

## Installation & Care Tips

Here are some simple things to help with the installing of your new bamboo panels.



### Installing the Panels (Fixing)

Fixing the bamboo panels is made very simple by the 3 hard wood rails located on the rear of the bamboo panel. These hard wood rails are screwed to the bamboo to make it one solid panel - this also makes it very easy to attach to most structures and surfaces.

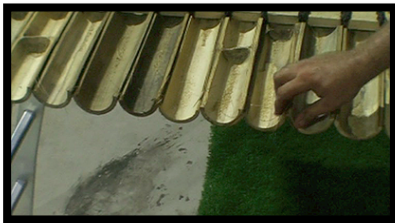


All you do is screw through the hard wood rail and into whatever you are fixing to, making sure that the bamboo panel is lifted off the ground 20-30mm. This avoids moisture absorbing.

Once the first panel is in place you can line the next one up to suit, making sure it is level to last panel and so on till your bamboo fence, privacy screen, garden screen or deck screen is complete.

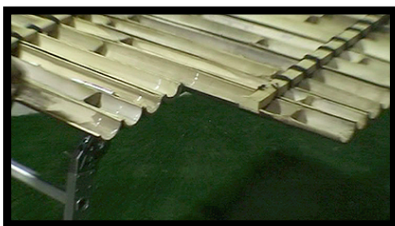
### Cutting the Panel

Cutting the bamboo when needed is a simply task - just a few little pointers to help and avoid damage to the bamboo or wastage:



#### Vertical Cutting

When cutting the bamboo vertically find the spot that you want to cut, then go one slat over on the panel and cut the decorative string there. Unlace back to the position you want to cut - doing this gives you enough string to re-lace so the bamboo panel matches up with the rest when cut. Now that the string is out of the way on all 3 rails simply cut through the rails with a hand saw. Once cut, re-lace string back and staple or tie the loose ends to avoid untying.



#### Horizontal Cutting

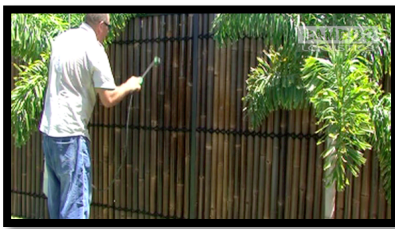
Cutting horizontally to shorten or cut out an area is also simply; using a fine tooth blade in a power saw or jigsaw is the best way of cutting the bamboo its self. Cutting the bamboo from the rear of the panel is advised as this helps avoid the bamboo from splintering as you are cutting.



### **Fitting Protective Capping**

Fitting of the Protective capping has also been made very easy, with the protective capping designed around the bamboo panels it will just slip on top of the panels. Fixing the capping to the panels is done by pre drilling the capping in a spot that is touching or is close to the bamboo, then simply screw it into the bamboo.

Bamboo Logistics have specially designed screws for the fixing of both the panels and capping.



### **Treatment**

Once your bamboo panels and capping are installed you should give them a good wash with a hose, removing all sawdust and dirt from the bamboos surface and around the decorative string.

Applying the Black Bamboo Treatment should be done once the panels are dry. This can be done by spraying it using a hand-held pump sprayer (such as a pesticide sprayer). The best time to do this is in the late afternoon, covering the complete surface of the bamboo including the string.

This treatment has been designed to help preserve the natural colour of the bamboo. Because there are so many different factors with weather conditions, sun exposure, etc that will affect any natural product outside, we leave it up to yourself on when you need to reapply the treatment, but please remember it is just like any timber product outside it will fade if not maintained.