

Aluminum Floating Docks and more

Marinas

Floating Docks

Wave Attenuators

Gangways

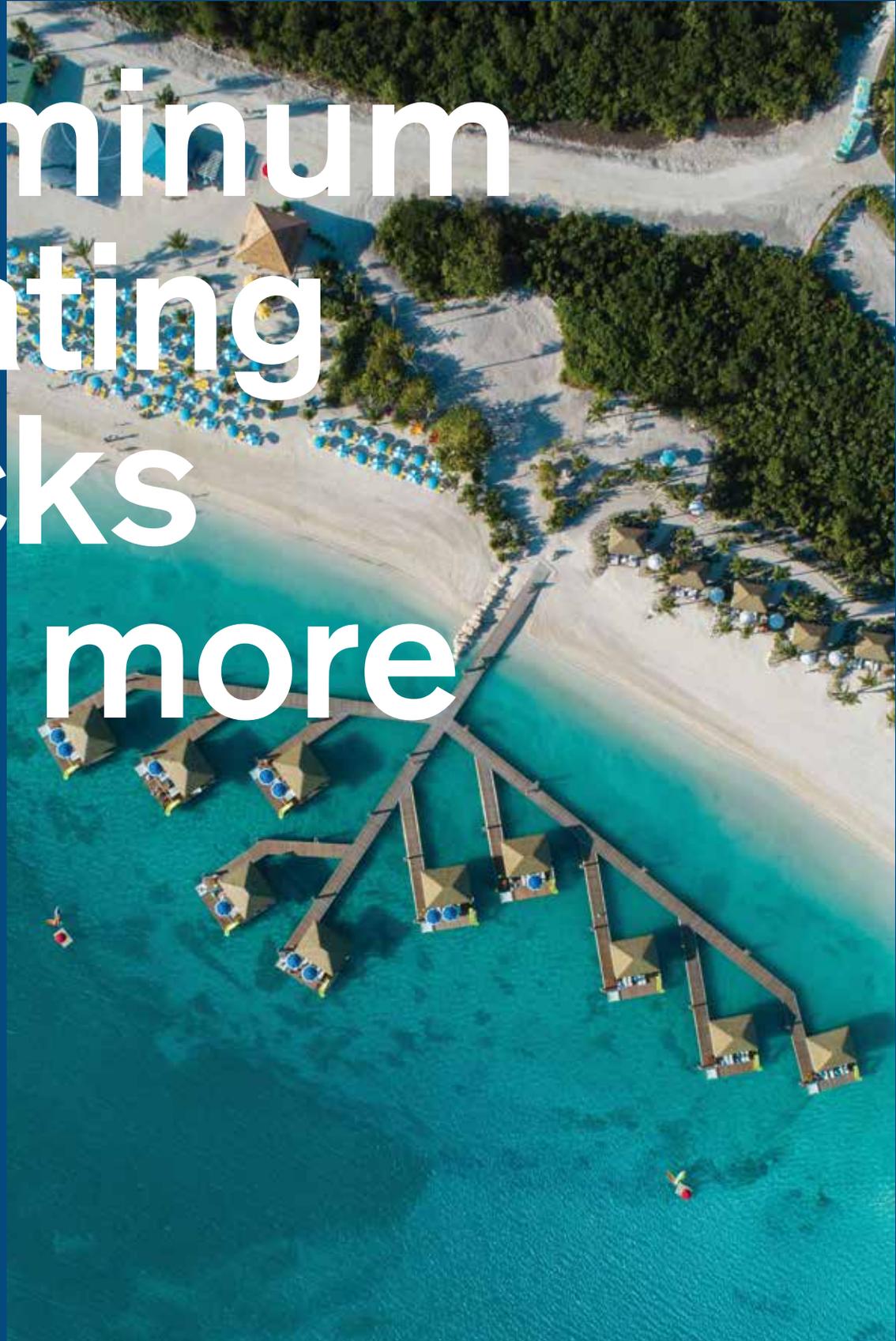


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For over 15 years, MAADI Group has delivered turnkey projects for the commercial maritime industry.

We are constantly innovating to maximize the efficiency of our products. Our low-maintenance structures leverage the sustainable benefits of aluminum to reduce our impact on the environment.



Introducing MAADI Group

We provide our clients—municipalities, governments, construction, manufacturing, and more—with the best, most advanced structural designs and building solutions to fit their specific project.

Our first priority is to make sure that your vision and needs are top of mind as we work alongside you and your team throughout the design, planning and implementation phases.

Who we are

MAADI Group is an independent aluminum engineering design and building firm based in Canada. We provide our clients with the most hard-wearing products to meet the needs of the sustainable development, construction and manufacturing industries.

Our team

- Professional engineers
- Technicians
- 3D designers
- Project managers
- Welders
- Daily labourers
- Buyers

What we do

Since 2005, MAADI Group has designed and built hundreds of structural extruded aluminum projects for clients around the world. Our vast technical expertise enables us to design innovative products and infrastructure that reduce weight, simplify transport and lower the total cost of ownership (TCO), while maximizing strength and durability. Using functional and sustainable design principles, we apply the highest engineering and design standards on every project, meeting all local and national building and bridge codes.

MAADI Group aluminum pedestrian bridges, maritime structures and other distinctive engineering products are designed by top-grade engineers experienced in pony truss bridge design and top chord stability criteria, utilizing elastic lateral restraints. We use cutting edge technologies, CAD and 3D modeling to optimize our distinctive structures.

Our services

- Full engineering services
- Technical support and manufacturing services
- Planning
- Installation

Watch
the video



Our mission

To provide planners, architects, builders, and developers with customized aluminum structures that are maintenance-free, durable, attractive, economical, and fully sustainable for generations to come.

Our values

Quality

All our aluminum structures meet the highest quality standards, from design to installation..

Innovation

We use the latest technology to deliver solutions that are both strong and unique.

Integrity

We stay true to who we are and to our commitment to providing exceptional products, tailoring everything we build to our clients' requirements and needs.

Human relationship

We foster strong, lasting relationships with our clients through active listening and dialogue.

Our backstory

MAADI Group was founded in 2005 by Alexandre de la Chevrotière, IWE, P.E., who spent 15 years working extensively with aluminum to retrofit NATO destroyers after earning a Mechanical Engineering degree with emphasis on Naval Architecture.

Over the course of more than 15 years, MAADI Group has developed an unparalleled knowledge in mechanical and structural engineering, specializing in designing aluminum bridges and structures for the civil, maritime and military industries throughout North America and Asia.

Our clients

MAADI Group's clients are based in the United States, the Caribbean, Canada and Asia.

Shell Exploration	Technomarine
Syncrude	SNC-Lavalin
Marinetek	Rio Tinto
Davie	Parks Canada
Canadian Armed Forces	Cirque du Soleil
Public Works of Canada	City of Montréal
Fluor Daniel	Turner Construction
AMEC Americas	Maine Hydro
ARUP	Rolls-Royce
The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated	Bombardier SÉPAQ

Our production plant

Manufacturing is carried out in our production plant of 21,000 ft² (1,951 m²). Our GMAW welding robot with artificial vision operates in a 110 ft x 13 ft (33.5 m x 4 m) cell to ensure an optimal level of quality. Cutting and machining are done using our 5-axis machining center, which accepts profiles with high linear density and lengths of 42 ft (12.8 m).



Quality Management System

Quality

Excellence

Dependability

For MAADI Group, the notion of quality is both a set of rigorous processes and a sustained policy of reliability that makes us go above and beyond the needs of our customers. Whether it's the quality of our products and services or our competitive costs, our business culture is based on the following principles.

Active listening

MAADI Group remains attentive to its customers in order to offer personalized service and continuously increase its productivity. The company maintains its competitive position in the market while meeting or surpassing its customers' requirements as well as the standards and laws in effect.

Compliance standards

MAADI Group adheres to the international standard ISO 9001:2015. The company's philosophy is based on the adoption of quality objectives, action plans and preventive measures to continuously improve the quality of its products and services as well as its quality management system.

The company is also committed to providing the necessary resources to implement and maintain this system. To this end, all personnel whose duties have an impact on quality benefit from a continuous training program.

Healthy relationships

MAADI Group is committed to its philosophy based on communication, service with integrity and fairness. The company places its employees at the heart of its operations, and respects its responsibilities to the communities where it operates. The company is committed to optimizing its processes in order to reduce non-compliance and meet delivery deadlines.



Highest Standards

We work closely with our manufacturing partners to ensure that product quality standards are fully and consistently maintained throughout the design, production and installation process.

Codes and standards

At MAADI Group, all of our design specifications meet local, regional and national building codes and professional standards as required. All of our technical designs and calculations for our aluminum structures bear the seal of one of our engineers.

Canada

- CSA S157-17 Strength Design in Aluminum
- CSA W59.2-18 Welded Aluminum Construction
- CSA W47.2-11 (R2020) Certification of Companies for Fusion Welding of Aluminum

U.S.

- AASHTO Specifications for Design of Pedestrian Bridges
- AA ADM (2020) Aluminum Design Manual
- AWS D1.2/D1.2M (2014) Structural Welding Code – Aluminum of the American Welding Society
- Aluminum Standards and Data (AS&D)
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Environmental Engineering for Small Boat Basins, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Planning and Design Guidelines for Small Craft Harbors
- Marinas 2020 of the Coasts, Oceans, Ports, and Rivers Institute (COPRI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
- Marinas and Small Craft Harbors
- Layout and Design Guidelines for Marina Berthing Facilities of the California Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW)

International

- SAA AS 3962:2020 Standards Australia International – Guidelines for Design of Marinas
- BS 6349-8:2017 British Standards Institution – Maritime Structures
- BS EN 1999-1-1:2007 + A2:2013 Eurocode 9: Design of aluminium structures - General structural rules

Certification

MAADI Group is certified in Division 1 for Fusion Welding of Aluminum per CSA Standard W47.2 of the Canadian Standards Association.

All our welders, welding operators and tack welders are governed by the Canadian Welding Bureau (CWB).

We carry general contractor licences from the Régie du bâtiment du Québec (RBQ).



Patents

MAADI Group owns eight patents, seven of which are for MakeABridge®, our weld-free aluminum pedestrian bridge and maritime gangway system.

Awards

MAADI Group is the proud winner of numerous awards, including the Extrusion Technology Foundation's Design Competition Award in the structural category, which the company won a third time this year.

Partners

MAADI Group partners with Rio Tinto and Centre québécois de recherche et de développement de l'aluminium (CQRDA) to manufacture its award-winning MakeABridge® gangway design.

RioTinto





At Your Service

We handle the construction of your structure from start to finish. Our qualified team of experts is ready and equipped to provide you with a wide range of services.

Analysis and evaluation

- Evaluation of vessel berthing loads and wind loads
- Stress evaluation of aluminum structures
- Evaluation of mooring line force
- Evaluation of pile capacity
- Wave load and wave attenuators analysis
- Site data analysis
- Stability and buoyancy calculations according to industry standards

Design and engineering

- Design, engineering and sizing of floating docks
- Marina layout design and plans
- Design and engineering of service bridges and maritime gangways
- Design of cleats and mooring bollards
- Welding procedure specifications
- Our team of experienced marine designers and draftsmen uses 2D and 3D software that can be adapted to the client's needs

Management and manufacturing

- A team dedicated to your project will work with you for your entire project or at specific stages, depending on your needs.
- Manufacturing is carried out in our production plant.

Installation

Installations are performed either by a local marine contractor supervised by MAADI Group or by one of our certified installers.

Inspection and qualification

Inspections are performed by one of our professional engineers to certify the compliance and safety of structures.

Choose Aluminum



The Better Choice

When strength counts

Corrosion-resistant

Durable

Long lifespan

The genesis of a new material

It was only toward the end of the 19th century that aluminum began to be used in engineering applications. In 1886, Paul Héroult, a French engineer, and Charles Hall, an American student, both independently discovered a cost-effective electrolytic production method. The process showed excellent results but required an enormous amount of electric power. Three years later, Karl Joseph Bayer, an Austrian chemist, invented a cheap and feasible alumina (aluminum oxide) production method. The processes that we use today are based on the Bayer and Hall-Héroult processes.

Three inventions would change the course of history

- Internal combustion engine vehicles.
- Electricity: Lightweight conductive metal was required for carrying electricity across great distances and for building cable towers to deliver electrical energy from power generation sites.
- Airplanes: Partnerships between the aviation and the aluminum industries would flourish for airframes, engines, missile bodies fuel cells and satellite components.

Largely due to its favourable properties, today aluminum is a key material used in many everyday objects and components in virtually all industries, including the food industry.

As automakers move to produce more electric vehicles, car batteries are becoming increasingly powerful—and accordingly, increasingly heavy. Using more aluminum to build vehicle frames helps offset this extra weight and makes it possible to produce the powerful eco-friendly vehicles for which there is growing demand.

Advantages

Aluminum offers excellent atmospheric corrosion resistance, durability, and a high strength-to-weight ratio compared with competing construction materials.

A total cost of ownership study shows that decision makers should no longer assume that steel is the best option economically when investing in civil engineering structures.

Aluminum's cost-saving benefits

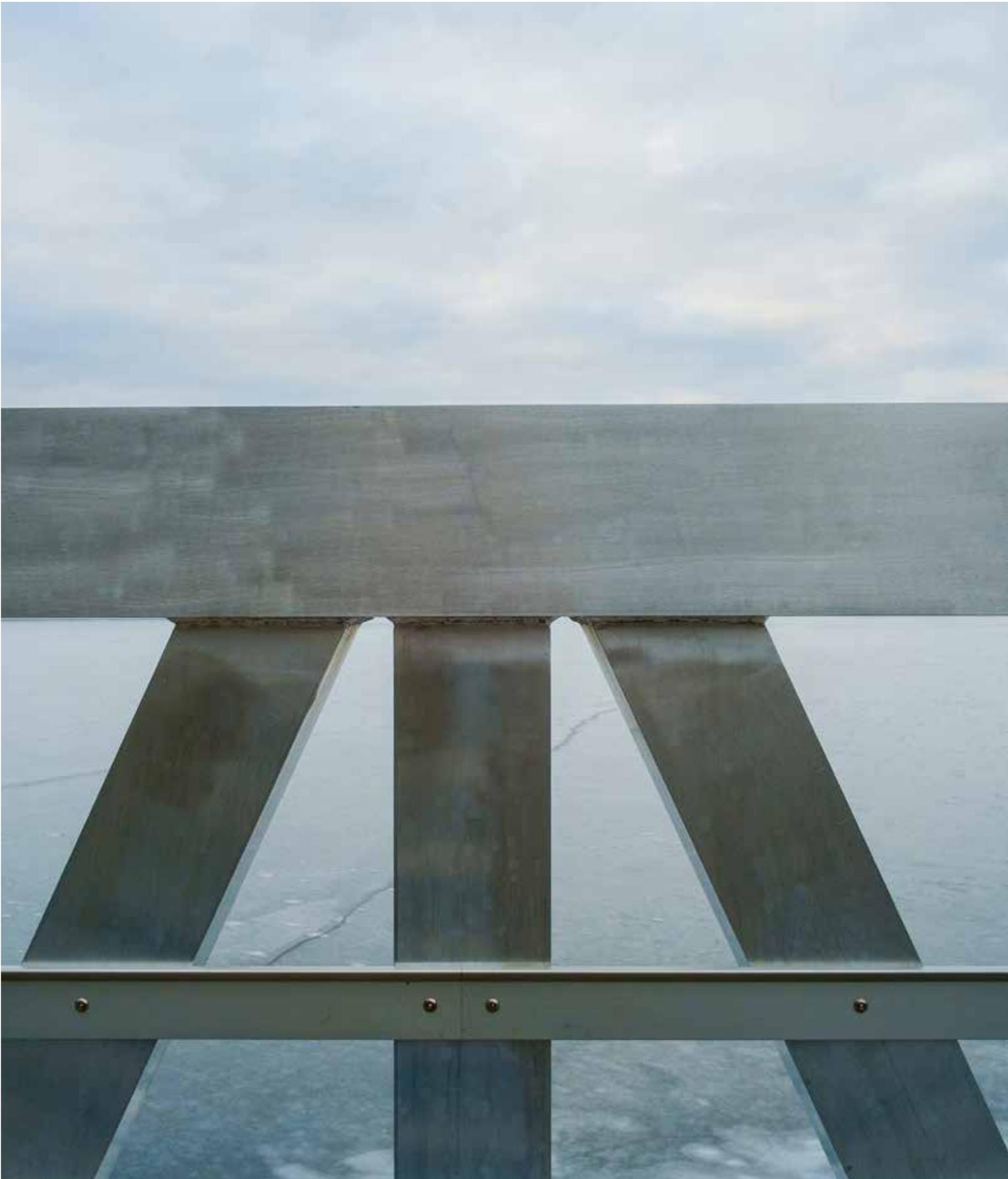
- Aluminum is highly resistant to corrosion under the majority of service conditions, and no colored salts are formed to stain or discolor products it comes into contact with.
- Structural stiffness resists permanent deformation caused by live loads, climate or movement
- High strength-to-weight ratio for construction, which means greater strength and easier to handle
- Aluminum retains its strength at low temperatures and is often used for cryogenic applications
- Over its life cycle, aluminum is proven to be almost maintenance-free with no costly galvanizing or painting
- Easy to remove graffiti by simply brushing the bare metal
- Aluminum has an attractive, natural finish, which can be soft or shiny. It can be virtually any color or texture.
- Natural mill finish aluminum forms its own protective coating
- Easy to transport and install due to light weight (60% of equivalent steel structure)
- Easy to fabricate and extrude into infinite shapes

Sustainable

MAADI Group leverages the advantages of sustainable development to enhance the environment in every community where our structures are used. MAADI Group incorporates the sustainable design principles of energy conservation, use of recyclable materials, greater functionality and design flexibility to offer responsible products that last decades.

Environmental advantages

- Natural material requires no maintenance and meets environmental responsibility requirements.
- 100% recyclable, with high scrap value at the end of its useful life.
- Recycling aluminum scrap requires only 5% of the energy used to make new aluminum.
- Fully reusable upon deconstruction without any loss of strength or mechanical properties.
- Reduced energy use and pollution during transport due to light weight (60% of equivalent steel structure).





FAQ

Lightweight, recyclable aluminum is being used more and more often for all sorts of applications. You might be (pleasantly) surprised to learn about them!

Environment and Human Health

Does aluminum contribute to or help mitigate the effects of climate change?

Primary aluminum production is very energy intensive and can have negative impacts on the environment and climate. But, when put to use, aluminum can have very positive impacts on climate change because of its properties:¹

Lightweight

In the transportation industry, aluminum's light weight increases efficiency and reduces fuel consumption and emissions.²

Durable and corrosion-resistant

Aluminum can last much longer than other materials without any protective finishing. In fact, 75% of all aluminum ever produced is still in use, so its true environmental impact can only be calculated at its true end of life (and through a full life cycle analysis).³

Easily recyclable with a high scrap value

The aluminum content in certain products (like cars) encourages higher recycling rates.³ Creating new materials from recycled aluminum only requires 5% of the energy needed to produce primary aluminum. It's relatively easy to recycle and has a very high scrap value.

Infinite possibilities

Aluminum offers designers infinite possibilities for optimizing their products, both in terms of shape and properties (for example, architects can leverage aluminum's high reflectivity to keep a building from heating up in the sunlight).

Is aluminum more damaging to the environment than steel?

The answer depends on the application and what type of aluminum or steel you are comparing. Primary aluminum production is very energy intensive—the carbon footprint worldwide is estimated to be between 8 and 12 tons of CO₂ per ton of aluminum (depending how it is calculated and who you ask). Steel's carbon footprint is only about 2 tons of CO₂ for 1 ton of steel. However, depending on where the aluminum was made and with which energy source, aluminum's carbon footprint can be much lower. For example, in Canada, primary aluminum's carbon footprint is only 2.5 tons of CO₂ per ton of aluminum. Steel is also 3 times heavier than aluminum, which makes comparing "per ton" an unbalanced comparison.

Aluminum is extremely durable and easily recyclable. Recycled aluminum's carbon footprint is only 5% of that of primary aluminum. Aluminum is used because it is lightweight and has a high strength-to-weight ratio. In many products—especially in the transportation industry—it helps save a significant amount of CO₂ emissions during the use phase of the vehicle. So to accurately compare the environmental impact of materials, a full "life-cycle analysis" needs to be done. An example can be found [here](#).

¹ International Aluminium Institute - Aluminium Carbon Footprint Technical Support Document

² International Aluminium Institute - Carbon Footprint Guidance Document

³ Carbon Trust - International Carbon Flows / Aluminium

Does aluminum production generate large quantities of greenhouse gas emissions?

Primary aluminum production is very energy intensive and generates large amounts of direct and indirect emissions. Direct greenhouse gas emissions come primarily from the use of fossil fuels in the alumina calcination process, but also from process-related conditions in electrolysis, such as consumption of carbon anodes (CO₂) and PFC emissions (PerFluoroCarbon) from anode effects. The main energy consumption is the electricity used for the electrolysis process in aluminum smelters (causing indirect emissions). But the refining of alumina from bauxite ore also requires a significant amount of energy (to produce the solution of bauxite in caustic soda, for the calcination process and for the recovery of caustic soda after use).

Improving energy efficiency is essential for the aluminum industry, both from an economic and environmental point of view. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from energy use and from the electrolysis processes is therefore important to reducing the overall carbon footprint of primary aluminum. The aluminum industry has been working on this with significant success over the past century.

Countries like Canada, Iceland and Norway use hydroelectric power, a renewable energy source, to produce aluminum. Recycled aluminum only requires 5% of the energy and generates therefore only a very small fraction of the greenhouse gases that primary aluminum does. Using aluminum made from renewable energy and with the highest possible recycled content guarantees the smallest carbon footprint and lowest greenhouse gases possible.¹

Is it true that aluminum production has a worse carbon footprint than steel production?

On a global basis, steel is responsible for 7 to 9% of all energy system emissions. The global steel industry therefore contributes 2.8 Gt per annum of CO₂, and each ton of steel produces on average 1.83 tons of CO₂ (according to the World Steel Association). Primary aluminum production is more energy intensive and its carbon footprint is 4 to 6 times higher than that of steel (on a global average) if calculated per ton of metal. Once each metal is recycled, the carbon footprint in both cases is substantially lower, but in theory it is still higher for aluminum than for steel. It is therefore very important to use each material in the right situation for the right product, so that over the full lifespan (from cradle to grave – or even back to cradle) the carbon footprint is minimized.

For this we need what's called a "life-cycle analysis." One example is the transportation industry, which uses a lot of both steel and aluminum and accounts for about 19% of all man-made CO₂ emissions. Eighty percent of all greenhouse gas emissions are produced during the operating life (i.e., not the production of a car/bus/truck/etc.), and a 10% weight reduction (by using the right material) can yield fuel economy improvements of 5-7%. For example, reducing the weight of a city bus by 1 kg can save 40-55 kg of CO₂. This is a perfect example of why just looking at the initial carbon footprint of a material will not give us the full picture of the best usage for a specific product. That's why a full life-cycle analysis is needed.

¹ Carbon Trust - International Carbon Flows / Aluminium

Financial Times - Cleaning up steel is key to tackling climate change

Energy Transitions Commission

European Journal of Sustainable Development

International Aluminium Institute - Aluminium Carbon Footprint Technical Support Document

OECD - Greenhouse Gases Emissions From Aluminium Production

Environment and Human Health

How much carbon emissions are generated by the production of 1 kilogram of aluminum versus steel?

As in many cases, this really depends on where the metal is produced and especially what type of energy was used to produce it. On a global average basis, one kilogram of steel produces 1.83 kg of CO₂, while one kilogram of aluminum produces over 12 kg of CO₂. Unfortunately, most of the recent capacity expansions have taken place in China, where coal is the dominant energy source used. In the past decades, aluminum production capacity has also increased in the Middle East, where the use of primarily natural gas generates fewer carbon emissions.

Outside of those two regions, aluminum production had been shifting to renewable energy sources (predominantly hydroelectric power, used in 100% of all Canadian aluminum production), until the U.S. began reviving old and obsolete coal-powered smelters. However, both the steel and aluminum industries worldwide are working hard to reduce their carbon footprint, and with the [Rio Tinto – Alcoa Joint Venture \(Elysis\)](#) we seem to be relatively close to making this a reality in the not-too-distant future.

Are exorbitant amounts of electrical energy used to produce aluminum?

On a global average, about 14 MWh (Megawatt hours) are required to produce one ton of aluminum. This seems very high, but the number has been coming down with advancing technologies. In the 1980s this number was over 17 MWh, and in 1990 it dropped to around 16MWh.

The new smelters in China are already quite a bit below this number. China on average is at only 13 MWh per ton of aluminum. The most important factor for the reduction came from replacing Söderberg smelting technology with the “prebake” process to bring the number down to 12-16 MWh/ton of aluminum. Most new smelter technologies around the world are now at about 12 MWh/t of aluminum. Rio Tinto and Alcoa are working on “carbon free” aluminum with their new joint venture ([Elysis](#)).

Is aluminum recyclable (compared to steel)?

Yes, aluminum is just as recyclable as steel. And due to its much lower melting point, it is also much easier to recycle. In the industry we distinguish between industrial (or pre-consumer) recycling and post-consumer recycling. Industrial recycling is often done in so-called “closed loop systems.” For example, an automotive stamping factory will return all scrap directly back to its sheet metal supplier that will then re-melt the scrap, and, with very little loss, put it back into new sheet for that same plant.

Post-consumer scrap is either also directly recycled back into the same or similar products. The best example is a pop can, or vehicle wheels. When these items come back as a scrap mix, they are separated and then recycled using special processes. An extreme example is the non-ferrous remains of a scrapped car that was shredded. It goes through different separation processes that allow materials such as plastics and rubber to be separated from the non-ferrous scrap pieces. Those scrap pieces are then re-melted into a die-casting alloy called A380 that is typically used to cast a wide variety of products, from engine blocks to furniture brackets. Aluminum is endlessly recyclable and does not lose much of its value. It is important to recycle it as much as possible back into the same alloy (or alloy family) in order to conserve the maximum value.

How do companies recycle aluminum?

Aluminum is generally combined with other metals to improve its properties. These aluminum alloys are divided into families according to the filler metals. The compositions must comply with recognized standards in order to guarantee the specific properties of each alloy.

Manufacturing companies (e.g., aircraft, automotive and appliance makers) use a number of alloys in their products and recycle scrap, machining chips and defective components. Re-melting together scrap of different compositions would produce an alloy that doesn't meet any standard. This is why it becomes necessary to sort them properly so as not to mix them. Normally these companies will sort the scrap metal at the production plant so that it's not devalued by the recycler. Otherwise, the recycler will have to carry out this sorting on their own. The sorted waste is then crushed and decontaminated to remove any pollutants (e.g., varnish, paint, oil).

The final step is the fusion of this sorted and packaged waste to produce ingots corresponding to the original composition, known as “second fusion” ingots. When the composition of these ingots corresponds to that of a foundry alloy, they are then sold to foundries to make new parts. They can also be re-melted like the alloys produced in the casting centers of aluminum smelters to produce rolling ingots or extrusion billets.

Structural Integrity

Where does aluminum come from?

Aluminum is obtained through the electrolysis of alumina. But where does alumina come from, and how does the liquid aluminum produced in this way become the lightweight parts used by MAADI Group to build such strong structures?

This website gives an overview of the stages leading from bauxite—the main ore used in aluminum production—to finished products. Other diagrams illustrate these different steps:

- Alumina (Al_2O_3) is chemically extracted from bauxite, which generally contains 40 to 60% of the compound.
- Alumina is then melted at around 960°C and then, through electrolysis, the alumina splits into oxygen and aluminum (Al).

Various avenues allow manufacturers of finished products to take advantage of the extraordinary potential of aluminum, such as:

- Development and casting of specific alloys into ingots, billets, etc.
- Moldings that meet the specific needs of transformers, such as the different nodes designed and used by MAADI Group to manufacture MakeABridge® bridges.
- Ingot rolling and billet extrusion, like the extrusions designed and used by MAADI Group to build its structures.

Quebec producers ensure that each of these steps is carried out with respect for the environment and human health. These producers ensure that the aluminum produced in Quebec is one of the cleanest—if not the cleanest—in the world. For this reason MAADI Group is proud to use Quebec-made aluminum in all of its products, including gangways, pedestrian bridges, marina decks and more.

What are the major differences between steel and aluminum?

The density of aluminum is three times lower than that of steel, which gives aluminum a definite advantage for transportation.

Electrical and thermal conductivity depends on the purity of the metal, but generally speaking it is three times higher for aluminum. Combined lightness and conductivity make aluminum indispensable for power transmission lines. The melting temperature of aluminum alloys is about two times lower than that of steel, which means aluminum can be cast in steel molds, a method that considerably reduces manufacturing costs.

Aluminum is also very malleable at a temperature near its melting point, making it very easy to extrude. This “extrudability” makes it possible to create highly complex aluminum profiles that would be impossible to produce using steel.¹ Aluminum offers enormous potential for designers and product design engineers alike.

¹ CQRDA - L'extrusion de l'aluminium

Wikipedia - Mass concentration (original source)

Alu Québec - Transport terrestre

Wikipedia - List of thermal conductivities (original source)

Hydro-Québec - Power transmission cables

Wikipedia - Casting (original source)

What happens if aluminum comes into contact with steel?

It all depends on the contact conditions. To be sure, contact between steel and aluminum can accelerate the corrosion of aluminum, so this issue should be considered. Without the presence of water to act as a conductive liquid, galvanic corrosion cannot occur.^{1,2} Metal contact between aluminum and steel is also required to form a short-circuit and create a corrosion current, as in the case of a battery.

In the case of rain that can dry, when the wetting time remains short overall, galvanic corrosion may not be a concern. But in any environment exposed to water, short-circuiting is prevented for bolted connections by placing insulation (preferably waterproof) between metal surfaces (steel-bolt-aluminum) or by using a coating on the surfaces to isolate them from each other or from water. In some environments, stainless steel bolts can be used to assemble aluminum. A phenomenon called passivation considerably slows down galvanic corrosion of aluminum, but the time it takes for this type of assembly will need to be taken into account.

Aluminum is more “noble” than zinc, so it's protected by the zinc coating on galvanized steel. But since zinc is similar to aluminum, it will corrode slowly, making it important to plan ahead for when this protective zinc coating disappears.

What is the lifetime of an aluminum structure vs. a steel structure?

A structure is the framework that supports all loads such as traction, compression and torsion. If the loads are static and the strength limit of the material is respected by the design, in principle the service life is infinite if corrosion is ignored. However, when the mechanical stresses appear as cyclic loads, metals will suffer damage such as material fatigue (i.e., appearance of micro-cracks), leading to failure after a number of cycles depending on the weight of the load.^{1,2}

When it's possible to see this type of stress, it's possible to predict the service life before failure occurs. This is thanks to the large number of mechanical tests performed on each metal. Since the loads on structural elements depend on the design, engineers design the structures and dimensions of the structural elements and their connections (i.e., welded, glued, bolted) to ensure a sufficient and safe service life for the selected metal alloy. Steel has the uniqueness of having a stress threshold that gives an infinite service life. A design based on this threshold is not optimal or required for all types of structures.

The level of safety is partly based on a lack of knowledge of in-service stresses, so designers who want to lighten the components of their structure (e.g., frame members and vehicle chassis) compile data to measure these in-service stresses. For optimal product use, it's often necessary to decide on the service life requirements during the design phase.

¹ CNRC / NRC - Guide de solutions pratiques permettant de contrer la corrosion galvanique entre l'aluminium et l'acier dans le domaine du transport terrestre

² Euro Inox - Stainless Steel in Contact with Other Metallic Materials

¹ Wikipedia - Fatigue (original source)

² Centre Traitement de la Peur en Avion - Quelle est la durée de vie d'un avion ?

Structural Integrity

Is aluminum weldable?

When we talk about aluminum, we are referring to aluminum alloys. There are many welding techniques, and some of them are well suited for welding aluminum.^{1,2} The choice of welding techniques will depend on the shape of the part, the quantity and the alloys to be welded.

Fusion welding of metal at a joint, with or without the addition of metal, does not give satisfactory results with some alloys. The existing knowledge base includes all the practices and advice for welding an alloy or alloys together, as well as the ideal alloy for the filler metal (generally required) using a particular welding technique (e.g., TIG, MIG, etc.). The aluminum alloys used for manufacturing are delivered with enhanced mechanical properties through heat treatment and/or mechanical treatment, which hardens them. The temperature reached in the joint largely eliminates this hardening. It's the role of engineers to take this into account in the design of a part, which often leads to a more or less oversized part.²

Friction stir welding, a fusion-free welding technique almost exclusively used for aluminum, makes it possible to weld all alloys without almost any loss of mechanical properties, including for problematic foundry alloys.³ When geometry and quantities are adapted to the process, this technology can become an essential asset for aluminum and product quality.

Is there any training to learn how to calculate aluminum?

Civil engineering courses teach future engineers to calculate the forces to which the elements of a loaded structure are subjected. The materials used in structures such as steel, concrete, wood and aluminum each have their own mechanical characteristics that must be taken into account in the detailed calculations.¹ Since they've been used for so long, the characteristics of old traditional materials such as steel, concrete and wood are integrated into structural design software, but not aluminum. For reasons related to manufacturing difficulty, traditional materials are made available in standard profiles, which make it easier for engineers to learn how to use them, ensure compliance with standards and ultimately choose those materials. But aluminum's extrudability allows for complex shapes and contours, providing a clear advantage for structural design.

Additional training is offered to engineers working in the aluminum industry to address the lack of training with aluminum alloys. Some are ad hoc,² while others are offered as part of specialized training.^{3,4} Since these short programs are offered on a one-off basis, it's best to check the schedule directly with the institutions offering the training.

¹ [Wikipedia - Welding \(original source\)](#)

² [CQRDA / Le Feuillard Technique - Soudage](#)

³ [Alu Québec - Soudage de l'aluminium par friction malaxage \(FSW\)](#)

¹ [CQRDA - Calcul des charpentes d'aluminium](#)

² [Genium360 - Construction structurale en aluminium incluant l'application de la norme CSA S157 \(en collaboration avec AluQuébec\)](#)

³ [Chaire de leadership en enseignement sur les charpentes métalliques](#)

⁴ [SAFI Online Training & Webinar](#)

Why aren't all engineers familiar with calculations for aluminum structures?

Reference books on the subject for aluminum are relatively recent. The first one¹ that was published in Canada was released back in 2003, while the revision of the CAN/CSA S157-05 standard is more recent. The training of engineers in universities cannot be done without these tools. These resources are, however, critical to engineers' training. That's why the aluminum industry has to proactively approach institutions to educate them about the importance of including the sustainable metal in their curriculum. Initiatives to encourage on-the-job training, like scholarships and recycling courses, are relatively recent.

For a long time, universities have offered undergraduate programs that essentially focus on traditional materials like steel, concrete and wood. The tide is slowly starting to turn, but aluminum does not yet enjoy its rightful place in university programs. That said, the rising cost of steel means that more and more engineers and architects are turning to aluminum. And that's great news, because as demand increases, so will the need for training.

¹ CQRDA - Calcul des charpentes d'aluminium

Cost

How much does aluminum cost, and how does it compare to steel?

Both aluminum and steel are commodities. Their prices are determined by many factors, but mainly by supply and demand. Although there are some similarities, their markets are very different, which has a big impact on their prices. As a rule of thumb, aluminum costs about three times more than steel. So if a pound of steel is around 0.30 USD/lb, aluminum will be around 0.90 USD/lb. At the same time, aluminum represents only one third of the weight of steel.

There are also big differences in pricing depending on the specific type and alloy. Generally, the price differences between different steel types are much greater than those of different aluminum alloys. This is due to the alloy ingredients—for aluminum, lower priced metals like silicon and magnesium are used, but for steel, more expensive elements with volatile prices are used, like nickel and cobalt.

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for an even more
extensive FAQ
section.**

Why is aluminum more expensive than steel?

Primary aluminum production is extremely energy intensive, which is the main factor responsible for the high cost. Between one third and one half of the cost of making aluminum is the direct and indirect energy needed to produce it.

After that, most of the cost is attributable to the alloy ingredients, which are usually cheaper for most aluminum alloys than for many types of steel. The main ingredients of aluminum alloys are silicon (Si) and magnesium (Mg), while main alloy ingredients for steels are often very highly priced elements like nickel (Ni) and cobalt (Co). For this reason we need to clearly distinguish which type of steel we're comparing with aluminum. The most common mild steels and carbon steels are usually less expensive than aluminum (on a per kg or per ton basis). It's very important to take all factors into account, including the transformation process, tooling and assembly costs, as well as lifetime costs (e.g., maintenance). For example, if we compare stainless steel and aluminum and consider aluminum's corrosion resistance, then steel tends to be more expensive.

What determines the price of aluminum?

The global price of primary aluminum is determined at the London Metal Exchange (LME). Many factors influence the price, like:

- Global supply and demand for the metal
- Economics of aluminum production, especially the price of energy
- Inventories: The higher the inventories, the greater the downward pressure on the price, and vice versa
- Regulatory changes: An embargo, like the U.S. placed on Russian metal, changes the market dynamics and impacts the price
- Exchange rates: Aluminum is traded even at the LME in U.S. dollars, but most of the production and demand are outside of the U.S.
- Investors buying metal when the current price is low, expecting the price to go up in the future

There is also a regional market premium on the LME price. In North America it is called the "Midwest U.S. Transaction Premium" (MWP). It depends on basically the same factors, but on a regional level. Regional deficits like we have in North America require a high premium to attract offshore metal. A duty in one country or region is a regulatory change that directly impacts this regional premium, as is the case for the MWP. Together the global LME price and the regional premium form the "all in" price of primary aluminum.

Is primary aluminum cheaper in Quebec because there is so much produced in the province?

Primary aluminum has one global base price, which is determined at the London Metal Exchange (LME). No primary aluminum producer would sell below this price, as they could simply sell their metal at that price directly on the exchange. The metal bought at the LME can be at any producer's location (in other words, the location is at the seller's discretion). This means that a consumer would need to bring it to wherever it is needed.

To avoid this, however, there is a second factor concerning the primary aluminum price, which is a regional market premium that exists in every major consumer region. In Japan it is called "CIF Japan," whereas in Europe it is "GW premium paid in-warehouse Rotterdam." In North America it is the "Midwest U.S. Transaction Premium" (MWP). This LME price plus the MWP together form the "Midwest U.S. Transaction Price," which is the price for primary aluminum delivered and duty paid in the Midwest region. Consumers outside the Midwest can get a small discount or premium if they're close to a producer, but the discount is usually very small. All Quebec-based aluminum producers can sell in the U.S. basically duty free and will not sell their metal much cheaper in Quebec.

Marinas



Custom turnkey marinas

Eye-catching sophistication

Optimized layout



Photo: Royal Caribbean





For over 15 years, MAADI Group has designed and manufactured marinas throughout North America.

MAADI Group's unparalleled team of engineers designs custom marinas that deliver high performance with little to no maintenance required. Each marina is built to last using sustainable design principles, even for the most complex project requirements.

Briland Club Marina

Harbour Island, Bahamas

Location

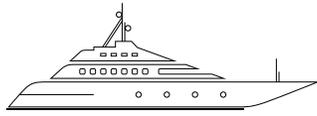


Dock system

Tri Ocean

Fingers

Rectangular

**Boat sizes**

75' to 250' (22 m to 76 m)

Capacity

41 slips

Anchoring system

Steel piles and H-Beams

Weather conditions

Designed for Category 2 hurricane winds of 110 mph (175 km/h), waves up to 3' (1 m)

**Customization**Aluminum gangways
[More details](#)Ipe hardwood decking and
utility trough coversPowder-coated steel piles
with stainless steel caps

LED lighting system

Old Port Cove Marina

North basin, North Palm Beach, Florida, USA

Location



Dock system

245 Series

Fingers

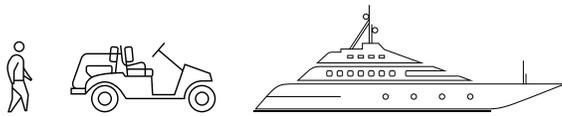
Rectangular

Boat sizes

30' to 180' (9 m to 55 m)

Capacity

60 slips

**Anchoring system**

Steel piles

Weather conditions

Designed for Category 2 hurricane winds of 110 mph (175 km/h), waves up to 3' (1 m)

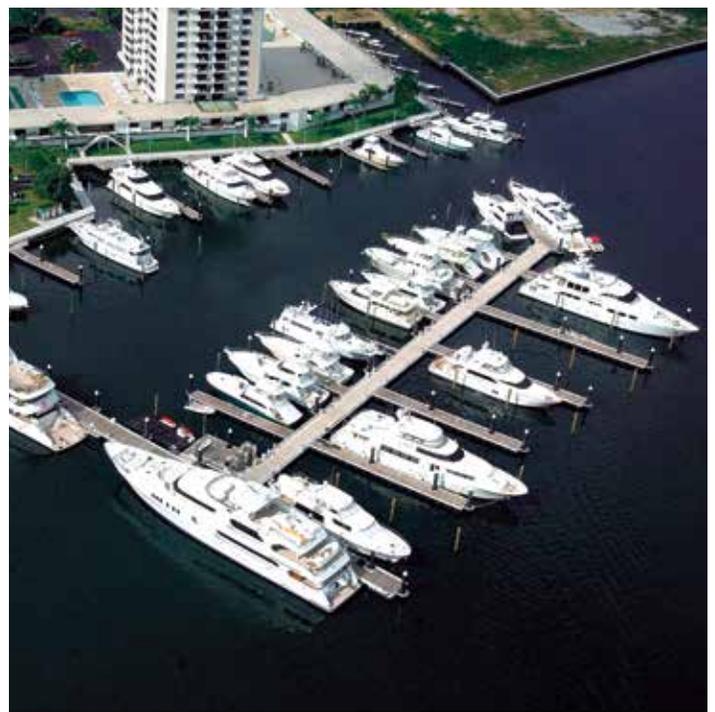
Customization

Aluminum gangways

Ipe hardwood decking with aluminum utility trough covers

Powder-coated steel piles with stainless steel caps

Aluminum floating wave attenuators. [More details](#)



Floating Docks

Durable

Custom design

Versatile









With their ultra-lightweight design, our custom-made aluminum floating docks are a durable, high-performance and environmentally friendly solution for marinas, ferry landings and floating bridges.

Virtually maintenance-free, our marine grade extruded aluminum alloy floating docks are robust and can easily withstand harsh weather and the constant flow of pedestrians and golf carts.

The modular design of the dock systems offers flexibility to accommodate all types of boats, from small pleasure boats to mega yachts.

Aesthetically pleasing and customizable thanks to a variety of options, our designs blend in perfectly with their surroundings and beautify the environment while serving their function.



Photo: Tom Hurst

← City Commons Waterfront Docks, West Palm Beach, Florida, USA



Design and materials

- 100% recyclable aluminum structural components and energy-efficient recycling, resulting in a low carbon footprint.
- Resistant to corrosion from salt water, chemicals and pollution. A permanent film of natural oxide makes the metal less impacted or corroded by the environment.
- Suited to extreme cold, aluminum does not crack at low temperatures.
- Marine grade extruded aluminum alloy construction using 6061-T6, 6005A-T6 and 5083-H321

Maintenance

Virtually maintenance-free and highly cost-effective, compared with steel when total cost of ownership (TCO) is considered.

Vandalism

Very easy to remove graffiti by brushing or sanding bare aluminum, compared to steel that has protective coating.

Warranty

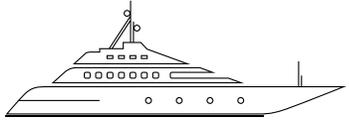
12-year limited warranty on aluminum against material failure, defects and corrosion.





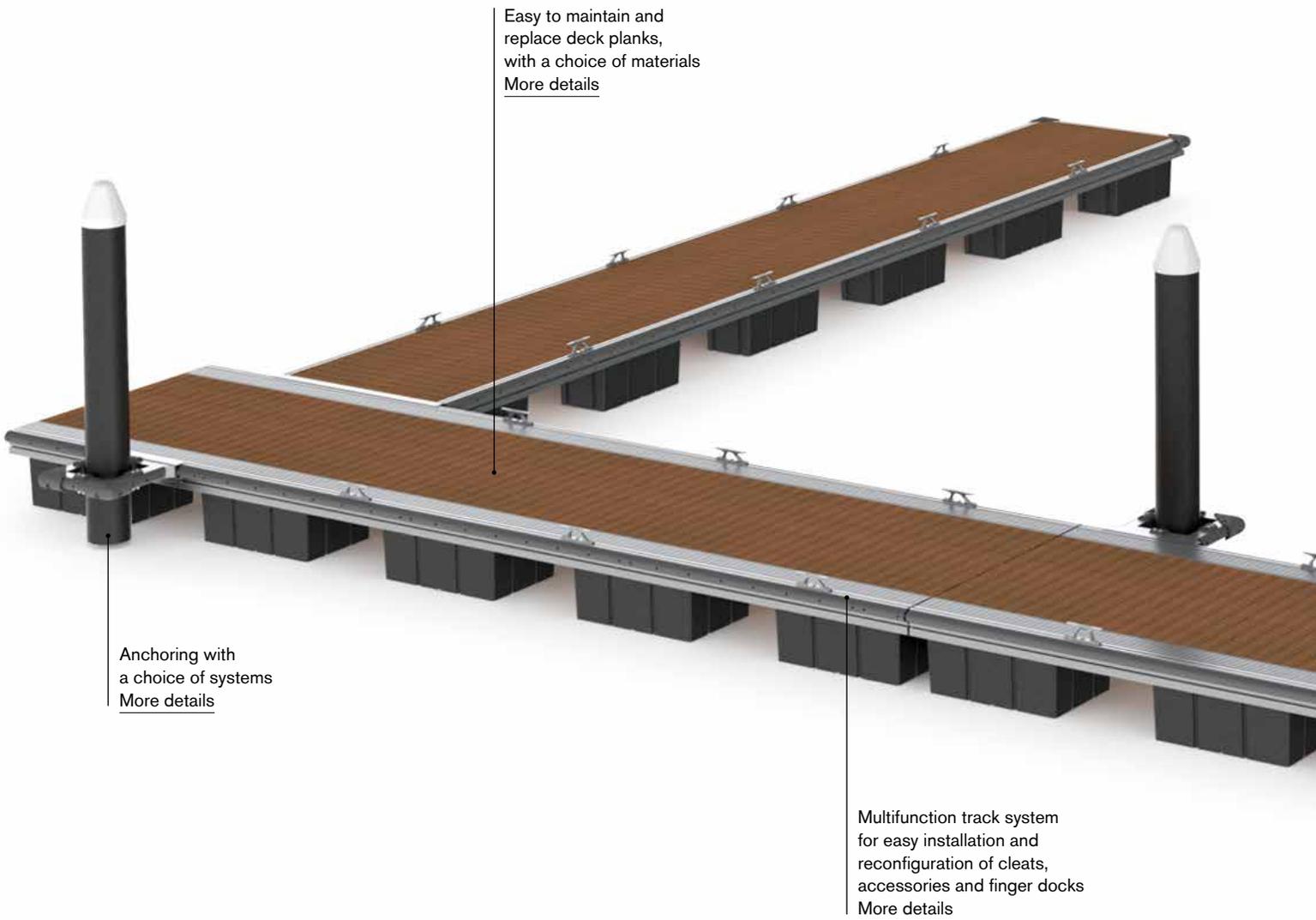
Our Systems

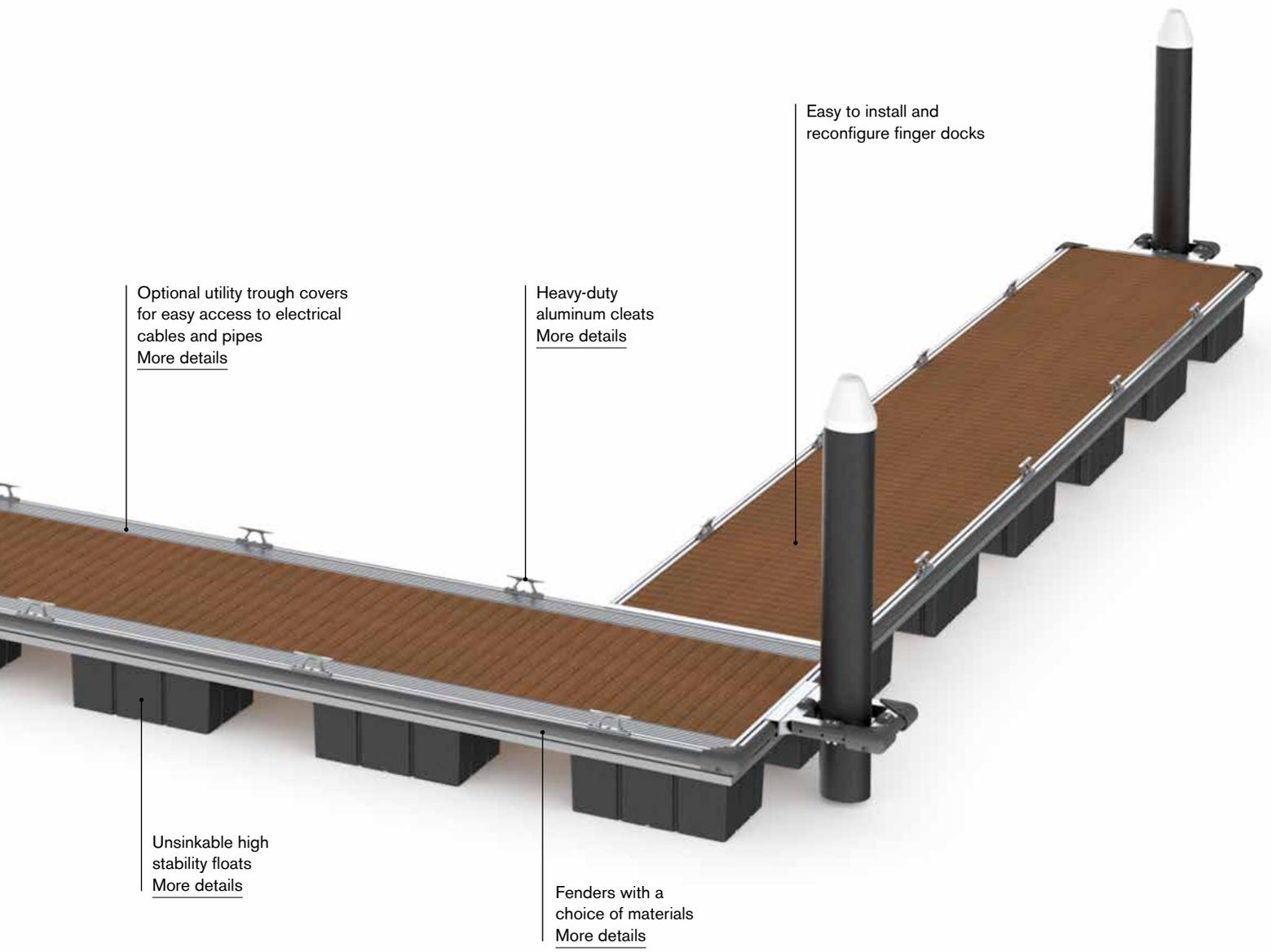
Our modular floating dock systems are easily adaptable and configurable to recreational marinas and watercraft.

System characteristics	Lakeshore	Great Lakes	Tri Ocean
	 <p>Small pleasure craft and recreational boats</p>	 <p>Medium-sized pleasure yachts</p>	 <p>Large vessels and mega yachts</p>
Boat dimensions	From 20' to 40' (From 6.1 to 12.2 m)	From 20' to 80' (From 6.1 to 24.4 m)	From 60' to 200' (From 18.3 to 61 m)
Dock width	From 4' to 8' (From 1.2 m to 2.4 m)	From 4' to 11' (From 1.2 m to 3.4 m)	From 4' to 16' (From 1.2 m to 4.9 m)
Dock length	Up to 42' (12.8 m)	Up to 42' (12.8 m)	Up to 42' (12.8 m)
Standard freeboard	From 10" to 20" (From 254 to 508 mm)	From 14" to 24" (From 356 to 610 mm)	From 16" to 36" (From 406 to 914 mm)
Reserve buoyancy	From 20 to 30 psf (From 0.96 to 1.44 kPa)	From 30 to 50 psf (From 1.44 to 2.39 kPa)	From 35 to 80 psf (From 1.68 to 3.83 kPa)
Vertical load-bearing capacity	Up to 100 psf (4.8 kPa)	Up to 150 psf (7.2 kPa)	Up to 200 psf (9.6 kPa)
Horizontal load-bearing capacity	246 psf – 150 lb/ft (12 kN/m ² – 223 kg/m)	246 psf – 150 lb/ft (12 kN/m ² – 223 kg/m)	1,337 psf – 1,250 lb/ft (64 kN/m ² – 1,860 kg/m)
Impact resistance	22-ton boat, 1.6 fps (0.5 m/s) at 10° angle absorbed over 3' (900 mm) of dock length	60-ton boat, 1.6 fps (0.5 m/s) at 10° angle absorbed over 3' (900 mm) of dock length	240-ton boat, 1.6 fps (0.5 m/s) at 10° angle absorbed over 3' (900 mm) of dock length
Stability	Maximum tilt angle: 10° with live load on one side of dock		
Weather conditions	Severe storms Winds of 74 mph (120 km/h)	Category 2 hurricane with winds of 110 mph (175 km/h)	
Cleats	12" – up to 5,170 lb (305 mm – up to 23 kN)	12" – up to 5,170 lb (305 mm – up to 23 kN)	12" – up to 5,170 lb (305 mm – up to 23 kN) 20" – up to 13,480 lb (508 mm – up to 60 kN)
Optional utility trough covers	9" (229 mm)	Lateral: 9" (229 mm) Central: 16" (406 mm)	Lateral: 12" (305 mm) Central: 16" (406 mm)
Multifunction track system	Single rail	Single rail	Double rail

Main Docks

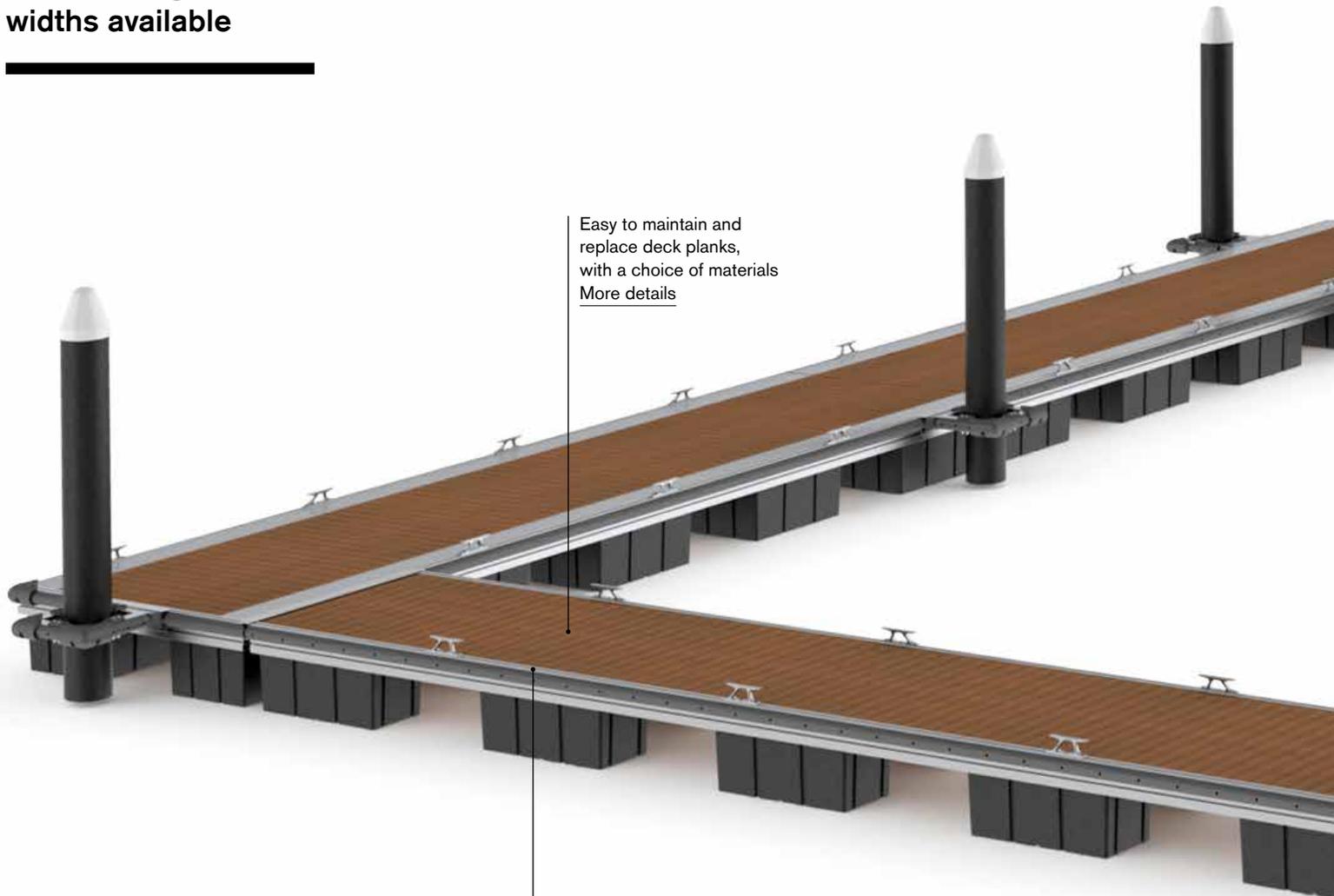
Custom lengths and widths available





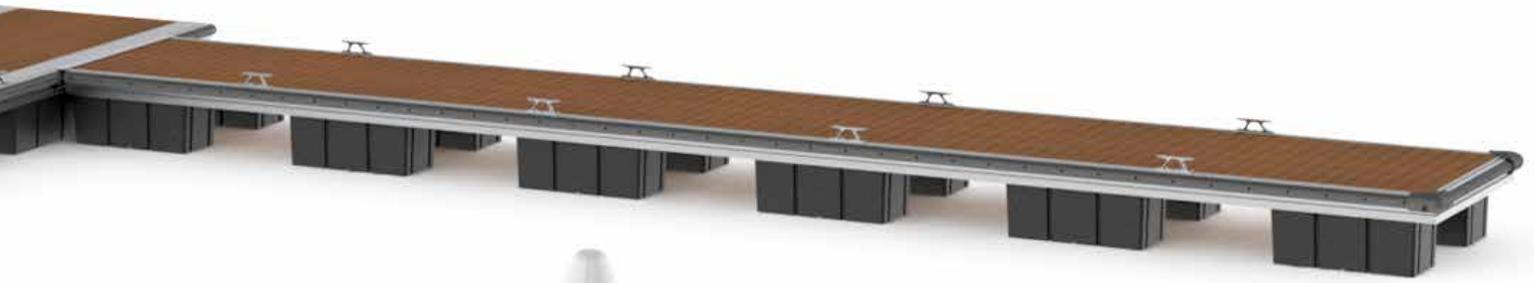
Finger Docks

Custom lengths and widths available



Easy to maintain and replace deck planks, with a choice of materials
[More details](#)

Multifunction track system for easy installation and reconfiguration of cleats and accessories
[More details](#)



Fenders and corner fenders with a choice of materials
[More details](#)

Anchoring with a choice of systems
[More details](#)

Multifunction Track System

Specifications

Design

- Heavy-duty built-in single or double rails
 - Enables fast and easy attachment of dockside accessories such as cleats and safety ladders, as well as finger docks and pile guides
 - Permits continuous reconfiguration depending on needs
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Material

- Marine grade 6061-T6, 6005A-T6, 5083-H321 aluminum alloy extrusions

Lakeshore and Great Lakes systems



Single rail

Tri Ocean system



Double rail

Universal Connectors

Specifications

Design

- Quickly connect the main dock modules as well as the finger docks
- Noise-free, strong and flexible
- Wave movements absorbed through connectors, delivering stable dock performance in rough water conditions

Material

- Elastomer or UV-stabilized ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM) reinforced with high resistance aluminum rings

Tensile strength

- 19.4 kips (86.48 kN)
- Distortion: 1.1" (27.8 mm)

Compressive strength

- 19.7 kips (87.55 kN)
- Distortion: 0.75" (19 mm)

Shear strength

- 19.8 kips (87.95 kN)
- Distortion: 3.1" (79.8 mm)



Unsinkable Floats

We offer unsinkable rotomolded polyethylene floats with great stability, withstanding shocks and harsh conditions.

Specifications

Design

- Resistant to salt water, hydrocarbons, chemicals and pollution
- Resistant to carbon black cracking, low temperature impacts and punctures
- Pressure-release valve to maintain float integrity when temperature varies
- Spin weld plug available for completely submerged floats
- Fastened to the side extrusion with stainless steel hardware
- Complies with all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and EPA requirements

Materials

- Seamless UV-stabilized polyethylene shell – nominal thickness of 1/4" (5 mm)
- Filled with EPS foam – minimum density of 1 lb/ft³ (16 kg/m³) and meets requirements of the Hunt absorption test

Warranty

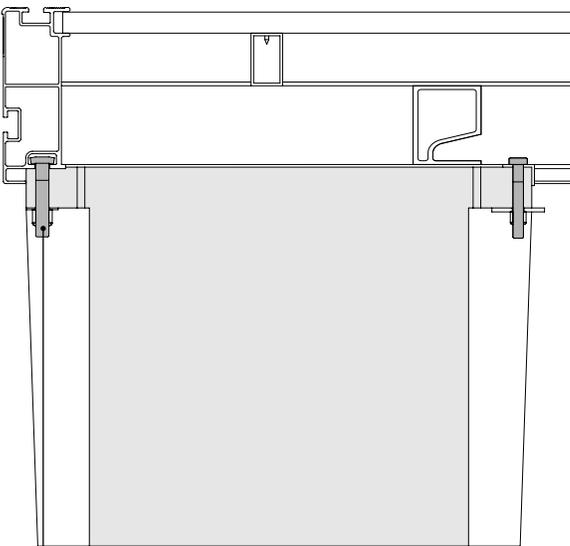
- 10-year limited warranty



Float with or without flange

Lakeshore system

Float without flange

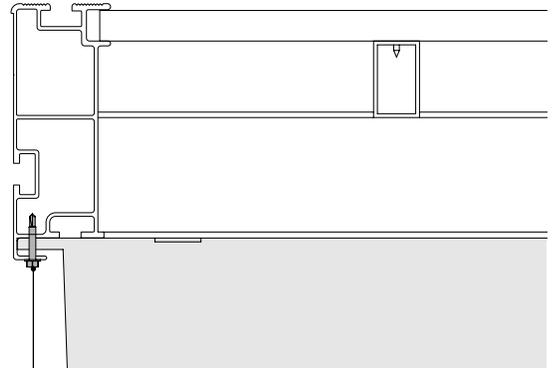


Fastened with stainless steel hardware

Great Lakes and Tri Ocean systems

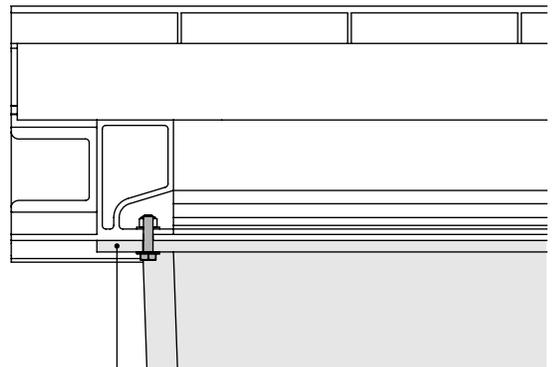
Float with flange

External assembly



Fastened with stainless steel hardware

Mid assembly



Heavy-duty float-flange attachment at side extrusion

Customization





Decking Materials

Choose decking material based on how your dock will be used. MAADI Group engineers can recommend the best decking for your needs in terms of application, safety, and maintenance. Here are our most popular and durable options.



Ipe hardwood

Specifications

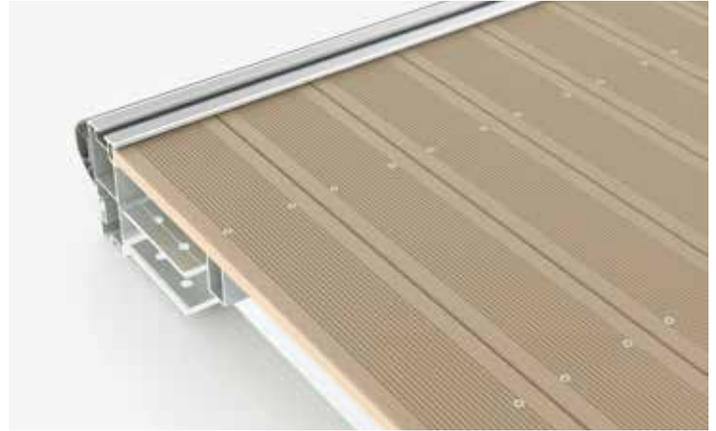
- Naturally very resistant to decay, rot and insect attack
- Minimum 40-year lifespan depending on use
- Low maintenance, no treating or sealing required for durability (treating may be required to keep the original color)
- Straight grain with fine to medium texture
- Economical over life of the structure
- Average density of 69 lb/ft³ (1,100 kg/m³)
- Fastened with stainless steel screws

Dimensions

- S4S outside corner
- Width varies between 5" and 7 3/8" (127 mm and 188 mm)
- Thickness varies between 1" and 1 1/2" (25 mm et 40 mm) depending on loads and applications

Option

- Other hardwood options such as ribbed cumaru are available upon request



Composite

Specifications

- Designed to resist rot, warping and fading
- Minimum 25-year lifespan depending on use
- Anti-slip ribbed surface
- Low maintenance, no treating or sealing required for durability
- Economical over life of the structure
- Density of 75 lb/ft³ (1,195 kg/m³)
- Fastened with stainless steel screws

Materials

- A blend of wood flour and high-density polyethylene

Dimensions

- S4S outside corner
- 7/8" x 5 1/2" (22 mm x 140 mm)

Color

- Sand

Utility Troughs

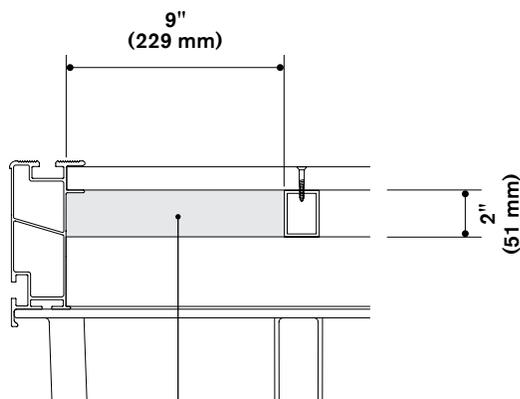
With its flush design, the trough covers conceal and protect electrical cables, plumbing and fire extinguishing pipes, offering easy access for maintenance and reconfiguration.

Lakeshore system

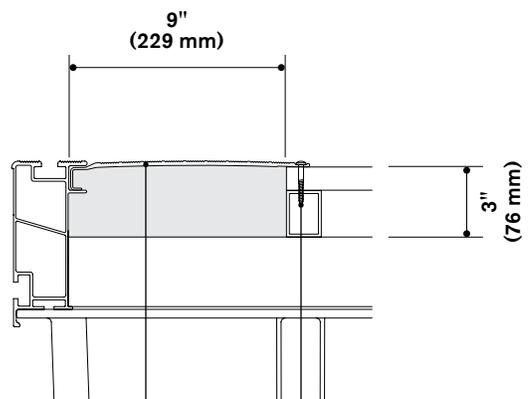
Without cover



With lateral cover - 9" (229 mm)



Space to conceal electrical cables and pipes



Fastened with stainless steel hardware

Easy to remove trough cover made of aluminum alloy extrusions

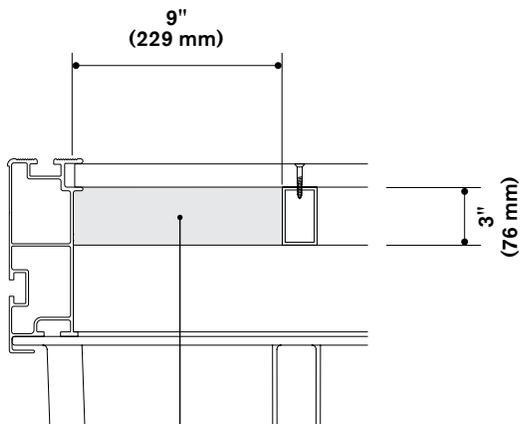
Utility Troughs

Great Lakes system

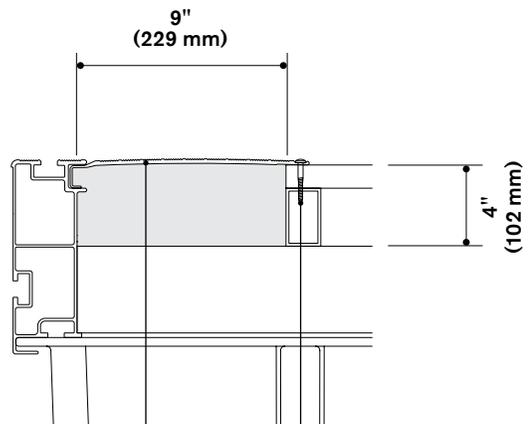
Without cover



With lateral cover - 9" (229 mm)



Space to conceal electrical cables and pipes

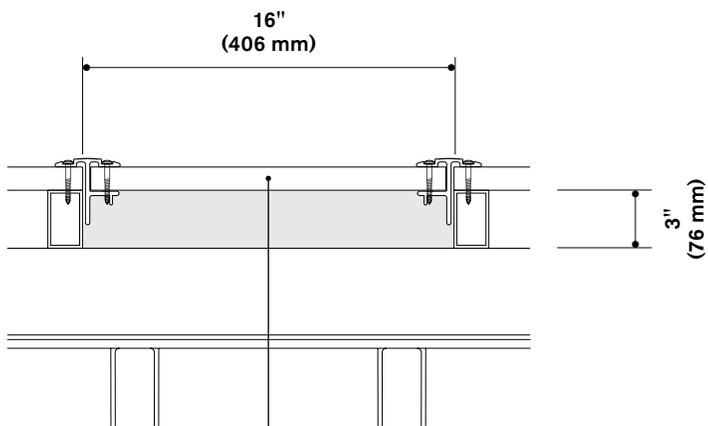


Fastened with stainless steel hardware

Easy to remove trough cover made of aluminum alloy extrusions

Great Lakes system

With central cover - 16" (406 mm)



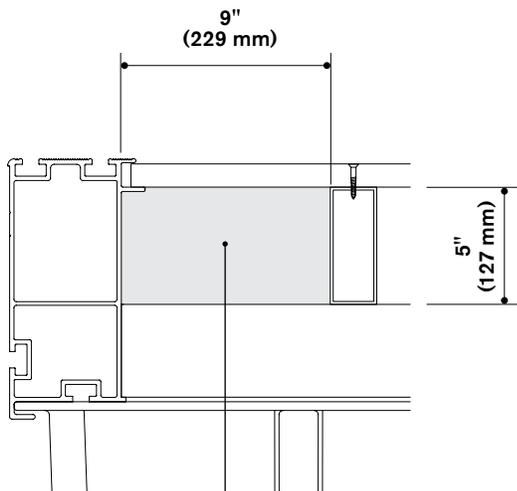
Easy to remove trough cover
made of ipe hardwood
or composite

Utility Troughs

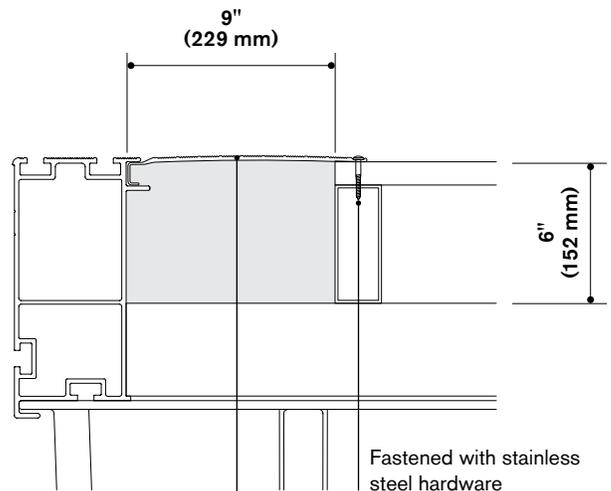
Tri Ocean system

Without cover

With lateral cover - 9" (229 mm)



Space to conceal electrical cables and pipes



Fastened with stainless steel hardware

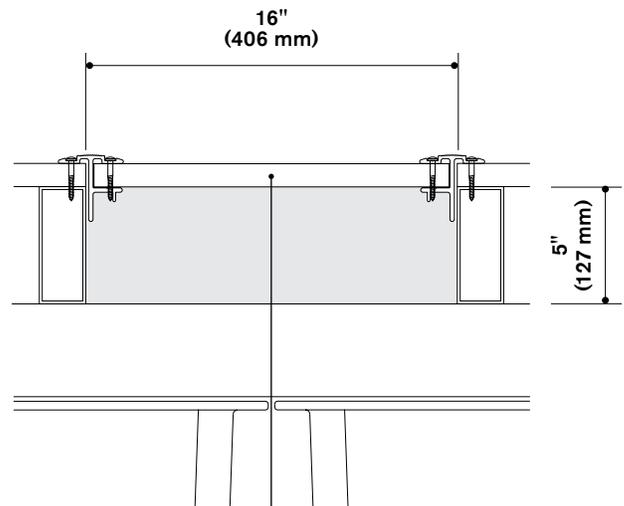
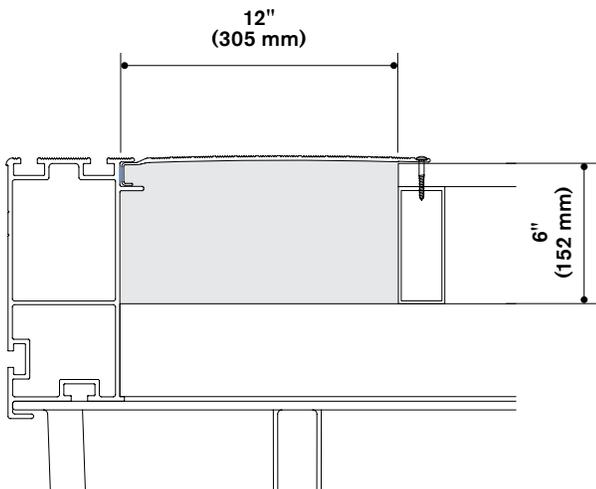
Easy to remove trough cover made of aluminum alloy extrusions

Tri Ocean system

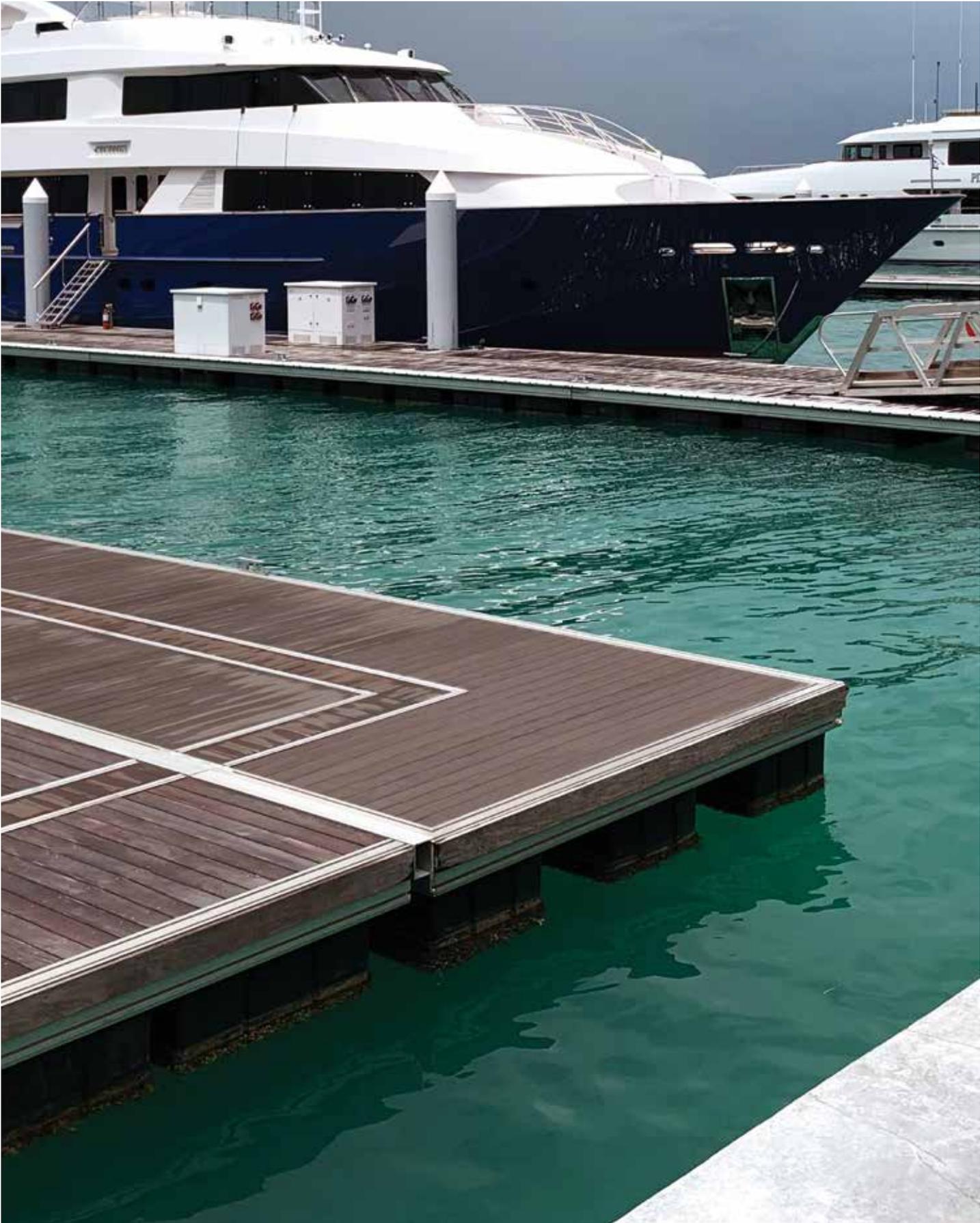
With lateral cover - 12" (305 mm)



With central cover - 16" (406 mm)



Easy to remove trough cover
made of ipe hardwood
or composite



Fenders

Our all-purpose non-marking fenders offer maximum boat hull protection. All fenders are attached to the dock with stainless steel hardware.

Ipe hardwood

Specifications

- Naturally very resistant to decay, rot and insect attack
- Minimum 40-year lifespan depending on use
- Low maintenance, no treating or sealing required for durability (treating may be required to keep the original color)
- Economical over life of the structure
- Average density of 69 lb/ft³ (1,100 kg/m³)
- Can be combined with corner fenders for optimal protection

Dock systems

- Half-size: Lakeshore and Great Lakes
- Full-size: Tri Ocean

Material

- Ipe

Dimensions

Available in two sizes:

- Half-size: 2 1/2" x 1" (65 mm x 25 mm)
- Full-size: 5" x 1" (135 mm x 25 mm)

Options

- Other hardwood options such as cumaru are available upon request
- Composite fenders are also available upon request

Lakeshore and Great Lakes systems



Half-size

Tri Ocean system



Full-size

Fenders

EPDM rubber

Specifications

- Usually used for larger vessels

Dock systems

- DD4: for all systems
- DD6: Tri Ocean

Material

- UV-stabilized ethylene-propylene-diene-monomer (EPDM)

Color

- Grey

Dimensions

Available in two sizes:

- DD4: 4" x 4" (102 mm x 102 mm)
- DD6: 6" x 6" (152 mm x 152 mm)

All systems



DD4

Tri Ocean system



DD6

PVC



Specifications

- Can be combined with corner fenders for optimal protection

Dock systems

- For all systems

Material

- UV-stabilized polyvinyl chloride (PVC)

Color

- Grey

Dimensions

- 4" x 2" (102 mm x 55 mm)

HDPE corners



Specifications

- Added corner dock protection

Dock systems

- For all systems
- Can be used with half-size ipe hardwood and composite, and PVC fenders

Material

- UV-stabilized high density polyethylene (HDPE)

Color

- Grey

Dimensions

- 10 1/2" x 10 1/2" x 5 5/8" (269 mm x 269 mm x 144 mm)

Moorings

MAADI Group's aluminum cleats combine form, function and strength.

Specifications

Design

- Easy to reconfigure on multifunction track system
- Resistant to corrosion from salt water
- Fastened with stainless steel T-bolts

Dock systems

- 12" (305 mm) cleats: for all systems
- 20" (508 mm) cleats: Tri Ocean

Material

- Aluminum alloy A356

Dimensions

- Available in two sizes

Cleats - 12" (305 mm)

Lakeshore and Great Lakes systems



Cleats - 20" (508 mm)

Tri Ocean system



Tri Ocean system



Dimensions

- Length: 20" (508 mm)
- Width: 5 3/4" (146 mm)
- Height: 6" (152 mm)

Capacity

- Up to 13,480 lb (60 kN)

Dimensions

- Length: 12" (305 mm)
- Width: 2 1/2" (64 mm)
- Height: 4 1/2" (114 mm)

Capacity

- Up to 5,170 lb (23 kN)



Accessories

MAADI Group pays particular attention to the aesthetics and safety aspect of its structures. All our accessories comply with the strictest American and Canadian standards and codes.



Comfort and aesthetics

Guardrails with a choice of styles

- Midrails
- Personalize your guardrails with your own design

Other options

- Custom benches
- Parasols, canopies and awnings
- LED lighting system

Safety and services

Options

We offer a full range of high-quality accessories for all your needs:

- Ladders
- Fire hydrants
- Security accessories
- Power pedestals
- Wastewater pump-out system
- Fuel pumps

Projects





CocoCay Floating Docks

Berry Islands, Bahamas

Location



Dock system

214 Series

Fingers

N/A

Boat sizes

N/A

Capacity

20 floating cabanas

Anchoring system

Steel piles

Weather conditions

Designed for Category 2 hurricane winds of 110 mph (175 km/h), waves up to 3' (1 m)



Customization

Side extrusions covered with ipe hardwood

Ipe hardwood decking

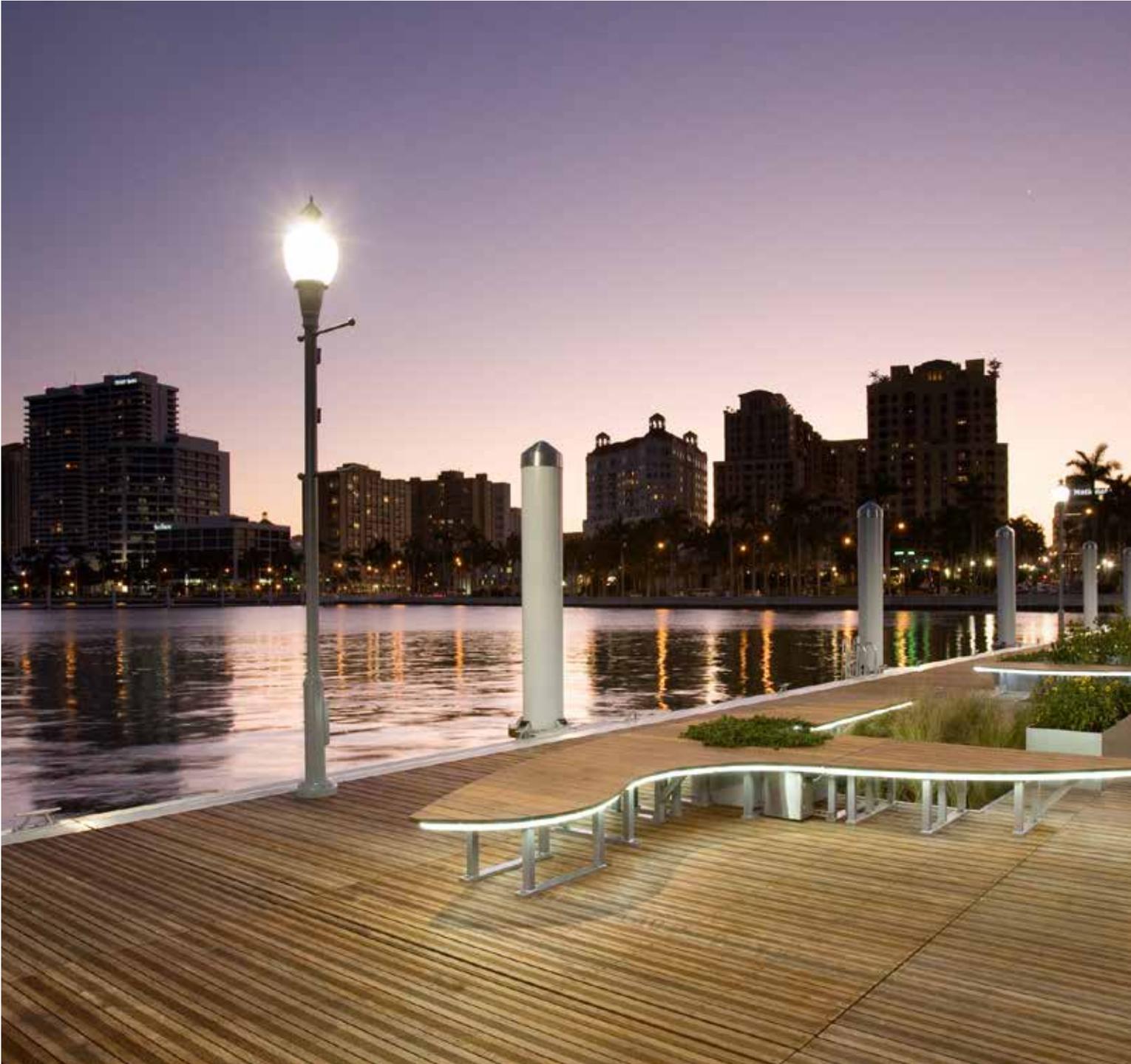
Steel piles covered with ipe hardwood



City Commons Waterfront Docks

West Palm Beach, Florida, USA

Location



Dock type

245 Series

Fingers

N/A

Boat sizes

Up to 35' (11 m)

Capacity

50 slips

Anchoring system

Steel piles

Weather conditions

Designed for Category 2 hurricane winds of 110 mph (175 km/h), waves up to 3' (1 m)

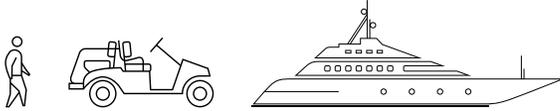


Photo: Tom Hurst

Customization

Fixed access platforms and gangways. [More details](#)

Ribbed cumaru wood decking

Steel piles with powder-coated finish and stainless steel caps

Custom benches and removable parasols

LED lighting system

Oyster beds

Submerged planters for mangroves

Automatic watering system



Bartram's Garden Dock

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States

Location



Dock system

Lakeshore

Fingers

N/A

Boat type

Kayaks

Slips

N/A

Anchoring system

H-beam, H-beam guide anchored on concrete wall

Weather conditions

Designed for winds up to 115 mph (185 km/h), current up to 6.7 ppm

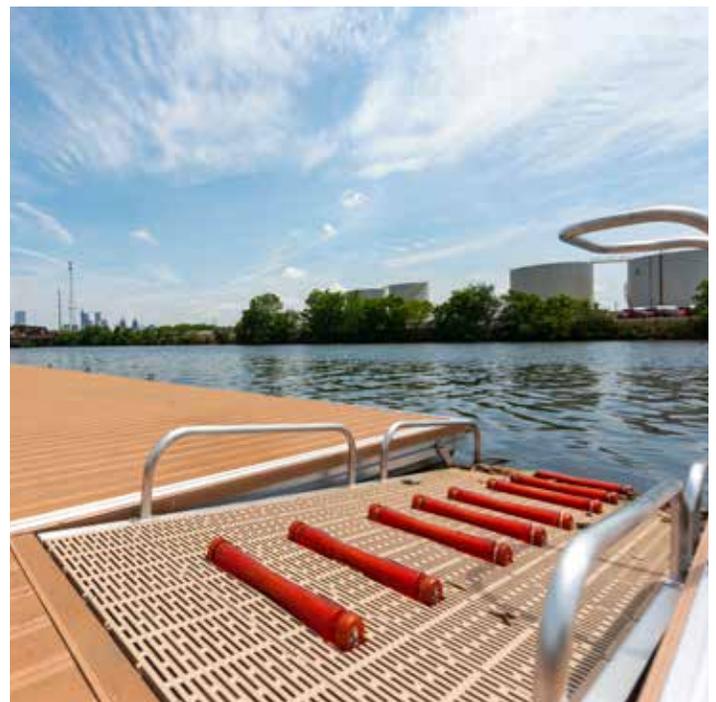


Customization

Glacier style gangway, ipe hardwood decking and kick plates, aluminum guardrails with midrails

Composite decking

Kayak launching ramp with polypropylene decking and roller system



Floating Bridges

Customized for every environment



Countries such as the U.S., Guyana and Norway are constructing floating bridges because they're often better suited to local climates and land features. pontoons allow the structure to move with the water rather than stay in one place and risk damage. Bracing components and anti-skid decking units add structural strength and increase safety.

Engineered using heavy-duty aluminum, the pontoons that we custom design and manufacture bend, shift and heave, preventing damage such as cracks to form and cause water leakage. Floating bridges take up less space than traditional bridges so visitors and residents can still take in a location's natural features while maintaining a high level of safety and security. They are very well suited to extreme cold, and our pontoons contain watertight compartments to prevent water coming in.

MAADI Group offers a variety of custom design options, such as anti-skid decking, aluminum guardrails with a choice of styles and finishes, handrails, kick plates, LED lighting system and wave attenuators. [More details](#)

**MAADI Group
floating bridges
meet the highest
quality standards
for stability and
corrosion resistance.**



Anchoring Systems





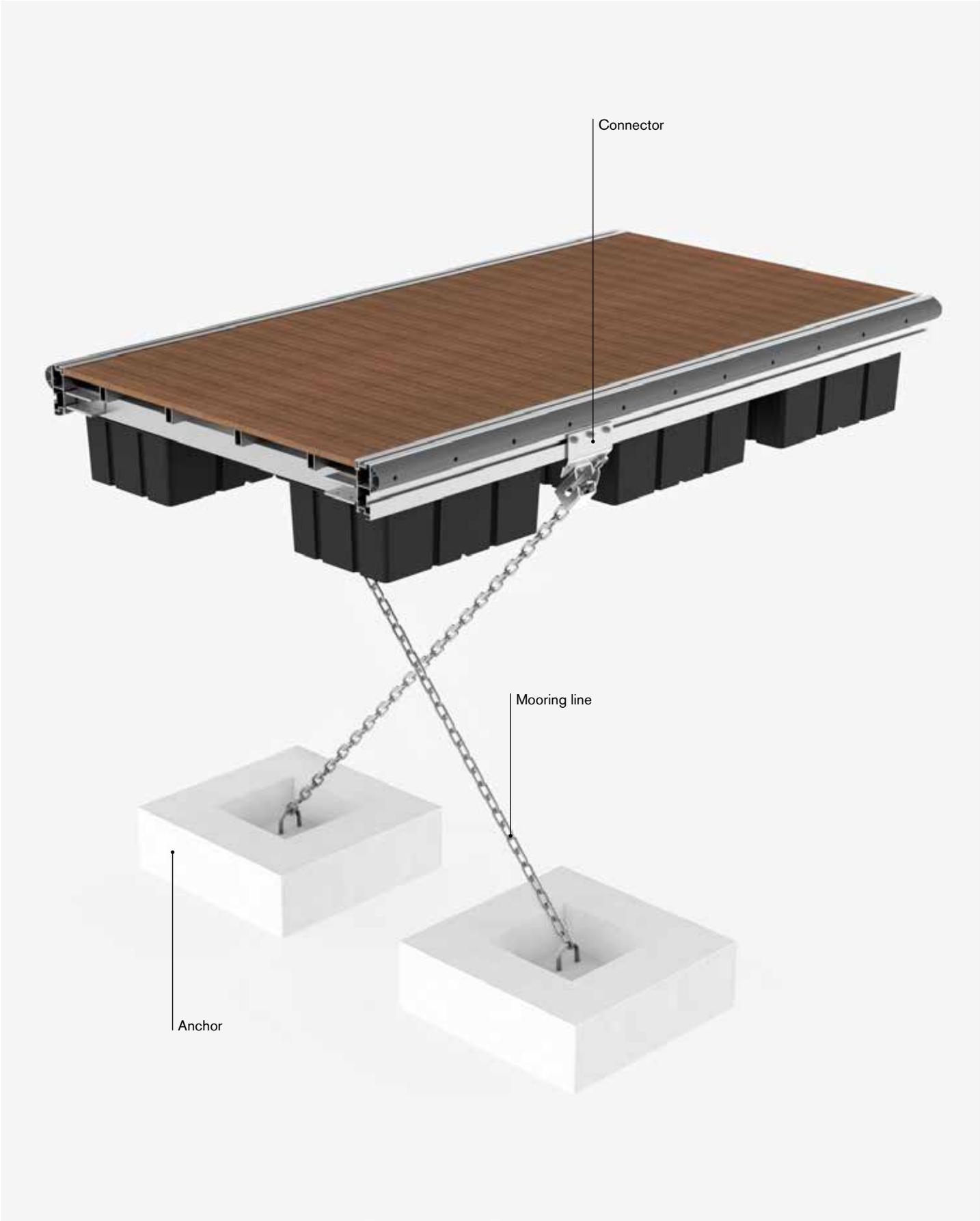
Anchoring Systems

Our engineers have earned international recognition for their one-of-a-kind expertise in planning full anchoring system layouts. Through an in-depth analysis of all the project parameters, they're able to offer you the perfect solution for your needs.



MAADI Group engineers can recommend the best anchoring system for you in terms of application, safety, and maintenance. All components and hardware are resistant to salt-water corrosion.

	Deadman More details			Piles More details	H-beam More details	Push-arm More details
	Concrete block	Helical anchor	Earth anchor			
Tides						
Small	■	■	■	■	■	■
Large	■	■	■	■	■	
Water depth						
Shallow Up to 20' (6.1 m)	■	■	■	■	■	■
Deep Up to 60' (18 m)	■	■	■		■	■
Bottom conditions						
Soft	■		■	■	■	■
Hard	■	■		■	■	■
Setting						
Bulkhead/Seawall					■	■
Shoreline						■



Deadman

This method of anchoring is the most common and generally used in deep waters.

Specifications

System

- Floating docks are moored to the sea bed with anchors and to the shore with mooring lines
- No adjustment required after installation

Anchor options

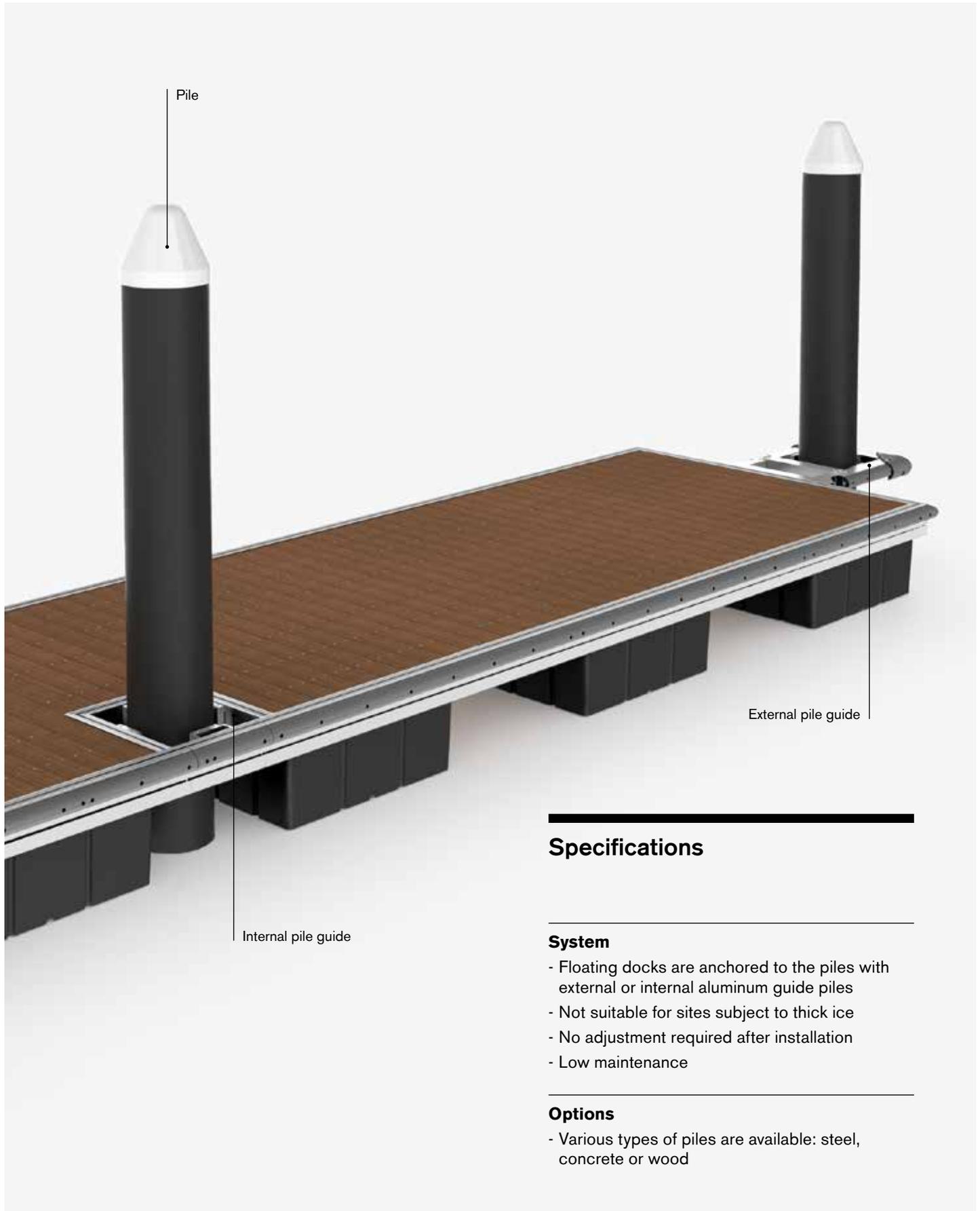
- Concrete block
- Helical anchor
- Plow anchor

Mooring options

- Hot-dip galvanised chain and shackle
- Cable with rubber hawser

Connector





Pile

External pile guide

Internal pile guide

Specifications

System

- Floating docks are anchored to the piles with external or internal aluminum guide piles
- Not suitable for sites subject to thick ice
- No adjustment required after installation
- Low maintenance

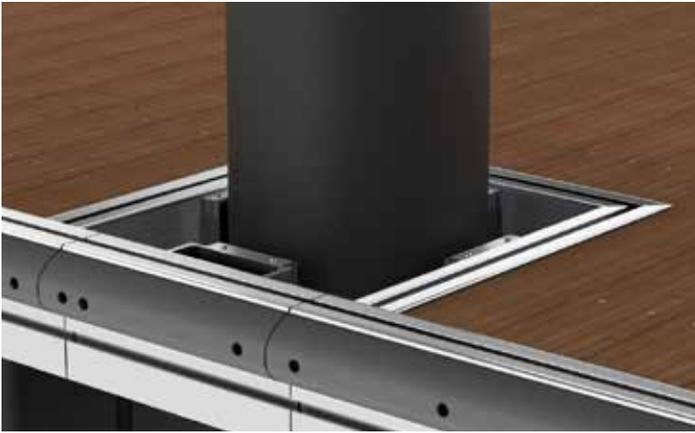
Options

- Various types of piles are available: steel, concrete or wood

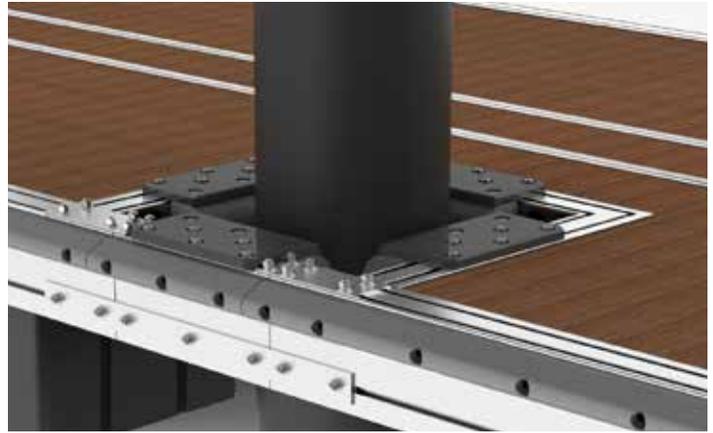
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Pile anchoring is a long-lasting mooring method and is usually used in shallow waters.

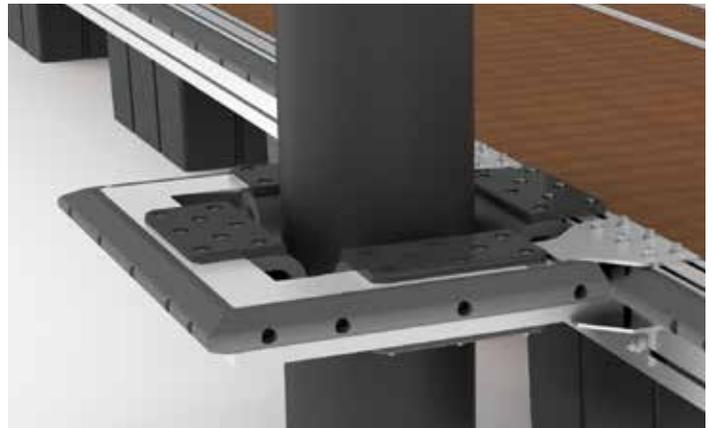
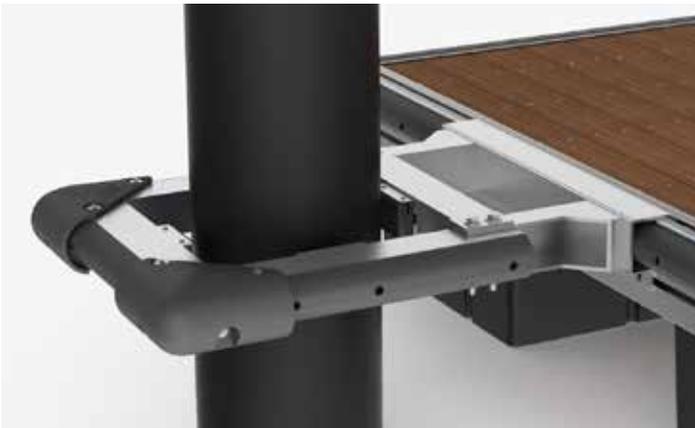
Great Lakes system



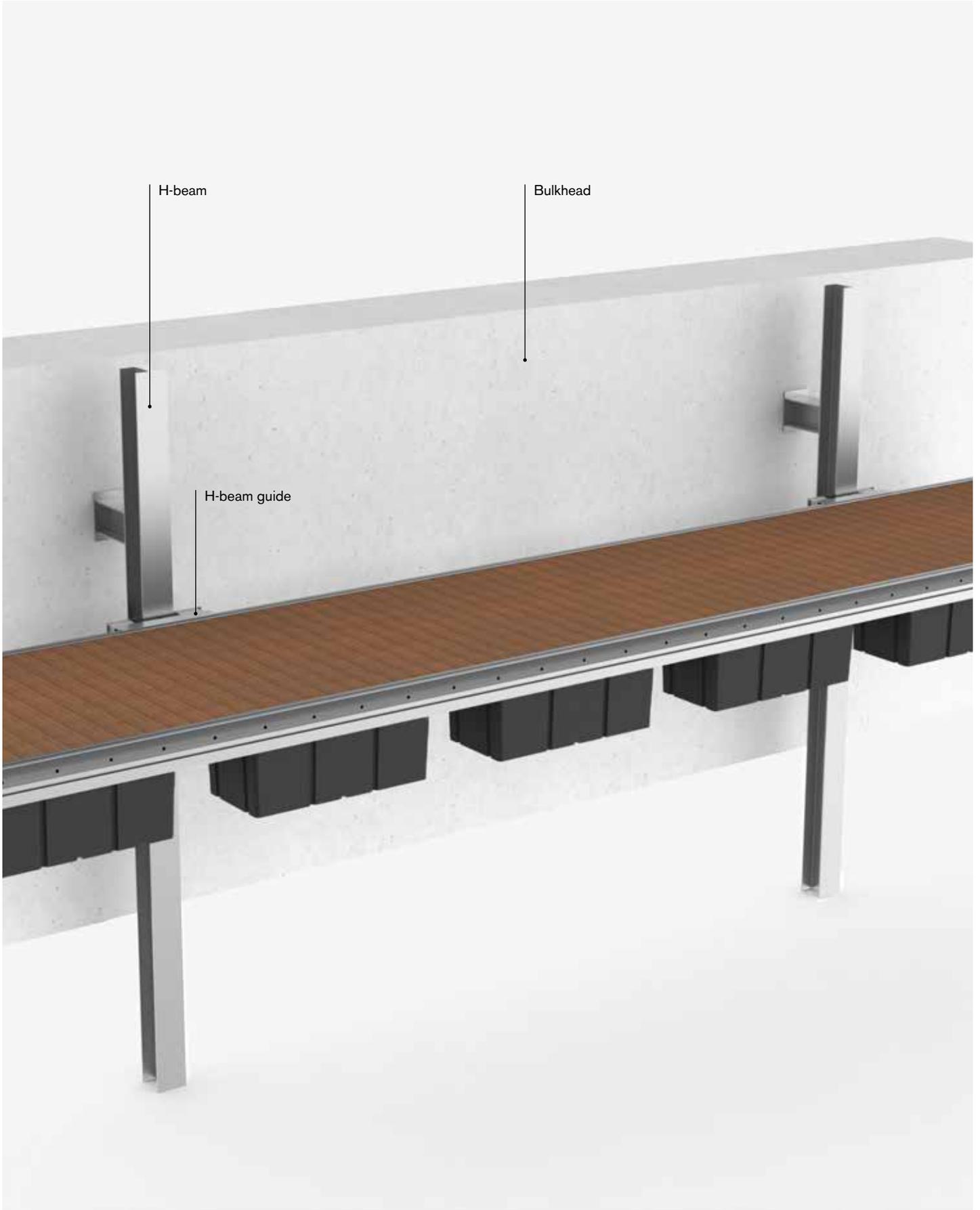
Tri Ocean system



Internal



External



H-Beam

Can be used for floating docks anchored along a seawall or bulkhead.

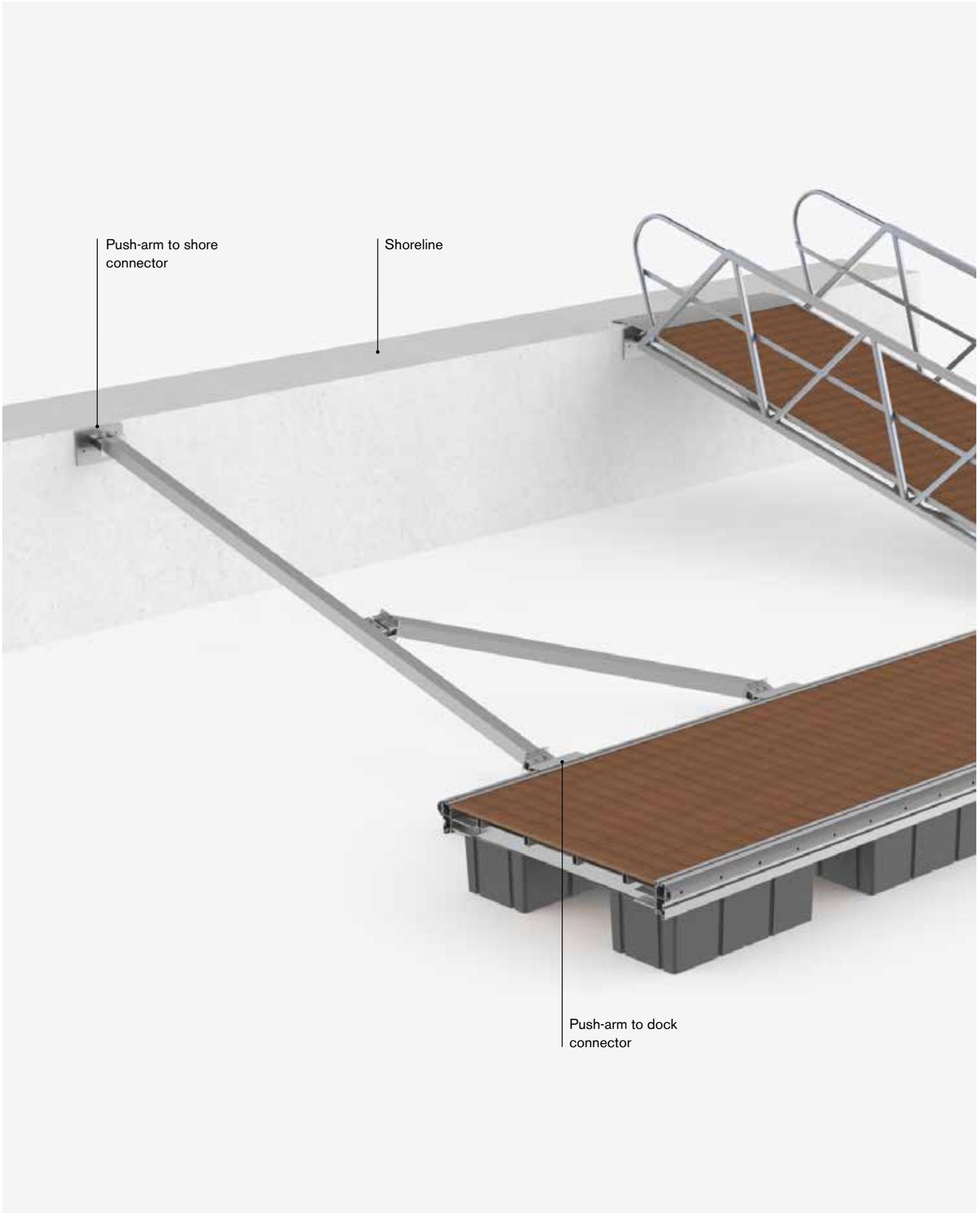
Specifications

System

- Economical mooring solution compared to piles
- Ideal when water level variations are large
- Easy to install
- No adjustment required after installation
- Low maintenance

H-beam guide





Push-Arm

Used for floating docks along the shoreline, particularly when the shoreline is uneven.

Specifications

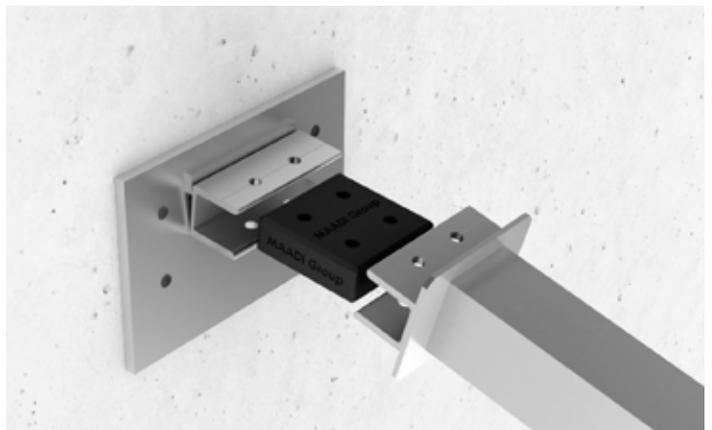
System

- Push-arm mooring method is used where water level variations are small
- All components and hardware are resistant to corrosion from salt water
- No adjustment required after installation
- Low maintenance

Connectors



Dock



Shore

Ferry Landings

Turnkey ferry landings

Strong and durable

Cost-effective

Tailored design







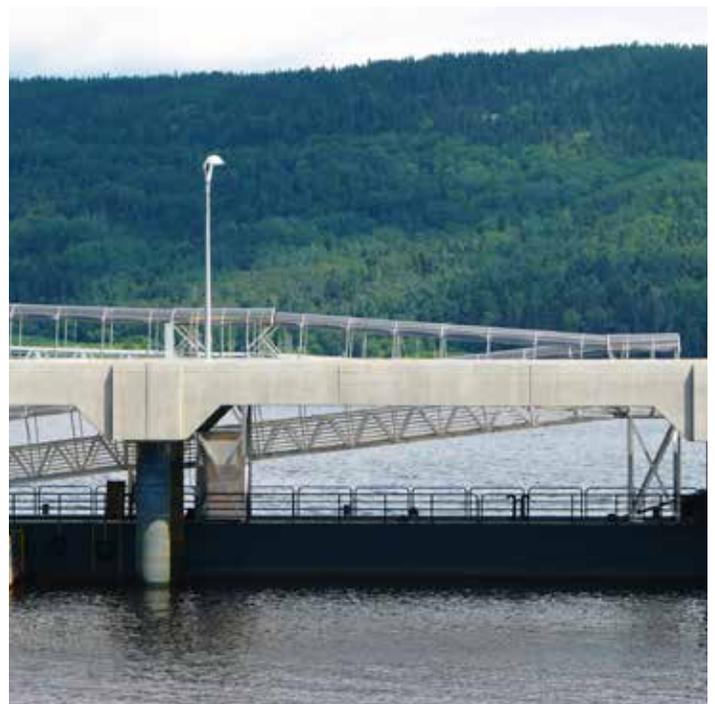
← International Cruise Ship Ferry Landing La Baie, Quebec

Whether they're built for mooring shuttles, ferries or water taxis, our aluminum landings are designed to ensure passenger safety with minimal maintenance.

MAADI Group engineers optimize design and manufacturing to achieve superior quality structures that withstand corrosion, pollution, harsh climates and high daily use.

Our structures are tailored to your specific needs and are fully customizable with a variety of options.

Location



Watch
the video







Location

← Ferry landing at Mingan Archipelago National Park Reserve, Havre-Saint-Pierre, Quebec, Canada

Floating Wave Attenuators



Innovative

Tough

Better for the environment







Wave attenuators designed for climate change

Hurricanes, typhoons and storms have all generally become more severe and unpredictable in recent years. With the impacts of climate change already being felt around the world, it's more important than ever to develop robust solutions that respect the environment and withstand the forces of nature and accelerated erosion.

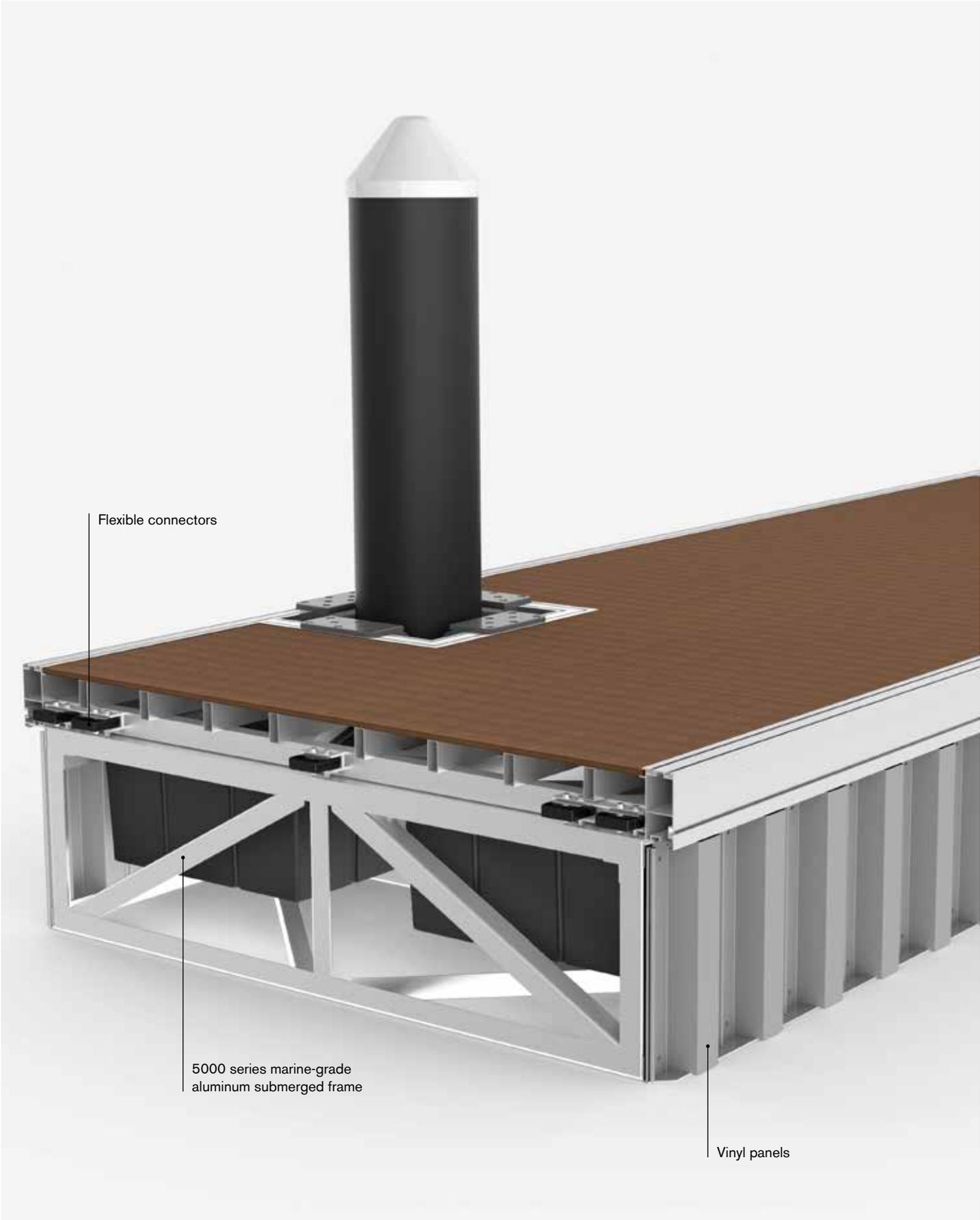
Faced with the challenge of protecting shorelines from damaging wind- and ship-generated waves, MAADI Group engineers have created an innovative design that uses sustainable materials: the aluminum floating wave attenuator.

Design innovation

Whether for a new construction or a renovation project, aluminum floating wave attenuators are an attractive solution that provides the ultimate in durability and corrosion resistance.

We design and produce high-performance floating wave attenuators. By using piles instead of chains, we're able to increase the efficiency of wave attenuators and create additional boat slips and dockage areas.

Our specialized maritime structures integrate the strength of aluminum alloys 6061-T6, 6005A-T6 and 5083-H321 modules with a submerged steel or marine-grade aluminum frame and vinyl panels. Aluminum's low modulus of elasticity, critical energy absorption properties, resilience, and corrosion resistance protect valuable coastline and vessels without compromising the environment and beauty of the waterfront.



Specifications

Tough and efficient

MAADI Group's superior design and quality fabrication improves the performance and reliability of floating wave attenuators by using custom aluminum extrusion that combines internal links with increased torsional rigidity and high section modulus.

MAADI Group floating wave attenuators are efficient for up to 74 mile-per-hour winds that may generate three-foot wave heights. Flexible connectors between the sections of our floating wave attenuators allow for hogging and sagging movement, releasing tension.

In shallow waters, floating wave attenuators use pilings to prevent swaying and pitching.

Conditions	Wave		Reduction
	Period (T)*	Maximum length (L)*	
Normal	1 to 2 sec.	20' (6 m)	90 to 75%
Maximum	2 to 2.8 sec.	40' (12 m)	75 to 50%
Storm	2.8 to 3.3 sec.	50' (15 m)	50 to 32%
Survival	> 3.3 sec.	> 50' (15 m)	

* Relation between the period (T) and the wavelength (L):

$L \text{ (ft)} = 5.12 T^2$
 $L \text{ (m)} = 1.56 T^2$

Better, greener applications

Unlike traditional wave attenuators that use rocks or rubble, MAADI Group's floating wave attenuators respect the natural environment. Instead of destroying marine life, our systems allow for better water circulation and fish migration. This non-invasive method is the result of a floating system anchored by pilings. Our made-to-measure extruded aluminum modules also allow for better buoyancy, eliminating anchoring problems, and do not trap debris like rubber tire systems do.

Throughout North America and the Caribbean, our breakthrough design works with nature to dissipate waves and provide superior protection.

Warranty

We offer a 2-year limited warranty on aluminum against material failure, defects and corrosion.



Gangways





Custom Gangways



Durable investment

Eye appeal

Cost effective



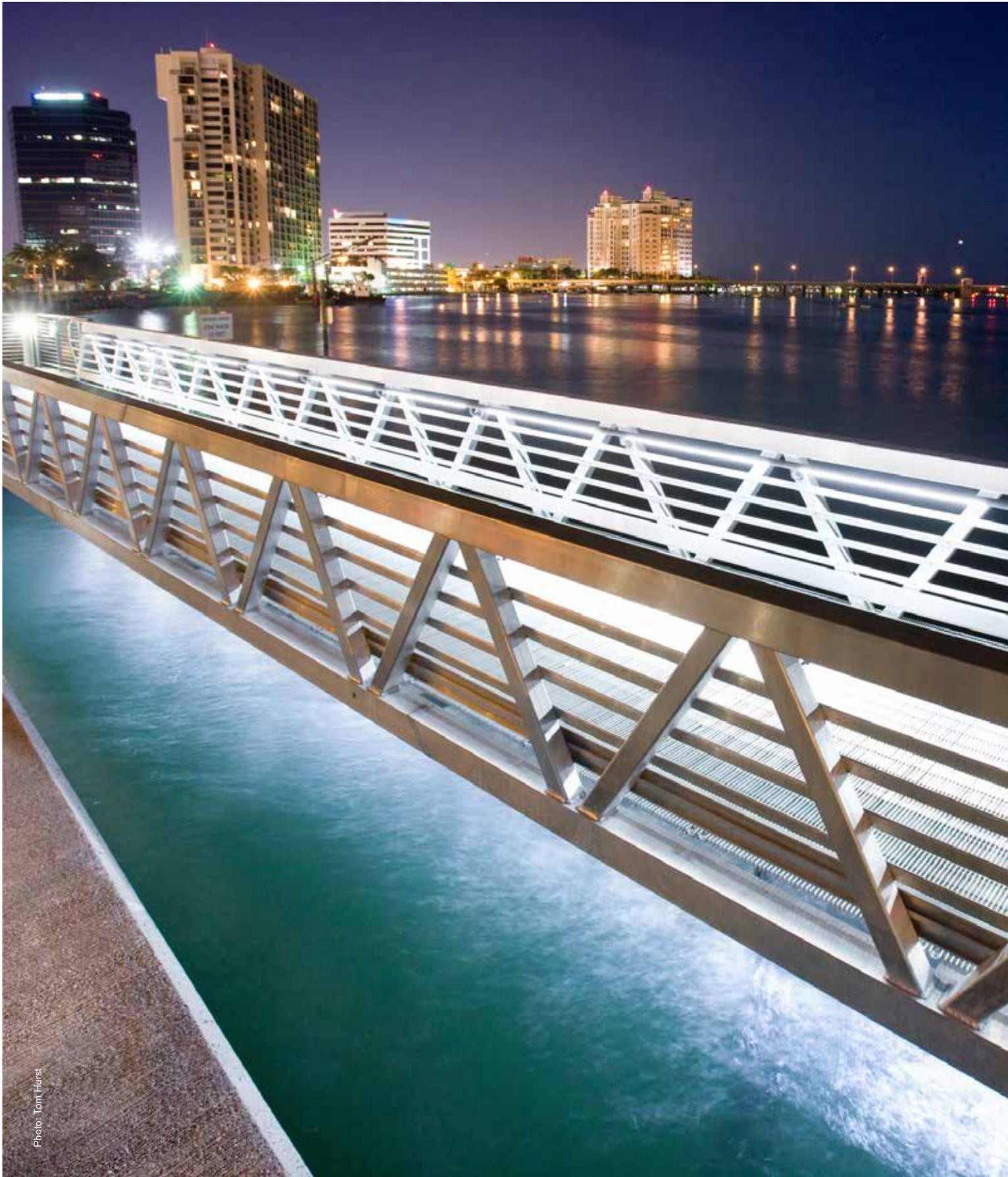


Photo: Tom Hurst



Design and materials

- 100% recyclable aluminum structural components and energy-efficient recycling.
- Resistant to corrosion from salt water, chemicals and pollution. A permanent film of natural oxide makes the metal less impacted by the environment.
- Suited to extreme cold, aluminum does not crack at low temperatures.
- Marine grade extruded aluminum alloy construction using 6061-T6, 6005A-T6 and 5083-H321.
- Integrates well with new constructions and retrofits of existing structures.

Maintenance

Virtually maintenance-free and highly cost-effective, compared with steel when total cost of ownership (TCO) is considered.

Vandalism

Very easy to remove graffiti by brushing or sanding bare aluminum, compared to steel that has protective coating.

Warranty

15-year limited warranty on aluminum against material failure, defects and corrosion.



Tailored Designs

Customized to your specifications and needs.

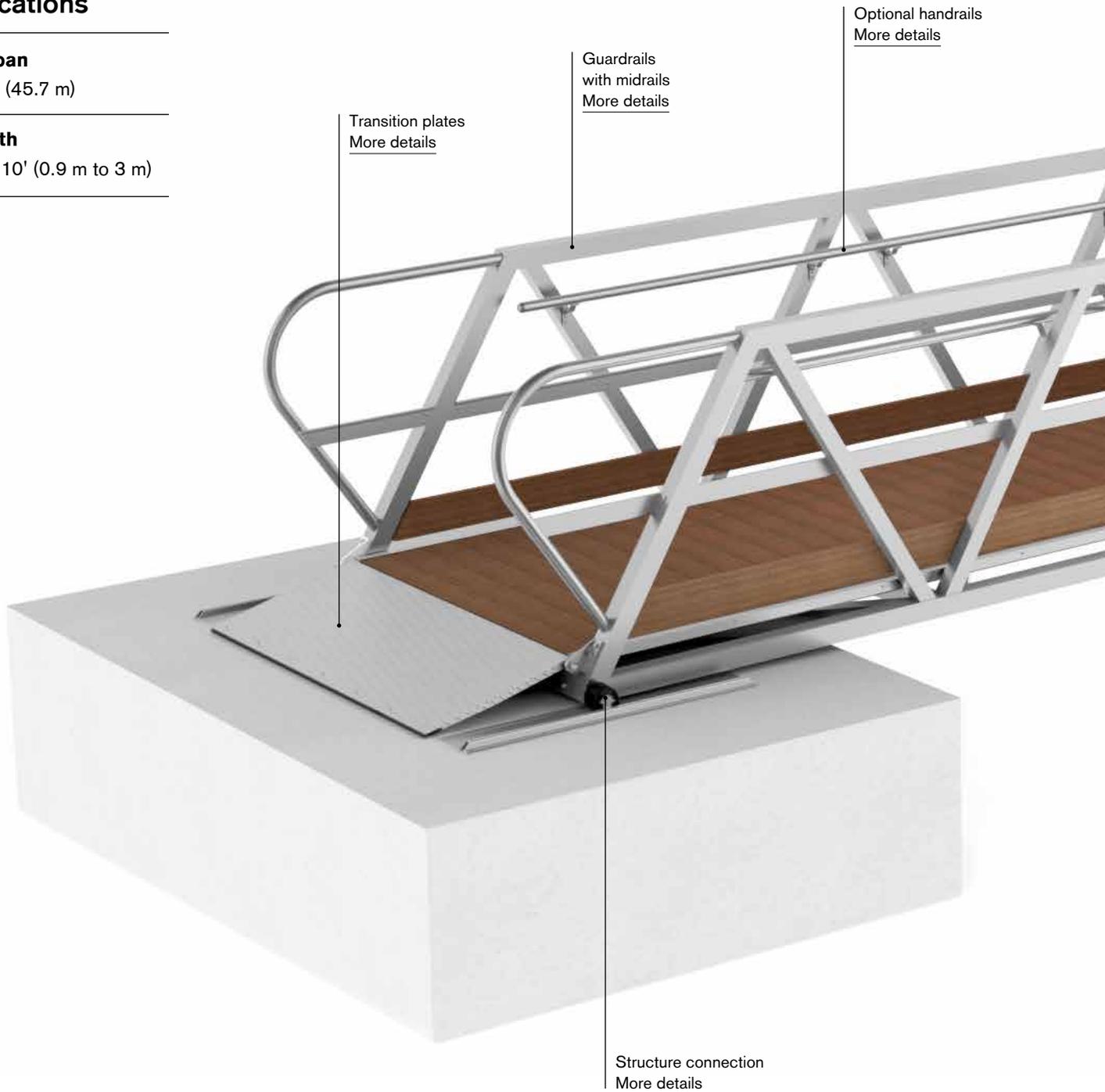
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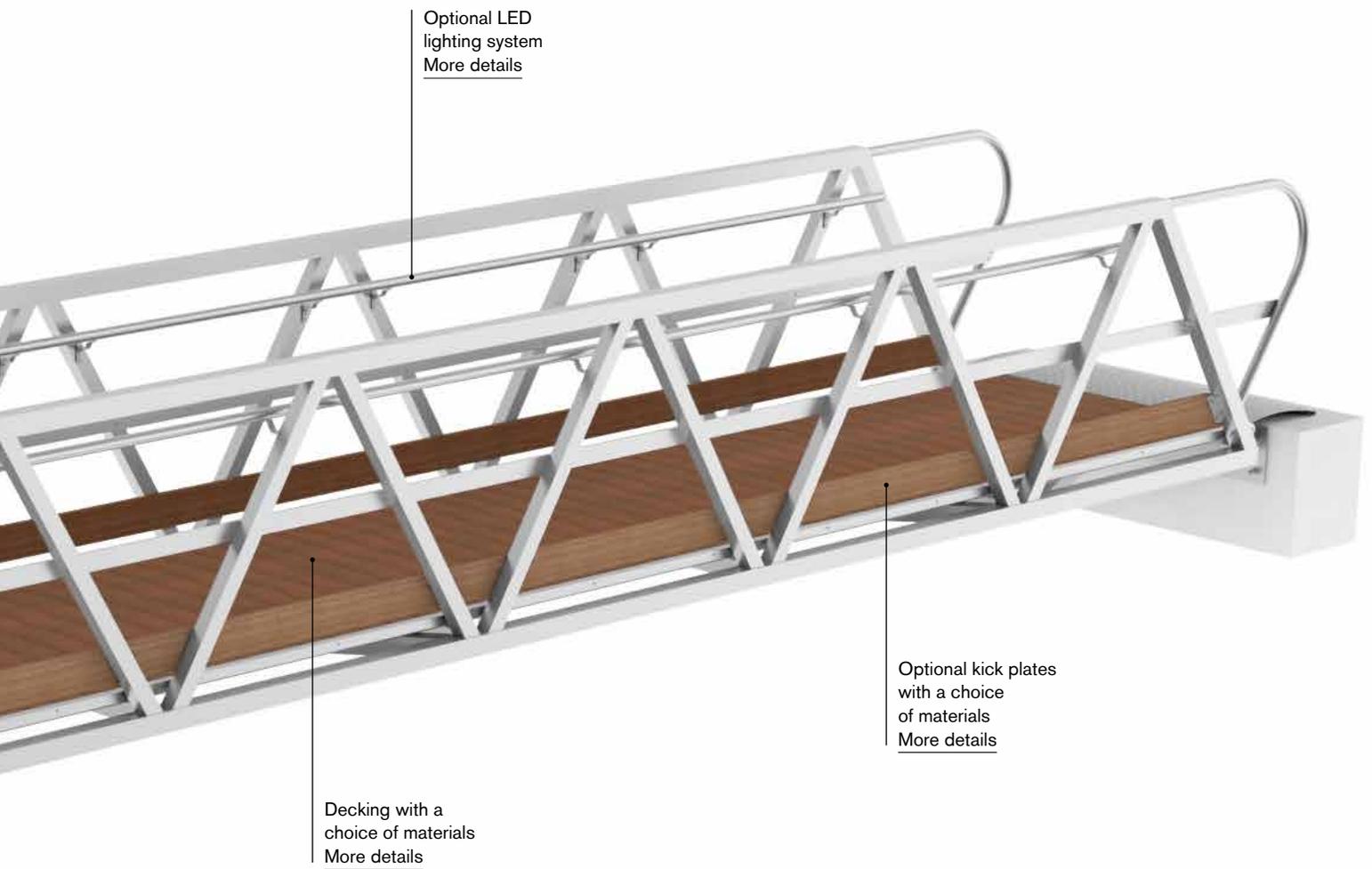
Overall span

Up to 150' (45.7 m)

Clear width

From 3' to 10' (0.9 m to 3 m)





Guardrails

MAADI Group guardrail systems offer safe and practical solutions that are also attractive. Our guardrails comply with Canadian and American bridge codes and standards.



Specifications

Material

- Extruded aluminum alloy with natural finish

Dimensions

- Height: 42" (1,070 mm)
- 2" (50 mm) midrails installed at mid-height

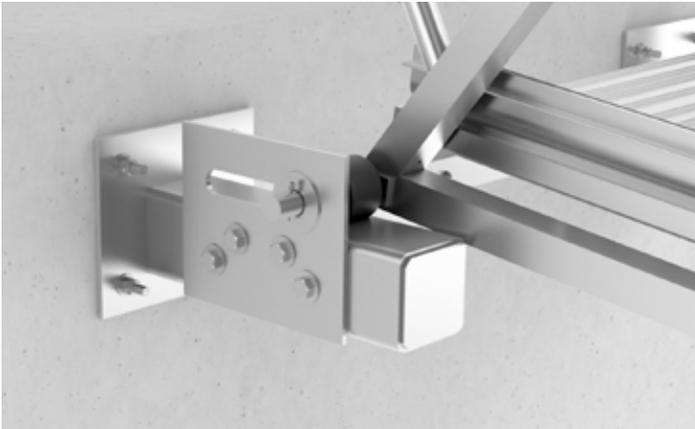
Custom design

Option

- Personalize your guardrails with your own design

Structure Connections

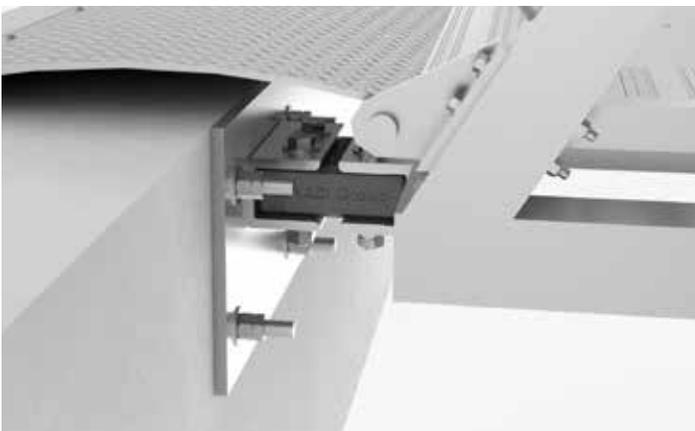
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Roller and plate system

Specifications

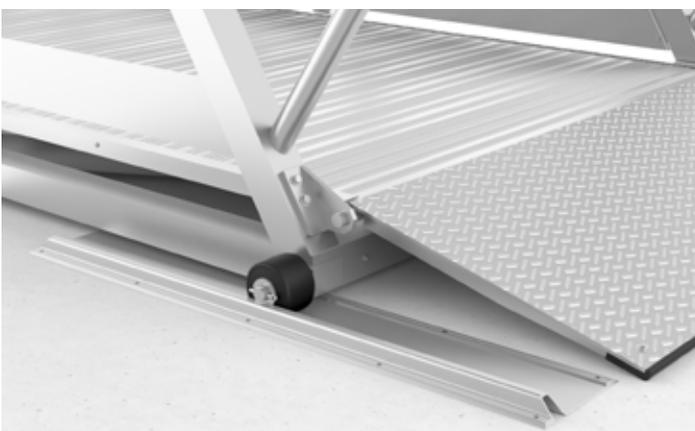
- System allows lateral and vertical movement
- Usually required to link a chain-anchored floating dock to land



Flexible connector

Specifications

- Connector allows small vertical movement
- Usually required to link a pile-anchored floating dock to the land



Roller and rail system

Specifications

- Usually used in conjunction with roller and plate system or flexible connector on the land side
- Rails are made of aluminum
- Wheels are made of UHMW
- Easy to install

Transition Plates

With non-slip finishing, transition plates facilitate access to the gangway from adjacent surfaces.

Flat transition plate

Specifications

- Used with the roller and rail system.
- Aluminum plate with anti-slip diamond treads.
- Comes with frictionless edge to protect decking surface.

Options

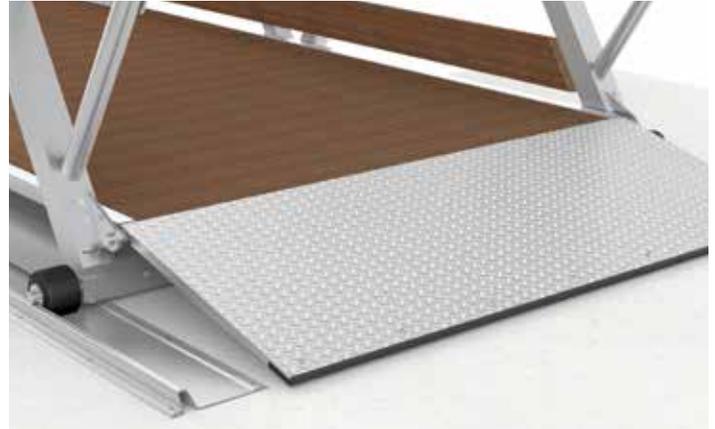
Anti-slip strips

- Aluminum plate with anti-slip extruded strips is available upon request.

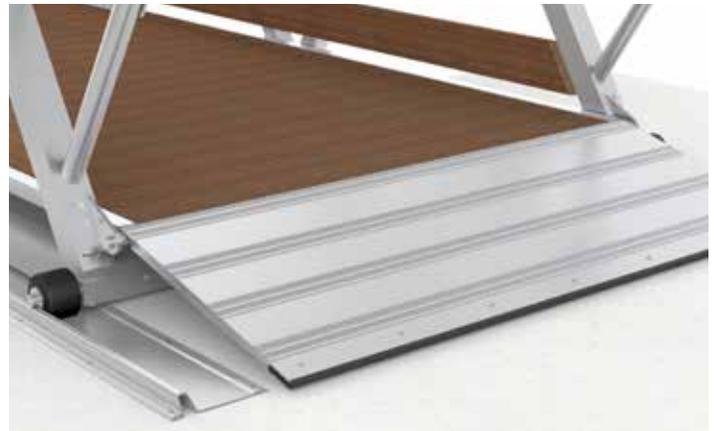
Anti-slip coating

- Aluminum plate with anti-slip durable polyester powder coating is available upon request.
- Compliant with AAMA 2604-10 & ASTM D3359.

Diamond treads



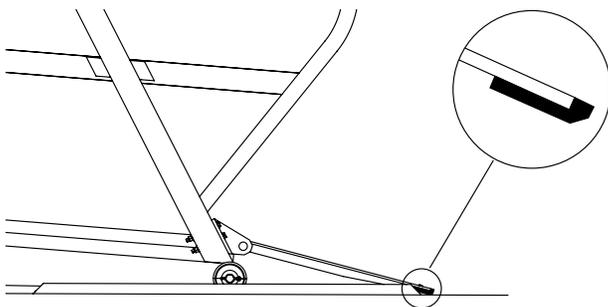
Anti-slip strips



Anti-slip coating



Frictionless edge



Roller and rail system

Curved transition plate

Specifications

- Used with the roller and plate system.
- Aluminum plate with anti-slip diamond treads.
- Comes with frictionless edge to protect decking surface.

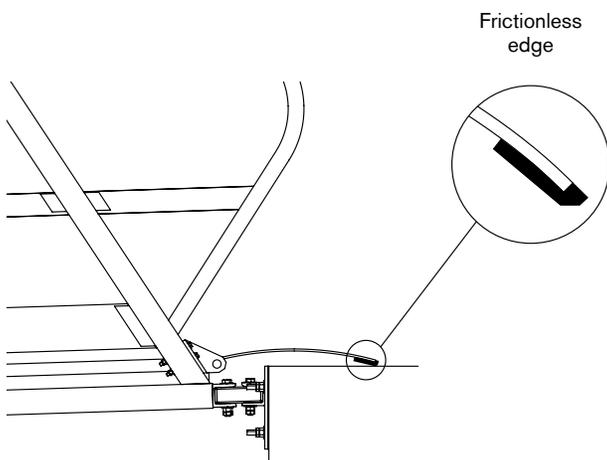
Options

Anti-slip strips

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Anti-slip coating

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Roller and plate system

Diamond treads



Anti-slip strips



Anti-slip coating





Customization



Decking Materials

Choose the material best suited to the function of the structure. Let our engineers advise you on the best decking for your needs.



Ipe hardwood

Specifications

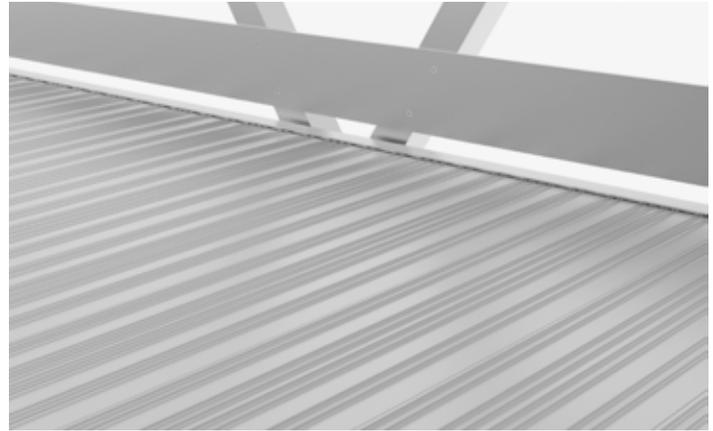
- Naturally very resistant to decay, rot and insect attack
- Minimum 40-year lifespan depending on use
- Low maintenance, no treating or sealing required for durability (treating may be required to keep the original color)
- Straight grain with fine to medium texture
- Economical over life of the structure
- Average density of 69 lb/ft³ (1,100 kg/m³)
- Fastened with stainless steel screws

Dimensions

- S4S outside corner
- Width varies between 5" and 7 3/8" (127 mm and 188 mm)
- Thickness varies between 1" and 1 1/2" (25 mm et 40 mm) depending on loads and applications

Option

- Other hardwood options such as ribbed cumaru are available upon request



Composite

Specifications

- Designed to resist rot, warping and fading
- Minimum 25-year lifespan depending on use
- Anti-slip ribbed surface
- Low maintenance – no treatments or sealers required
- Economical over life of the structure
- Density of 75 lb/ft³ (1,195 kg/m³)
- Fastened with stainless steel screws

Materials

- A blend of wood flour and high-density polyethylene

Dimensions

- S4S outside corner
- 7/8" x 5 1/2" (22 mm x 140 mm)

Color

- Sand

Ribbed aluminum

Specifications

- Unlimited lifespan with regular cleaning
- High grip ribbed tongue and groove planks
- Maintenance-free and corrosion-resistant – no treatments or sealers required
- 100% recyclable and reusable
- Economical over life of the structure
- Fastened with stainless steel screws

Materials

- Extruded aluminum alloy with natural finish – no paint or treatment required

Dimensions

- 7 3/8" x 1 1/4" (188 mm x 31 mm)
- Anti-slip ribs height: 1/16" (2.3 mm)

Options

Kick plates, handrails and LED lighting system are offered to further customize your gangway to best suit the application and the surrounding environment.



Integrated kick plates

Design

- Helps prevent objects from falling and provide a higher level of security

Material

- Extruded aluminum alloy with natural finish

Dimensions

- Height: 4" (102 mm)



Raised kick plates

Specifications

- Helps prevent objects from falling and provide a higher level of security
- Compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act

Materials

- Ipe hardwood, wood composite or extruded aluminum alloy
- Other type of woods are available upon request

Dimensions

- **Wood or wood composite**
Heights: 3 1/2" (89 mm), 5 1/2" (140 mm) or 7 1/4" (184 mm)
- **Aluminum**
Heights: 4" (102 mm), 6" (152 mm) or 8" (203 mm)



Photo: Tom Hurst

Handrails

Material

- Extruded aluminum alloy with natural finish

Dimensions

- Diameter: from 1 1/4" to 2" (from 32 mm to 50 mm)
- 2" (50 mm) hand clearance

Height

- Standard: 36" (915 mm)
- ADA¹: 24" (610 mm)

Option

- Double handrails (ADA) are available upon request

LED lighting system

Options

- White LED lighting system
- White or RGB programmable LED light projector system
- Handrail-integrated lighting system

¹ Americans with Disabilities Act

Projects





Briland Club Marina

Harbour Island, Bahamas

Location



Overall spans

40' (12.2 m)

Clear width

7' 10" (2.4 m)

Pedestrian load

100 psf (4.8 kPa)

Vehicular load

924 lb (420 kg)

Bridge self-weight

4,800 lb (2,177 kg)

Wind pressure

41.8 psf (2 kPa)

Options

Ipe hardwood decking and kick plates, aluminum guardrails with midrails and handrails



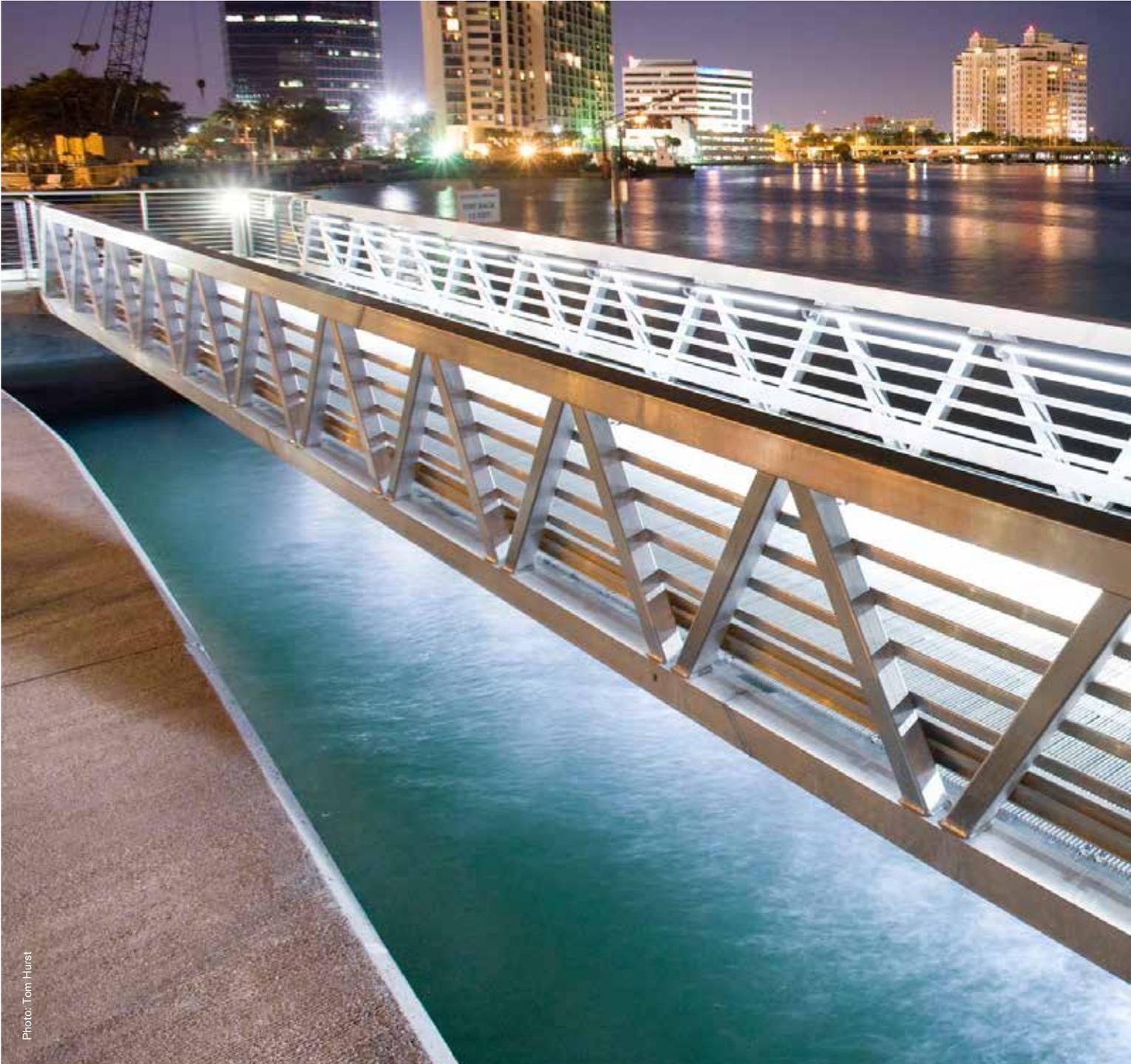
Design/build of five Glacier style gangways



City Commons Waterfront Docks

West Palm Beach, USA

Location



Overall spans

80' (24 m)

Clear width

7' 10" (2.4 m)



Pedestrian load

100 psf (4.8 kPa)

Vehicular load

N/A

Bridge self-weight

9,600 lb (4,354 kg)

Wind pressure

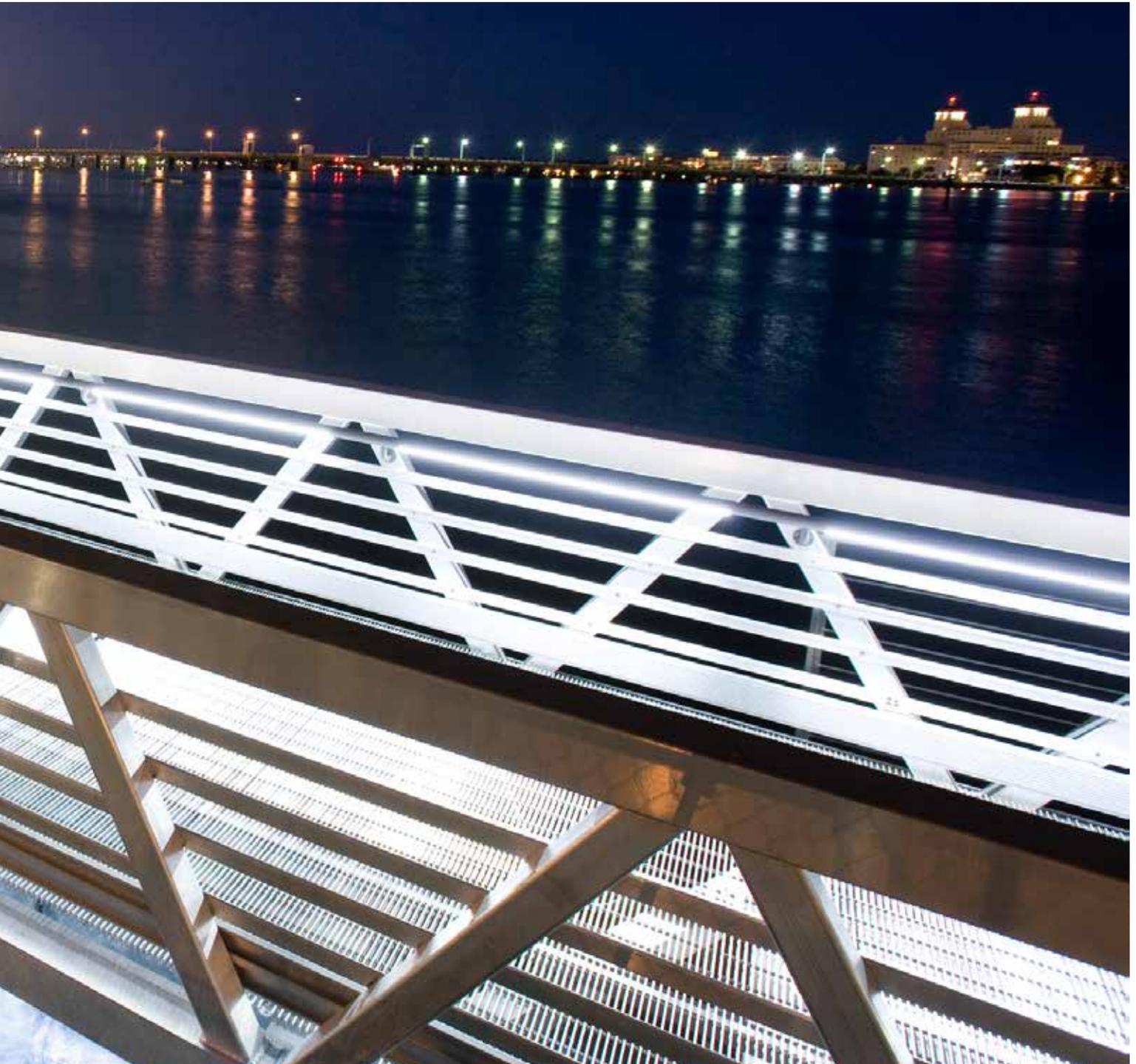
11.5 psf (550 Pa)

Gangway style

Glacier

Options

Aluminum bar grating decking, aluminum kick plates and guardrails with horizontal railings, aluminum handrails with integrated LED lighting



International Cruise Ship Ferry Landing

La Baie, Quebec

Location



Overall spans

118' 1" (36 m)

Clear width

4' (1.2 m)



Pedestrian load

50 psf (2.4 kPa)

Vehicular load

N/A

Bridge self-weight

7,680 lb (3,484 kg)

Wind pressure

8.6 psf (410 Pa)

Gangway style

Tremblant

Options

Shur Grip aluminum decking, aluminum guardrails with horizontal railings



Port of Quebec

Quebec City, Quebec

Location



Overall span

72' 2" (22 m)

Clear width

5' 7" (1.7 m)

Pedestrian load

100 psf (4.8 kPa)

Vehicular load

N/A

Bridge self-weight

6,600 lb (3,000 kg)

Wind pressure

12.6 psf (604 Pa)

Gangway style

Glacier

Options

Ribbed aluminum decking,
guardrails with horizontal
railings and handrails in
aluminum



Mingan Archipelago National Park Reserve

Havre-Saint-Pierre, Quebec

Location



Overall span

48' 5¼" (14.8 m)

Clear width

4' (1.2 m)



Pedestrian load

52 psf (2.5 kPa)

Vehicular load

N/A

Bridge self-weight

2,270 lb (1,030 kg)

Wind pressure

16.4 psf (785 Pa)

Gangway style

Glacier

Options

Treated wood decking, aluminum guardrails with horizontal railings



Davie Shipyard

Lévis, Quebec

Location



Overall span

60' & 50'
(18.3 m & 15.2 m)

Clear width

4' (1.2 m)



Pedestrian load

100 psf (4.8 kPa)

Vehicular load

N/A

Bridge self-weight

6,160 lb & 5,280 lb
(2,800 kg & 2,400 kg)

Wind pressure

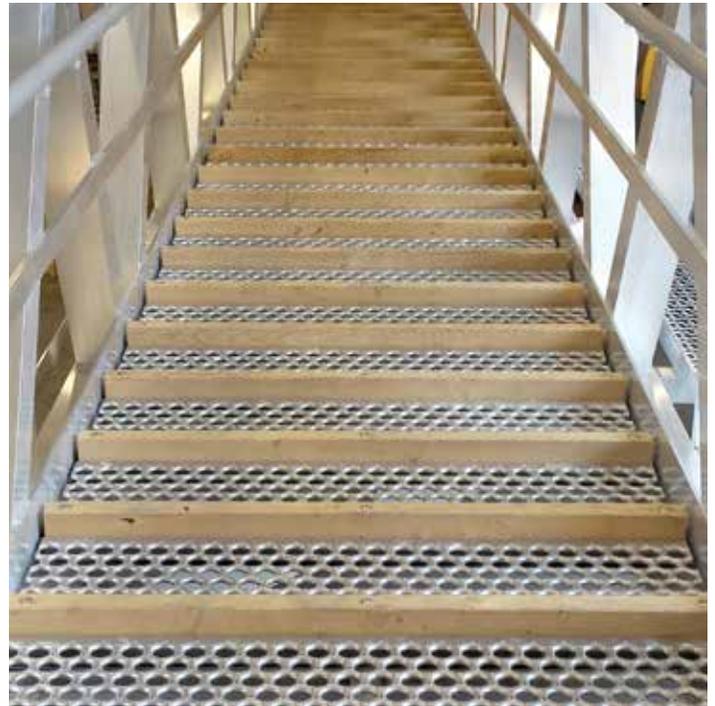
8.4 psf (410 Pa)

Gangway style

Glacier

Options

Aluminum shur grip decking with wooden treads, aluminum guardrails, midrails and canopy structures



Laurentian Pilotage Authority

Les Escoumins, Quebec

Location



Overall span

35' 9" (10.9 m)

Clear width

2' (0.6 m)



Pedestrian load

50 psf (2.4 kPa)

Vehicular load

N/A

Bridge self-weight

1,520 lb (690 kg)

Wind pressure

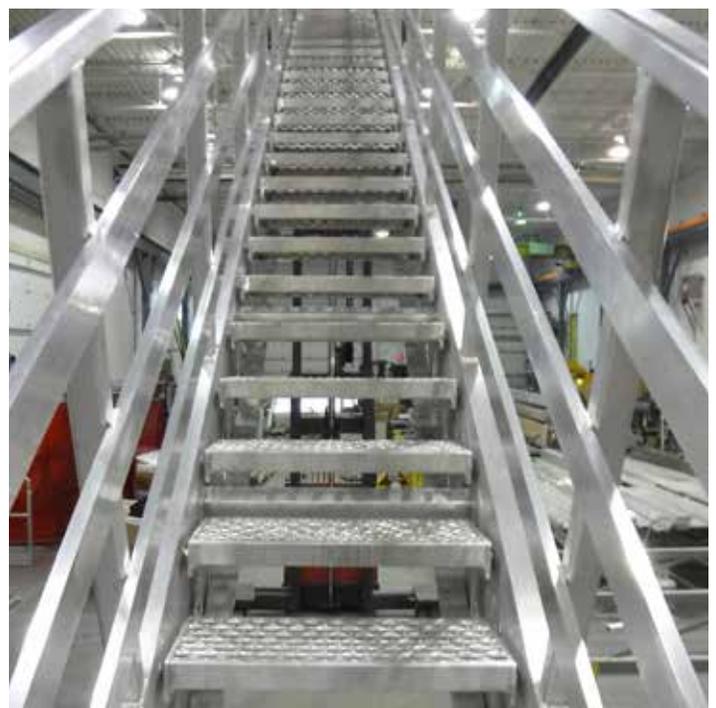
11.5 psf (550 Pa)

Gangway style

Stair

Options

Aluminum grip span
adjustable steps, guardrails
with horizontal railings



Gangway Kits

Visual appeal

Ready now

Cost-effective investment

Award-winning innovation









MakeABridge®

MakeABridge® gangways are engineered to be ultra-light, yet strong and durable to provide safe and reliable access to marinas. Our weld-free system is impervious to corrosion from salt water, chemicals or pollution.

In addition to being aesthetically pleasing, our unique patented system uses off-the-shelf components, allowing for fast shipping and easy installation.

We offer a wide choice of finishes and options to create a durable, economical and distinctive structure customized to your specifications and needs.

Specifications

Design and materials

- 100% recyclable aluminum structural components and energy-efficient recycling.
- No welding – aluminum maintains its full structural integrity.
- Resistant to corrosion from salt water, chemicals and pollution. A permanent film of natural oxide makes the metal less impacted by the environment.
- Suited to extreme cold, aluminum does not crack at low temperatures.
- Marine grade extruded aluminum alloy construction using 6061-T6, 6005A-T6 and 5083-H321.
- Fasteners in stainless steel 300 series.
- Destructive testing conducted at ETS (École de technologie supérieure) in Montreal (Quebec) and at the University of Waterloo (Ontario) to verify the structure's ductility.
- Integrates well with new constructions and retrofits of existing structures.

Patents

- Canada 2,607,711; Canada 2,869,050
- US 8,667,633; US 8,590,084; US 7,882,586; US 7,568,253
- Patents pending WO 2010/040205 A1 – 12/495,084

Easy shipping

- Off-the-shelf components are ready to be shipped on standard-size trailers in three to four weeks anywhere in North America, or four to six weeks anywhere worldwide.
- Delivery is four to eight times faster than for conventional welded bridges.
- Much lower shipping costs than steel structures.
- Delivered in bundles measuring 20 ft x 4 ft x 2 ft (6.1 m x 1.2 m x 0.6 m).
- Maximum weight of each component is 110 lb (50 kg).

Fast assembly and installation

- Lighter and easier to install than steel, wood or concrete products.
- On-site assembly requiring only three people with standard tools and equipment.
- Typical 30 ft (9 m) footbridge assembles in about 5 hours.

Watch the [video](#)

Maintenance

Virtually maintenance-free and highly cost-effective compared with steel when total cost of ownership (TCO) is considered.

Vandalism

Optional anti-theft/anti-vandalism fasteners.

Warranty

15-year limited warranty on aluminum against material failure, defects and corrosion.

Awards

The MakeABridge® system has received many design and innovation awards since 2006.

2013

Winner

Product innovation award: Architectural Products magazine

2010

Finalist

Génie Innovation awards for engineering innovation

2009

New technology prize

Quebec Region, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters and National Research Council of Canada (NRC IRAP)

Honorable mention

Contech innovation trophies

Finalist

Among 487 firms participating in the VoirGRAND.tv competition

2008

First Place

Category structure, International Aluminum Extrusion Design Competition of ET Foundation.

2006

Finalist

Les Anges financiers™ competition of the Jeune Chambre de commerce de Montréal (JCCM) and Anges Québec



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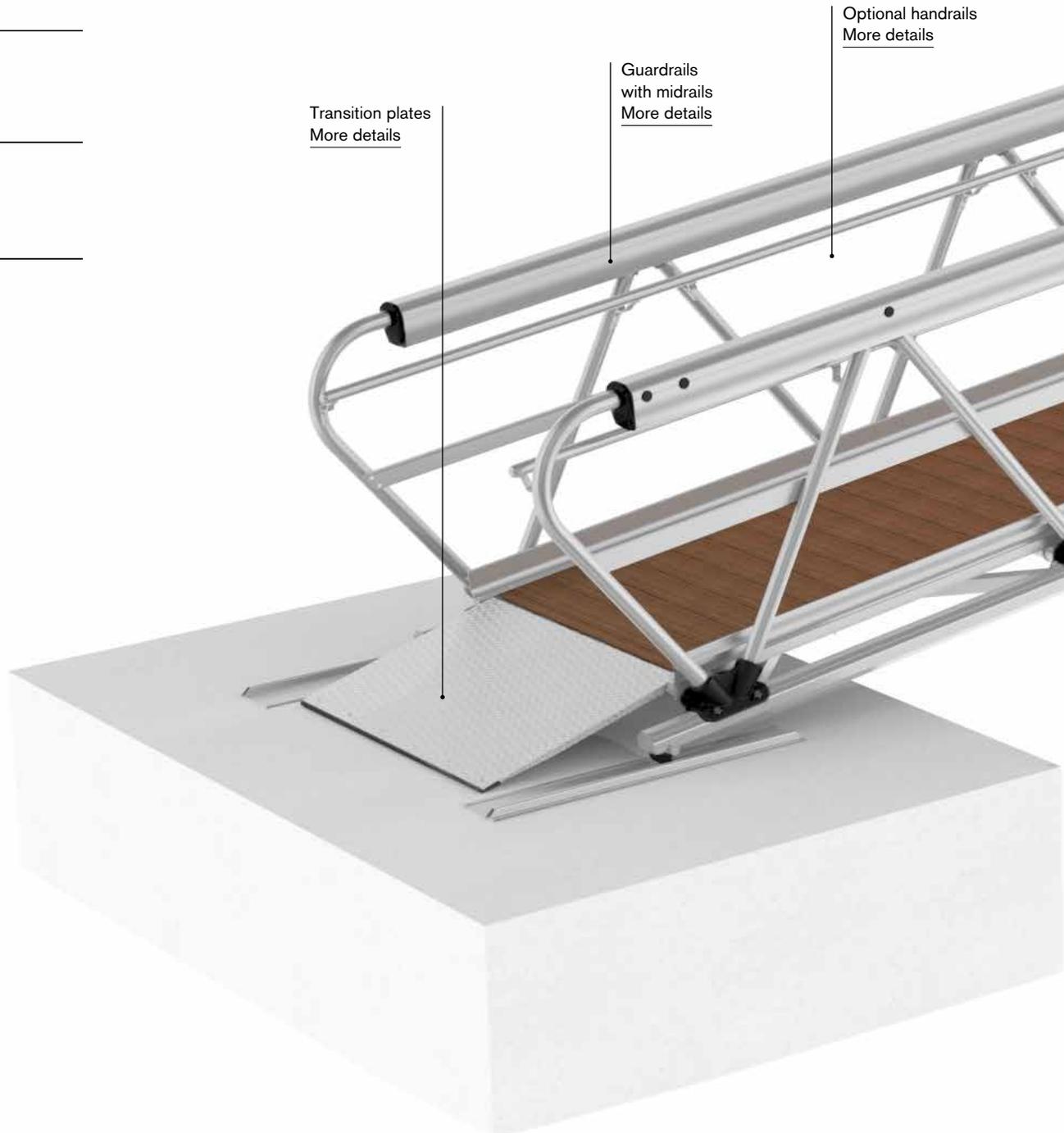
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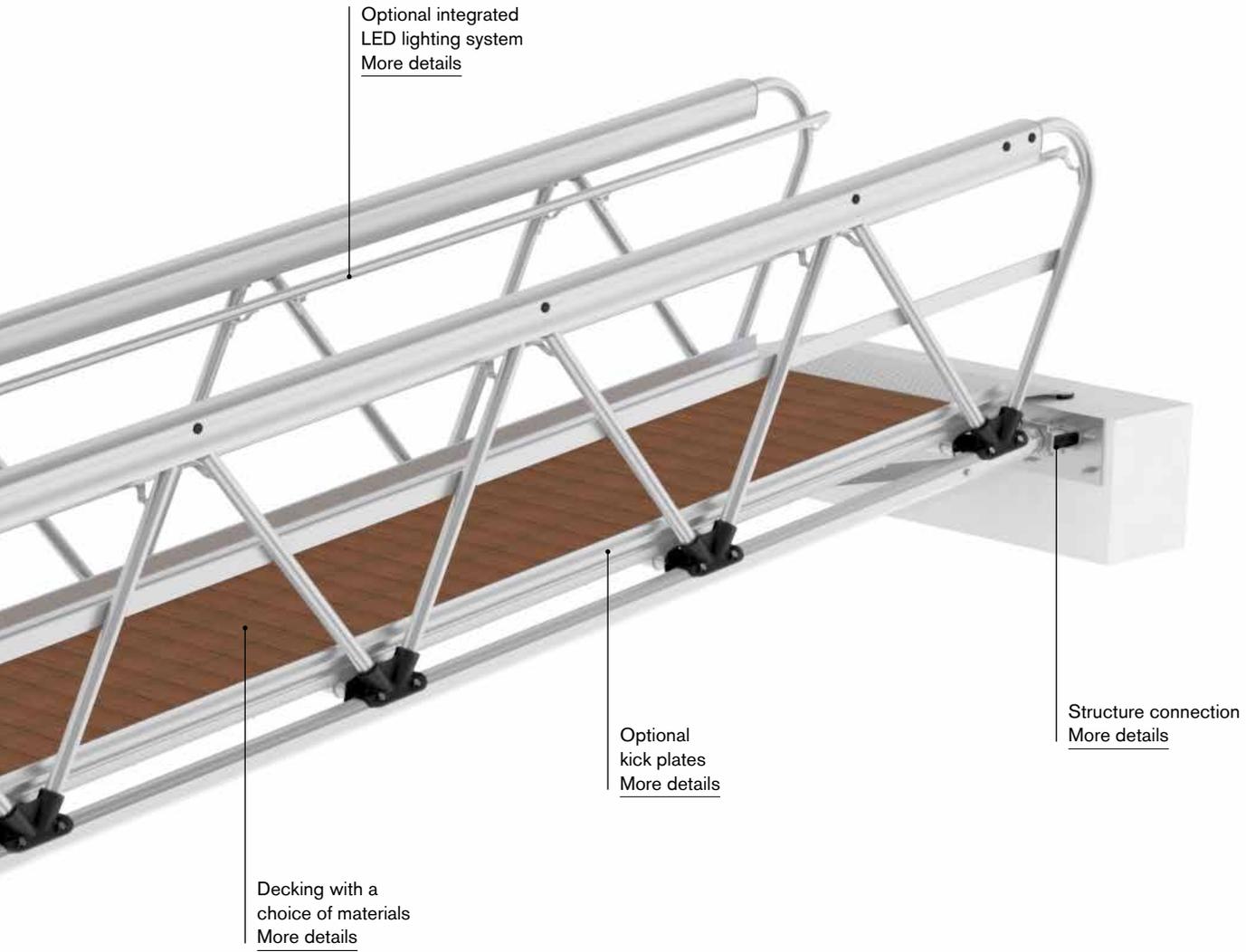
Overall span

From 20' to 60'
(6.1 m to 18.3 m)

Clear width

From 3' to 6'
(0.9 m to 1.8 m)





Guardrails

MAADI Group guardrail systems offer safe and practical solutions that are also attractive. Our guardrails comply with Canadian and American bridge codes and standards.



Specifications

Material and finish

- Extruded aluminum alloy with clear anodized finish
- Only extruded parts can be anodized

Dimensions

- Height: 42" (1,070 mm)
- 2" (50 mm) mid-rails installed at mid-height

Option

- Powder coat finish available upon request

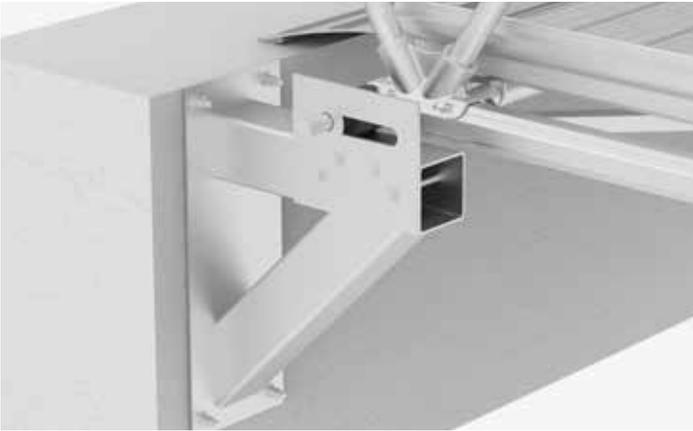
Custom design

Option

- Personalize your guardrails with your own design

Structure Connection

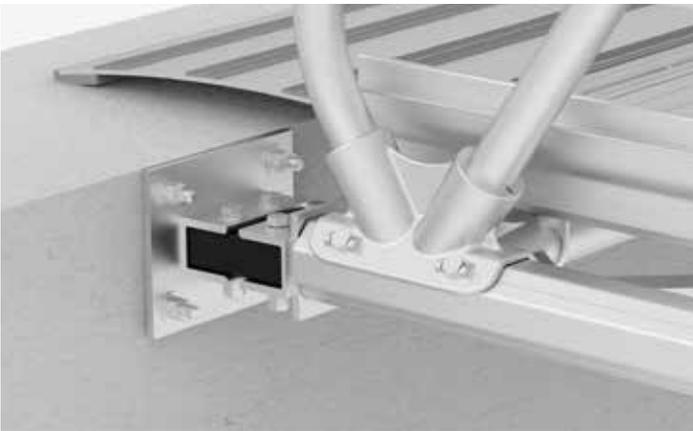
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Roller and plate system

Specifications

- System allows lateral and vertical movement
- Usually required to link a chain-anchored floating dock to land



Flexible connector

Specifications

- Connector allows small vertical movement
- Usually required to link a pile-anchored floating dock to land



Roller and rail system

Specifications

- Usually used in conjunction with roller and plate system or flexible connector on land
- Rails are made of aluminum
- Wheels are made of UHMW
- Easy to install

Transition Plates

With non-slip finishing, transition plates facilitate access to the gangway from adjacent surfaces.

Flat transition plate

Specifications

- Used with the roller and rail system.
- Aluminum plate with anti-slip diamond treads.
- Comes with frictionless edge to protect decking surface.

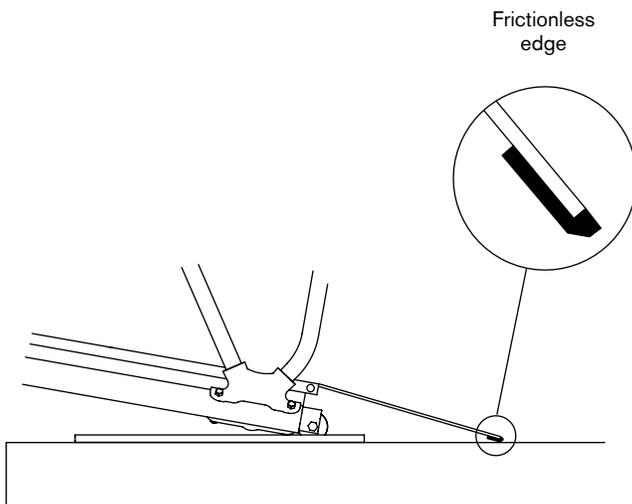
Options

Anti-slip strips

- Aluminum plate with anti-slip extruded strips is available upon request.

Anti-slip coating

- Aluminum plate with anti-slip durable polyester powder coating.
- Compliant with AAMA 2604-10 & ASTM D3359.



Roller and rail system

Diamond treads



Anti-slip strips



Anti-slip coating



Curved transition plate

Specifications

- Used with the roller and plate system.
 - Aluminum plate with anti-slip diamond treads.
 - Comes with frictionless edge to protect decking surface.
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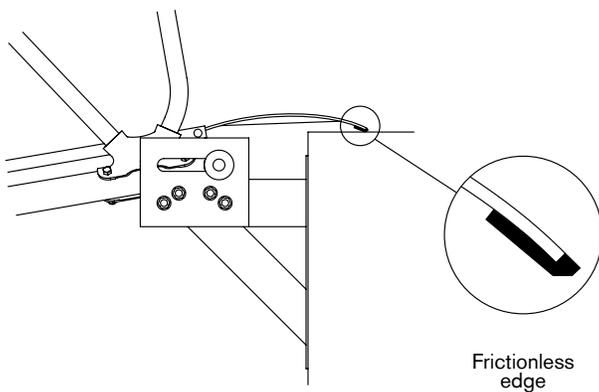
Options

Anti-slip strips

- Aluminum plate with anti-slip extruded strips is available upon request.

Anti-slip coating

- Aluminum plate with anti-slip durable polyester powder coating.
- Compliant with AAMA 2604-10 & ASTM D3359.



Roller and plate system

Diamond treads



Anti-slip strips



Anti-slip coating



Customization





Decking Materials

Our engineers will guide you in choosing the most suitable decking for the use of the structure, taking into account safety and maintenance.



Ipe hardwood

Specifications

- Naturally very resistant to decay, rot and insect attack
- Minimum 40-year lifespan depending on use
- Low maintenance, no treating or sealing required for durability (treating may be required to keep the original color)
- Straight grain with fine to medium texture
- Economical over life of the structure
- Average density of 69 lb/ft³ (1,100 kg/m³)
- Fastened with stainless steel screws

Dimensions

- S4S outside corner
- Width varies between 5" and 7 3/8" (127 mm and 188 mm)
- Thickness varies between 1" and 1 1/2" (25 mm et 40 mm) depending on loads and applications

Option

- Other hardwood options such as ribbed cumaru are available upon request



Composite

Specifications

- Designed to resist rot, warping and fading
- Minimum 25-year lifespan depending on use
- Anti-slip ribbed surface
- Low maintenance – no treatments or sealers required
- Economical over life of the structure
- Density of 75 lb/ft³ (1,195 kg/m³)
- Fastened with stainless steel screws

Materials

- A blend of wood flour and high-density polyethylene

Dimensions

- S4S outside corner
- 7/8" x 5 1/2" (22 mm x 140 mm)

Color

- Sand

Ribbed aluminum

Specifications

- Unlimited lifespan with regular cleaning
- High grip ribbed tongue and groove planks
- Maintenance-free and corrosion-resistant – no treatments or sealers required
- 100% recyclable and reusable
- Economical over life of the structure
- Fastened with stainless steel screws

Materials

- Extruded aluminum alloy with natural finish – no paint or treatment required

Dimensions

- 7 3/8" x 1 1/4" (188 mm x 31 mm)
- Anti-slip ribs height: 1/16" (2.3 mm)

Options

Various options are offered to further customize your structure to best suit the application and the surrounding environment.



Integrated kick plates

Specifications

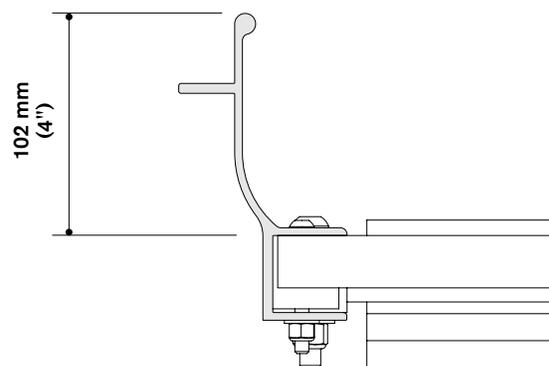
- Helps prevent objects from falling and provide a higher level of security

Material

- Extruded aluminum alloy with clear anodized finish

Dimensions

- Height: 4" (102 mm)





Handrails

Material

- Extruded aluminum alloy with clear anodized finish

Dimensions

- Diameter: 1 1/4" to 2" (32 mm to 50 mm)
- 2" (50 mm) hand clearance
- Standard height: 36" (915 mm)
- ADA height: 24" (610 mm)

Option

- Double handrails (ADA) are available upon request

Integrated LED lighting system

Specifications

- Integrated into the guardrails

Options

- Programmable RGB LED
- White LED



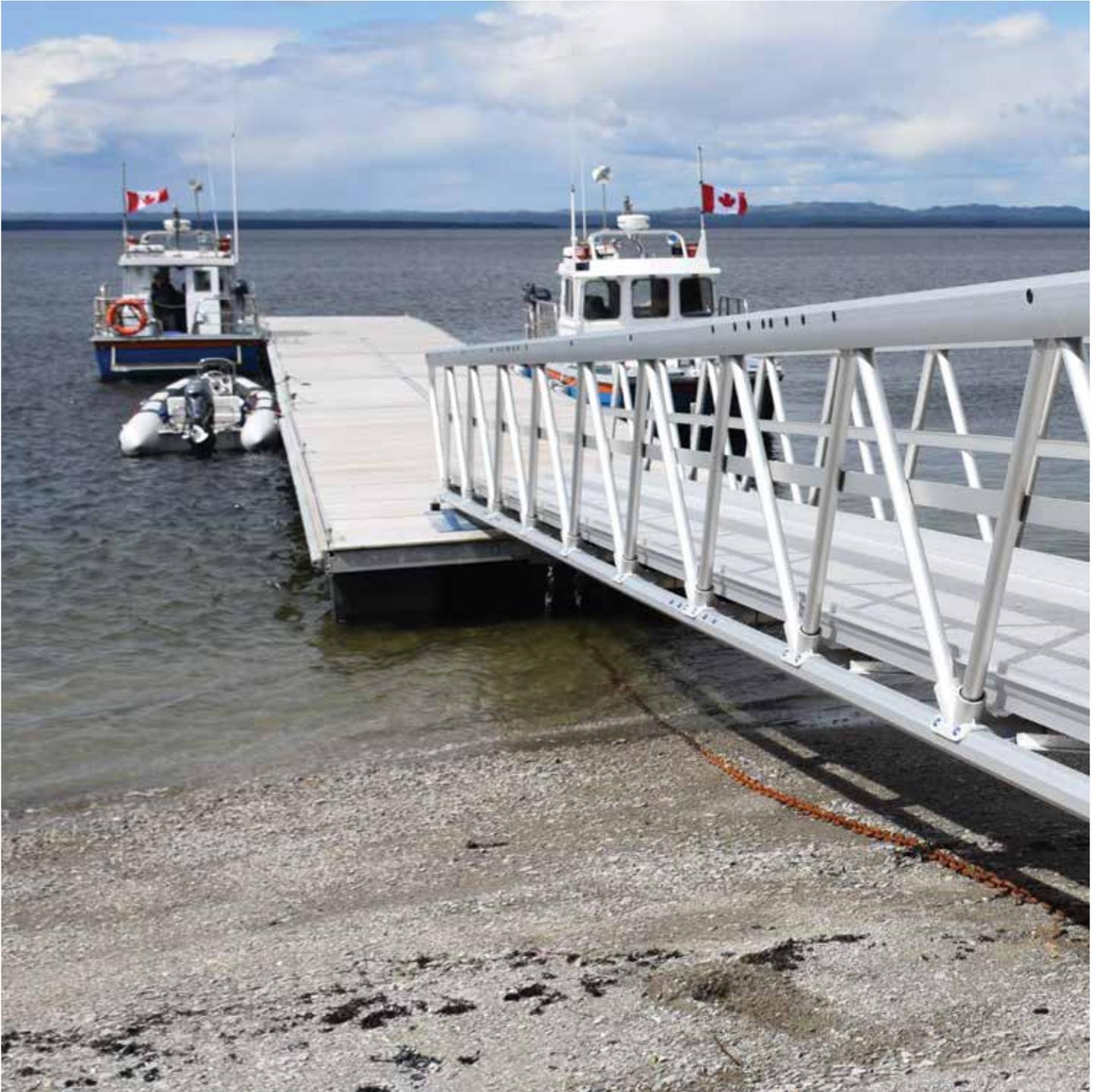
Projects



Mingan Archipelago National Park Reserve Gangway

Havre-Saint-Pierre, Quebec

Location



Overall span

48' 6" (14.8 m)

Clear width

4' (1.2 m)

Pedestrian load

84 psf (4 kPa)

Vehicular load

N/A

Bridge self-weight

2,780 lb (1,260 kg)

Wind pressure

16.4 psf (785 Pa)

Options

Aluminum decking, midrails and kick plates, clear anodized finish



Bota Bota Spa-sur-l'eau

Montreal, Quebec

Location



Overall span

45', 20' & 12'
(13.7 m, 6.1 m & 3.7 m)

Clear width

6' & 4' (1.8 m & 1.2 m)



Pedestrian load

100 psf (4.8 kPa)

Vehicular load

N/A

Bridge self-weight

2,866 lb, 1,100 lb & 606 lb
(1,300 kg, 500 kg & 275 kg)

Wind pressure

12.5 psf (600 Pa)

Options

Ribbed aluminum decking,
aluminum guardrails and kick
plates, LED lighting





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