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Inspection Report

191 Example St. Halifax

Inspection Scope:

Look over a new Composite deck built on the front entrance of the house.



Figure 1



Figure 2

Figure 2 shows how the railing was designed to look finished. Unfortunately, only a few posts have these finished caps. The Railings were bolted properly but don't have the Cosmetic caps installed, so all you see are beat up bolts, as shown on **Figure 1**.

Figure 3 shows that the deck was installed quickly with several careless cuts made. They fastened the decking down with screws, which is ok. The issues with these stairs are mainly cosmetic and rushed.



Figure 3



Figure 4

As shown on **Figure 4**, the Composite board that wraps around the exterior of the deck has been pushed in. There is a good chance that the installation of the Asphalt driveway forced the composite decking to be pushed back. When installing an Asphalt driveway, they must roll the Asphalt flat and in doing so, could have forced the skirting back.

Conclusion: *During this quick inspection, the Composite seems to be fastened well to the framing of the deck. The issues I see the clients having with this project is the lack of effort put into the installation of the decking. The installers left large screw holes that aren't cleanly lined up, they also didn't line up any of their cuts for the stair treads, and during the installation of the railing, they forgot the covers for the post bolts. They did install the proper clips on the top boards but quickly screwed everything else together. All in all, these issues are cosmetic and a lack of workmanship.*