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LOFT BOARD INSTALLATION GUIDE

4x2 & 8x2 LOFT BOARDS

This guide will help you install your loft boards quickly and safely.

Please read all instructions before you start.



IMPORTANT – READ BEFORE YOU START

- These boards are designed for storage use only, not for living spaces.
- Always ensure your loft structure is suitable for additional loading.
- Do not board directly onto insulation – proper loft legs or raised supports must be used to maintain airflow and insulation performance.
- If in doubt, consult a qualified builder.

TOOLS & MATERIALS REQUIRED



Tape measure



Pencil or marker



Saw
(hand or circular saw)



Drill/driver



Wood screws
(4 x 40mm or 4 x 50mm)



Screw bit
(Pozi or Phillips)



Loft legs /
raised supports



Spirit level
(optional)



Safety glasses



Gloves

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STEP-BY-STEP INSTALLATION GUIDE

1 PREPARE THE LOFT SPACE



- Clear the loft area of stored items and debris.
- Check where joists are located (these are the structural beams you will fix into).
- If insulation is present, ensure it is not compressed.
- Fit loft legs or raised supports if required (recommended for insulated lofts).

2 PLAN YOUR LAYOUT



- Measure the area you want to board.
- Plan board direction so joints sit across joists where possible.
- Stagger joints for added strength (avoid lining all joints in one line).
- Leave a small expansion gap (approx. 5–10mm) around the edges of the loft space.

3 CUTTING BOARDS (IF REQUIRED)



- Measure carefully before cutting.
- Mark clearly with a pencil.
- Cut boards using a saw.
- Always support the board while cutting to avoid splitting.

TIP: Pre-cutting multiple boards before fixing can speed up installation.

4 FIXING THE BOARDS



- Place the first board onto the joists or loft legs.
- Ensure it sits flat and secure.
- Fix using screws into the joists or support structure.
- Use at least 2 screws per joist contact point.
- Continue laying boards in a staggered pattern.

Do not over-tighten screws – this may damage the board surface.

5 FINAL CHECKS



- Boards installed in a staggered, interlocked pattern for maximum strength and stability.
- Walk carefully over installed boards to check stability.
- Ensure all boards are securely fixed with no movement.
- Confirm there are no raised edges or gaps.
- Clean the area and remove offcuts safely.

WELL DONE!

Your loft is now safely boarded and ready for storage use.

SAFETY NOTES

- Never store heavy items directly above ceiling joists without proper support.
- Do not block ventilation gaps in the eaves.
- Always distribute weight evenly across the boarded area.
- Wear protective equipment when cutting and drilling.

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