards.

Board	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Span (mm)	Max load (kN)	MOR (MPa)	MOE (MPa)
Eva-Last I-Series	135	25,5	400	4.9	32	5730.5
Competitor	137,6	23,8	400	1.6	12.079	1316.549



### No internal moisture retention & greater ventilation



#### I-Series avoids moisture ingress issues and is well ventilated through the open sub-surface design.

The biggest issue with hollow or light weight composite decking profiles historically has been moisture getting trapped in the chambers of the profile or moisture penetrating the product wall. This causes cracking, swelling and moisture driven expansion which can jeopardise the integrity of the material and cause surface deviation.

The *I-Series* product range solves this problem.

#### Moisture issues plaguing hollow boards



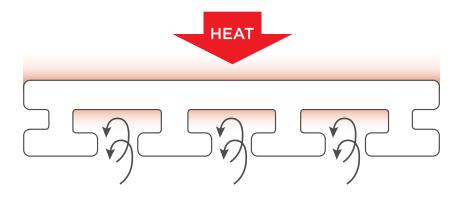
Swelling, warping and bending



Cracking and splitting



### Improved heat dissipation



The *I-Series* design does not trap heat and has better ventilation.

The *I-Series* range of profiles dissipates heat and evacuates hot air more efficiently than other profile shapes, which slightly improves surface heat build up.



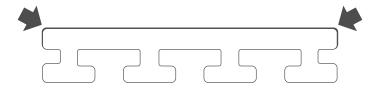
Less surface heat retention



### The *Infinity*<sup>TM</sup> cap

For years we have been working to make the best looking, highest performing, longest lasting capped decking profile on the market.

And we've done it.



#### Popular colour examples with enhanced wood grain aesthetics



*I-Series with Infinity*<sup>™</sup> capping technology

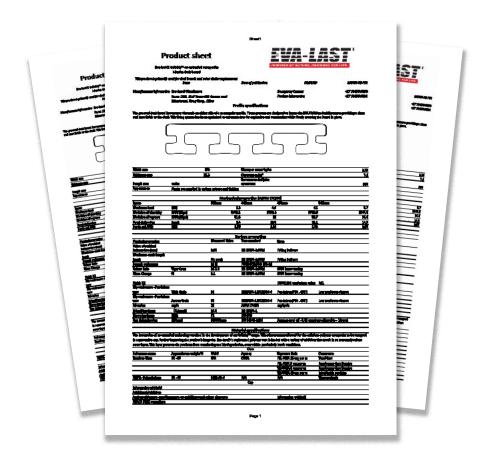
*I-Series* is a capped, single sided decking profile which incorporates the renowned Infinity $^{\text{TM}}$  superior polymer capping technology.

*I-Series* product testing & results



### **Extensive product testing**

Years of extensive and meticulous real-life and lab testing have been carefully conducted on *I-Series* boards. Eva-Last® is proud to share this testing data and results with interested industry professionals.



For specific product test reports please visit www.eva-last.com



### Example of improved mechanical properties

Results

Spans		350 mm	400 mm	450 mm	500 mm
Maximum load	(kN)	5.5	4.9	4.2	3.7
Modulus of elasticity	MOE (Mpa)	5449.2	5730.5	5753.8	5944.8
Modulus of rupture	MOR (Mpa)	31.6	32	30.7	30.4
Total deflection	(mm)	8.4	10.3	12.1	14.9
Loads at L/180	(kN)	1.38	1.26	1.06	0.96

For full mechanical testing and data results, please reference the I-Series Product Mechanical Data sheet.



### **Example of improved material properties**

Results

Physical properties		Test standard	Note	Measured Value
Water absorption after 24 hours %		EN 15534-1:2014	Change in mass	0.2
Swelling after 24 hours %	thickness	EN 15534-1:2014		0.1
	width	EN 15534-1:2014		0
	length	EN 15534-1:2014		0
Water absorption after 28 days %		EN 15534-1:2014	Change in mass	0.6
Swelling after 24 hours %	thickness	EN 15534-1:2014		0.2
	width	EN 15534-1:2014		0
	length	EN 15534-1:2014		0.1

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**Recap of benefits** 



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Light-weight

Cost effective

Longer span

**Increased stiffness** 

Faster installation

Can't trap moisture

I-Series lightweight boards are engineered to perform better, look better and last longer. They have the durability of much heavier boards, but at a weight that is easier to transport and install. Their unique I-beam shape increases the stiffness of the boards, giving them a remarkable span of up to 600 mm. This industry-leading span calls for less substructure material and decreases installation time and costs for the end user.

I-Series is created for long-term performance with a design that drains rather than retains any moisture, making all moisture-related issues that once plagued composite a thing of the past. To top it all off, I-Series has been carefully constructed with a natural look surface, available in a range of handsome colours and finishes.

# The business case



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**Reduced decking material costs** 



Reduced cost of fixtures and fittings



Reduced installation time (and cost)



**Ships more square meters** 



**Reduced cost of substructure** 



Less capital intensive

I-Series boards perform better but use less material - and create less waste - than traditional solid composite profiles or timber. I-Series have a lighter weight but greater span capacity than other composite boards, making transportation, handling and installation faster and easier. These features also save on the amount of substructure material required - up to 10% less than that used for wooden decks. The complementary hidden fastener system further reduces overall costs to the end user; I-Series boards require nearly 30% fewer fixtures and fixings for installation than other composites.

I-Series boards are more economical to ship, thanks to their lower mass and efficient two-board-bundling shipping method. In fact, distributors can receive up to 60% more square metres of decking in an I-Series shipment compared to other composites. This, in turn, helps make I-Series a less capital intensive product line for distributors to stock and promote. I-Series has just raised the bar on what composite should be.

## Thank you

For more information regarding the *I-Series* decking range, please visit www.eva-last.com