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ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

KRAFTON[®] GRP

BRIDGE DECKING PLANK 520.35

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STEP 1: PREPARATION

1. General

These assembly instructions are intended for fitting the krafton GRP bridge decking planks on various subconstructions and are applicable for bicycle bridges, pedestrian bridges and platforms.

Special attention must be paid to the expansion of the bridge deck and the application of expansion joints where necessary. The material expands as a result of heating from the sun. For this reason, the installation of expansion joints must be taken into account in order to compensate for the expansion. Please follow the instructions in these assembly instructions.

Please read these assembly instructions carefully and keep them handy when installing the product. Follow the instructions for safe and correct installation of the bridge decking planks. The manufacturer accepts no liability for damage resulting from improper installation and use.

2. Required tools and fasteners

Cutting: The material is best cut with a diamond saw. For example, a hand-held circular saw with a diamond blade.

Grinding: A grinder can also be used. This grinder must be fitted with a diamond blade for grinding dry concrete.

Drilling: If you choose to drill, a metal drill will suffice in most cases.

Our scope of delivery includes all necessary fixing materials.

3. Symbols and Safety instructions

Please ensure correct use and application of personal protective equipment.

- Wear a dust mask, grinding goggles and gloves.
- We also recommend the use of dust extractors when cutting and drilling, as well as hearing protection.

4. Substructure



- The substructure should be constructed taking into account the technical properties of the bridge decking planks used.
- The substructure must be level.
- We recommend that you provide sufficient gradient to prevent puddles of water from forming. Dirt collects in these puddles, which can freeze in winter conditions. This can cause slipperiness and risk of skidding.

STEP 2: ASSEMBLY

1. Application of EPDM rubber protector

Apply the supplied EPDM rubber protector with a minimum thickness of 1.2 mm between the bridge decking planks and the substructure before installing the bridge decking planks.

- The rubber intermediate layer prevents the abrasion of sharp steel edges in the legs of the bridge decking planks.
- The rubber intermediate layer also reduces sound transmission.
- Finally, the rubber protects the substructure against moisture from above.

2. Expansion of the bridge decking planks

The use of different materials causes differences in expansion and corresponding length changes. This must be taken into consideration when fitting the bridge decking planks.

The following expansion rates apply at application temperatures of -20°C to +80°C:

- Longitudinal direction: approx. 1.0 mm per meter.
- Transverse direction: approx. 1.6 mm per meter.

At intermediate temperatures, proportionally smaller expansions occur. The required expansion space depends on:

- The expansion of the substructure ;

- Temperature conditions (minimum and maximum temperature);
- Colour of the bridge decking planks; dark colours can reach a temperature of 80°C in direct sun.

When assembling in cold weather (< 15°C), the planks should be placed as far apart as possible once they have been hooked together. This means that in hot weather, when the planks expand again, that each plank has sufficient space to the adjacent planks.

3. Fitting methods

The following conditions must be observed when fitting the planks. Fastening must comply with the following specifications:

- Two fastenings per bridge decking plank and per beam.
- The beam width must be at least 60 mm for steel and 100 mm for wood.
- The minimum thickness of the steel flange is 6 mm.
- To protect the bridge decking plank, always place the supplied EPDM rubber protector with a minimum thickness of 1.2 mm between the bridge decking plank and the substructure.
- The screws must be set in the middle of the webs of the GRP plank.

The appendices contain a description of each fitting method.

STEP 3: FINISHING AND AFTERCARE

1. Finishing with angle profile

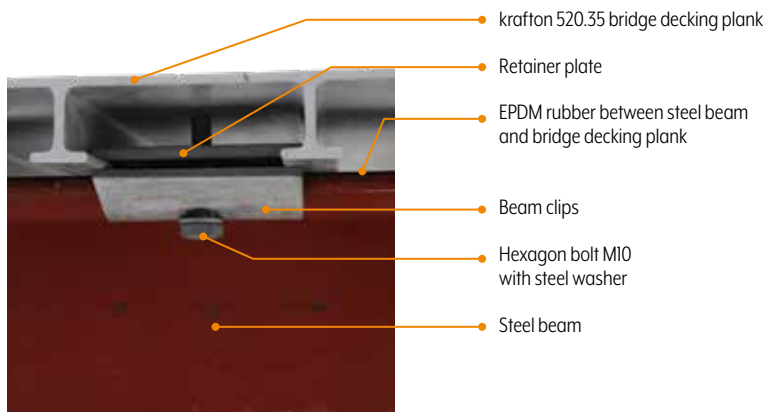
The planks can be finished easily and attractively using the angle profile supplied. The angle profile is easy to install from above using the supplied round head screws.

2. Maintenance instructions

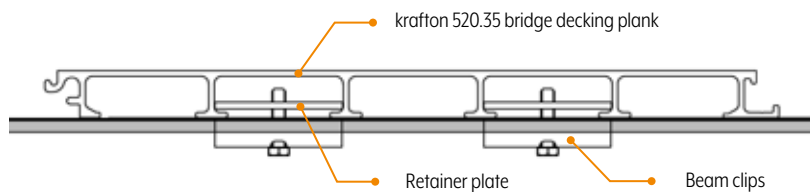
For long-term maintenance of the bridgedeck we recommend that you clean the bridge-deck annually using high-pressure cleaning. This will remove stones and dirt on the bridge deck and between the bridge decking planks from the expansion joints. If this dirt remains in the joints, it may result in damage to the bridge decking planks and the wear layer. After cleaning you can also check the bridge for any damage. Furthermore, we recommend that you check the fastenings annually and tighten them if necessary. This prevents noise nuisance caused by the deck rattling.

On steel, with beam clips and retainer plate

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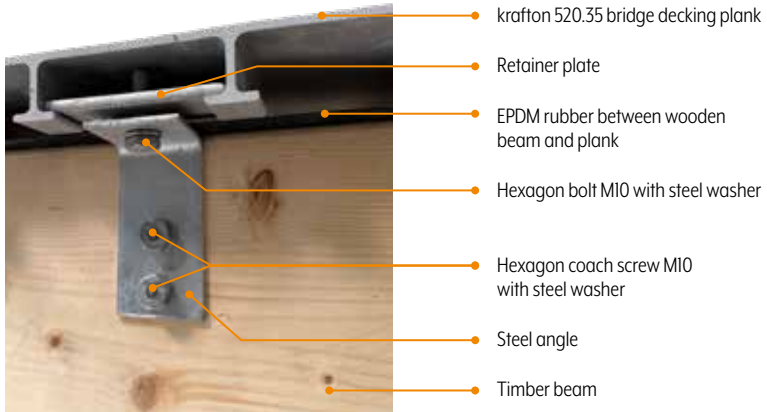


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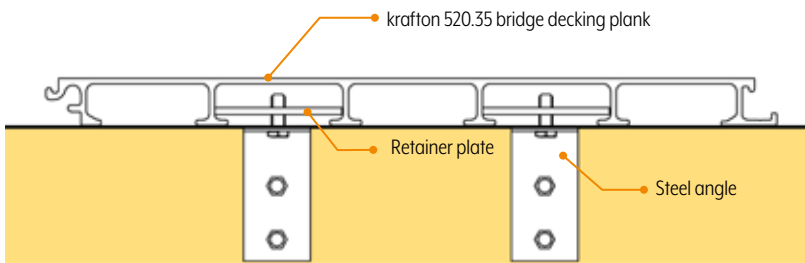


On timber, with steel angle profile and retainer plate

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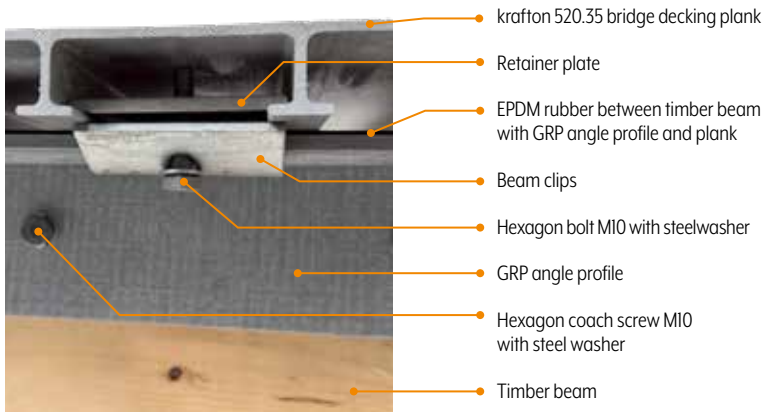


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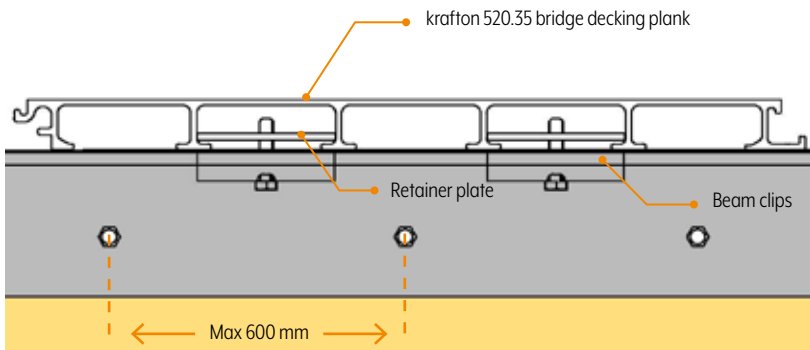


On timber, with continuous GRP angle profile, beam clips and retainer plate

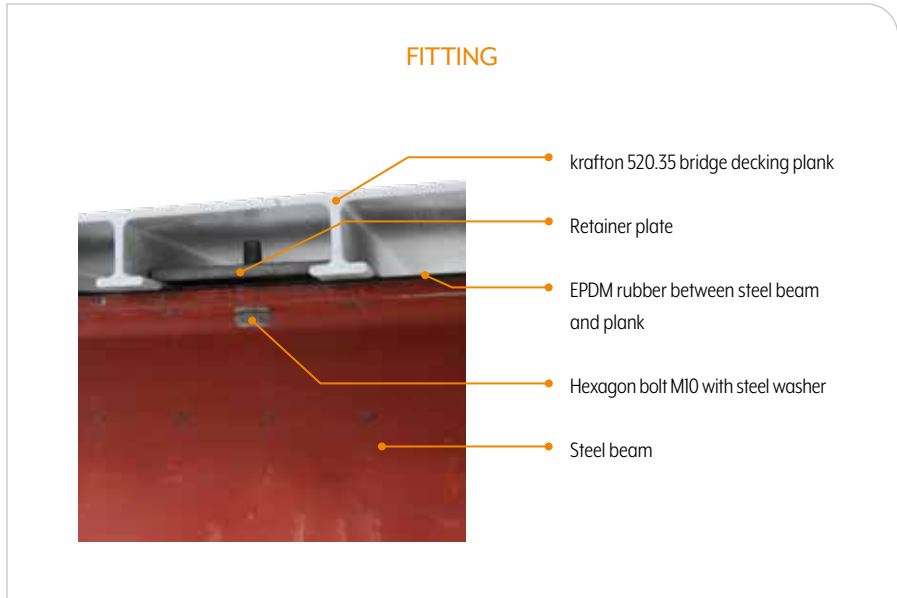
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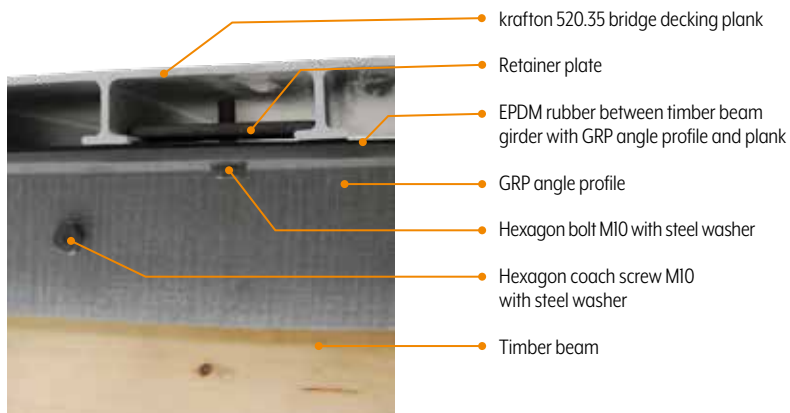
On steel or GRP, with retainer plate



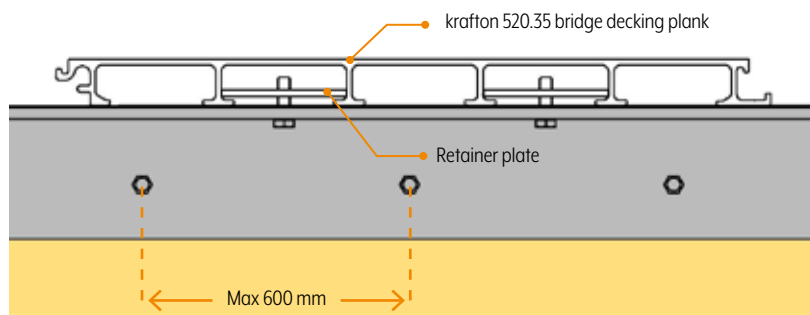
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On timber, with GRP angle profile and retainer plate

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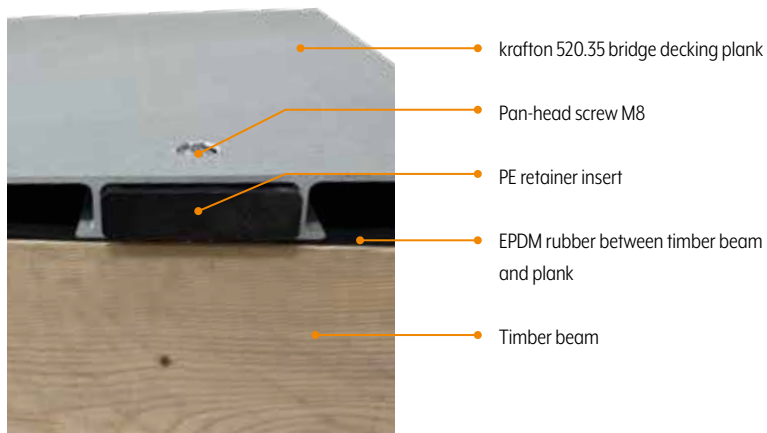


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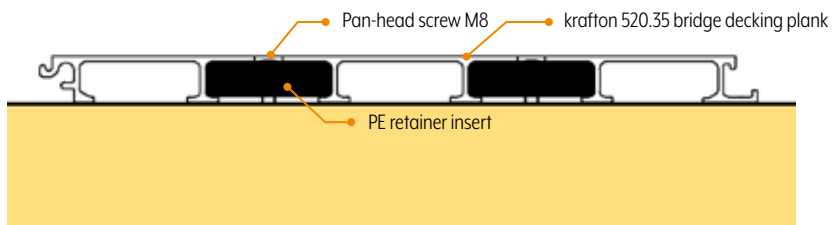
On timber, with PE retainer insert and pan-head screw

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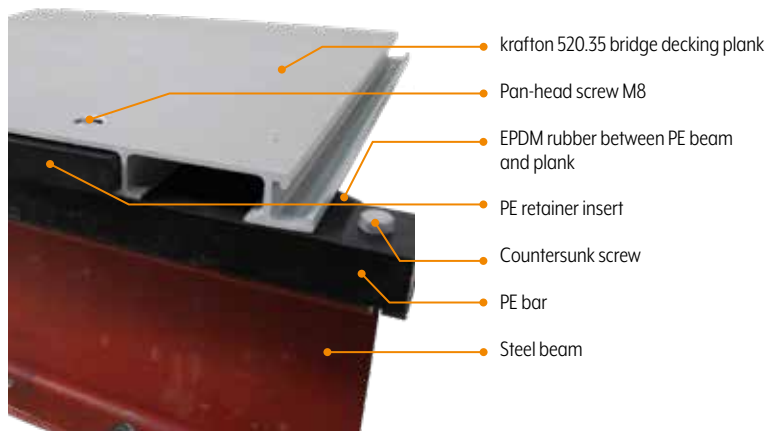
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Tighten the screw with a torque of 15 Nm.



On steel or GRP, with PE retainer insert, pan-head screw and PE beam

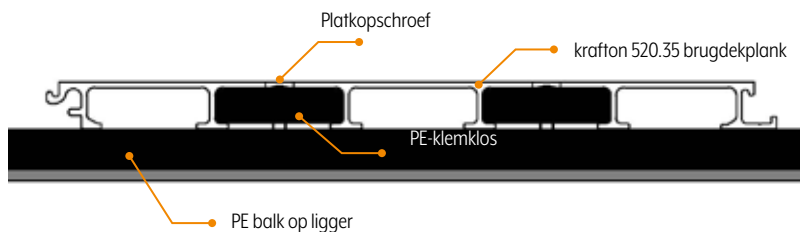
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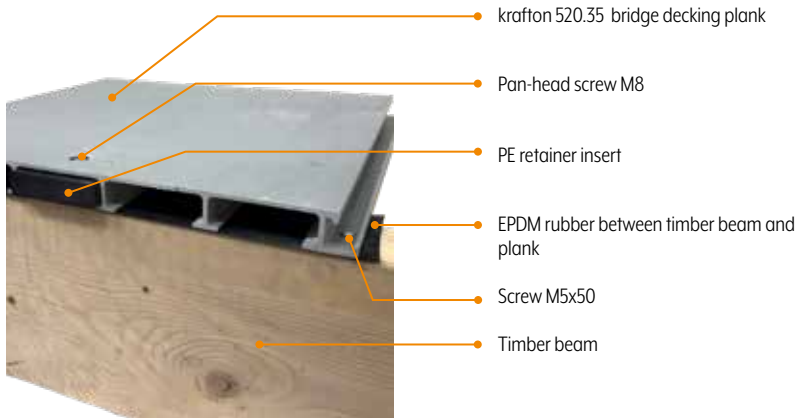
Tighten the screw with a torque of 30 Nm.

If the PE retainer insert is overtightened, a new PE retainer insert must be used.



Op timber, with PE retainer insert and screw from above

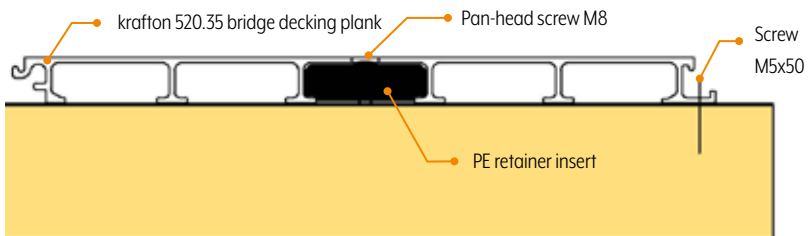
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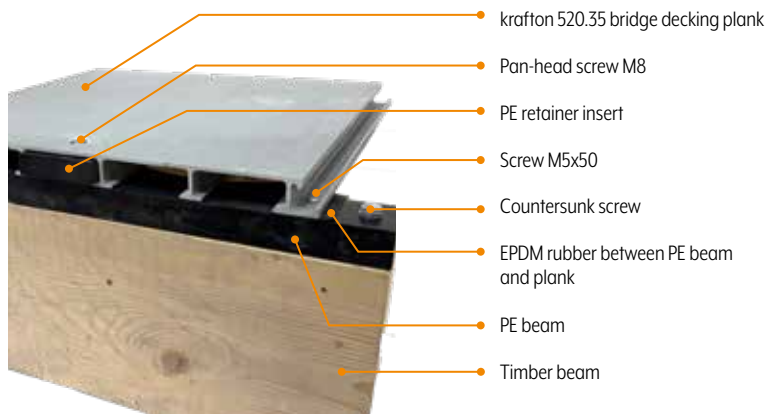
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On timber, with PE retainer insert, pan-head screw, screw from above and PE beam

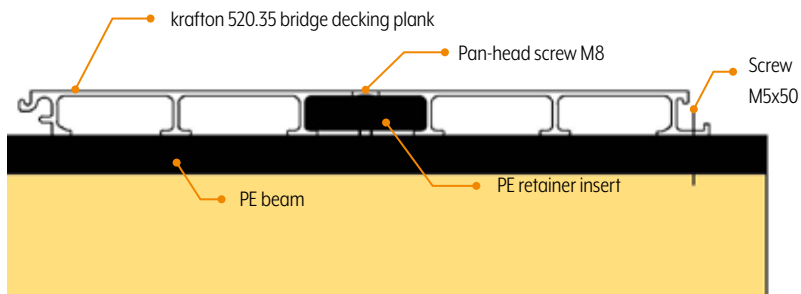
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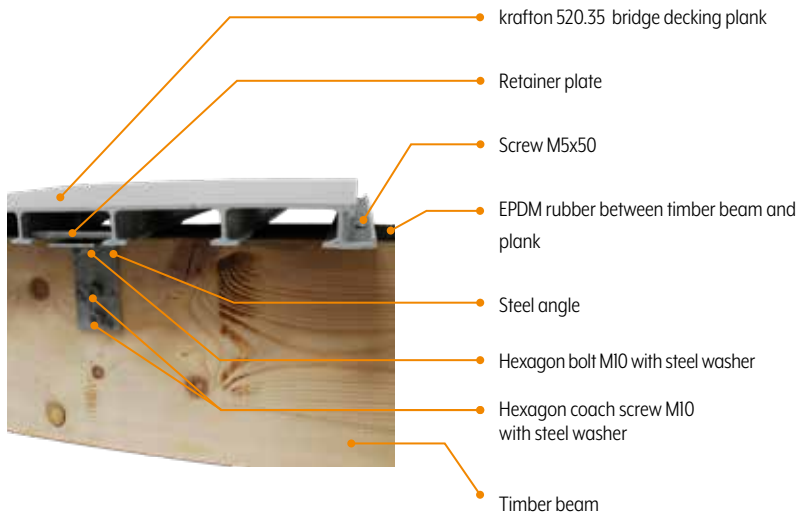
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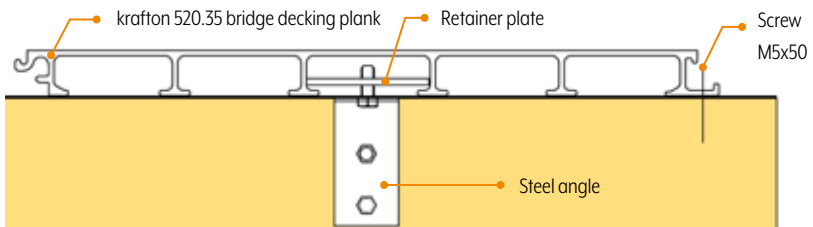


On timber, with steel angle profile, retainer plate and screw from above

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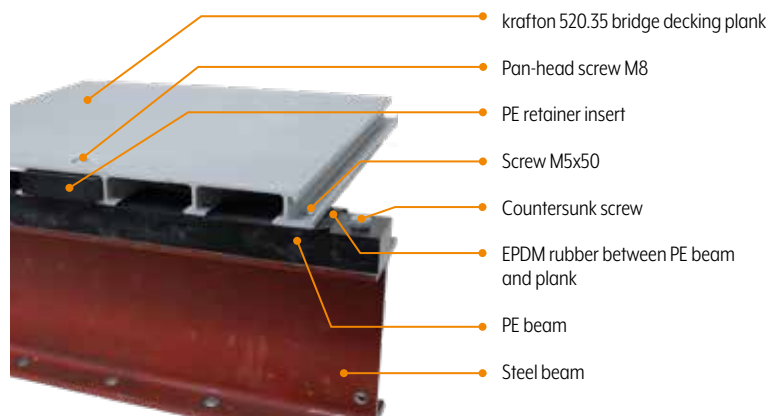


POSITION OF THE FASTENINGS



On steel, with PE retainer insert, pan-head screw and PE beam

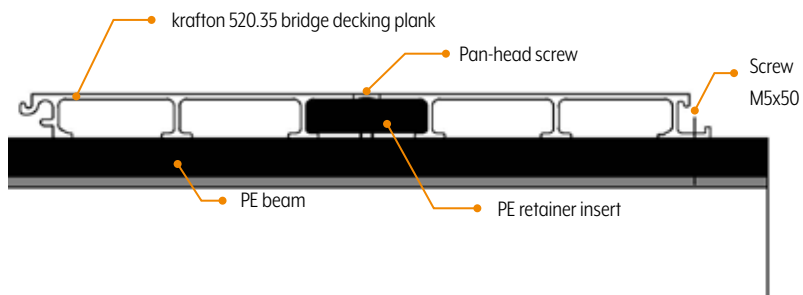
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Tighten the screw with a torque of 30 Nm.

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