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Give New Life to an Old Deck: Replank vs. New Build

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Is your old deck starting to show its age from years of harsh weather and heavy traffic? The first solution that might come to mind is rebuilding a new deck, but in today's economy, an entire rebuild of your deck might not be in your budget. It also may be unnecessary. The decking experts at TimberTech[®], a trusted, leading manufacturer of alternative decking products www.timbertech.com, recommend that one of the best ways to give an old deck the "facelift" it needs is by replacing the older wooden planks with alternative decking materials such as composites or PVC boards.

Replacing warped or cracked wood planks with composite decking materials not only saves the time and money of a rebuild in the short-term, but it offers many long-term benefits. According to *Remodeling Magazine's* "2008 Cost vs. Value Report", composite decking products recoup almost 74 percent of their cost.

Composite products are low maintenance because they resist sun and water damage, which makes continual sanding, painting and sealing a chore of the past. TimberTech's products are splinter-free and meet the Americans with Disabilities Act standards for slip-resistant walking surfaces for a safer outdoor living space for you and your family. TimberTech's decking products offer a 25-year limited warranty and come in variety of designs and color choices. With its extremely low maintenance XLM[®] PVC boards, hidden fastening system in its Floorizon[®] composites and the authentic look of natural wood in its Earthwood[®] planks, TimberTech has a variety of products to fit your different needs and tastes for your outdoor living space.

TimberTech's alternative decking products can also be installed with TimberTech's CONCEALoc[®] hidden fastening system. CONCEALoc[®] hidden fasteners help secure each plank into your deck's original substructure with its interlocking installation process. A deck installed with CONCEALoc and TimberTech's grooved planks creates a smooth, fastener-free, beautiful and safe surface for you and your family to enjoy.

Replanking can be a time and money-saving alternative for many deck owners looking to revitalize an old deck, but it is not a solution for everyone. Contact a licensed professional to inspect your deck to see if your existing structure is up to code for replanking. Some older decks may need more than just replanking. They may require an entire structural rebuild to ensure safety and durability. If a rebuild is in your deck's future, visit www.timbertech.com to begin visualizing and designing your new deck through TimberTech's interactive design tools including its Color Visualizer and online Deck Designer.

The best alternative to save you time and money while you revitalize an old deck can be replanking, which can also be completed in less time than a rebuild, so you can enjoy your deck sooner.