

# Buildex® RAPIDDRIVE™ Bugle Batten Screws

## Deck and Pool Luxury Build, Byron Bay Australia

### The Project

**Luxury Build:** Deck & Pool

**Product:**

Buildex® RapidDrive™ Bugle Batten Screws

**Main Contractor:**

Aussie Decking Chippie - Darren Brown

**Buildex® RAPIDDRIVE™ Bugle Batten screws were the ideal fixing for the deck on this prestigious build in NSW's Byron Bay.**



It's always the details that make the difference when builders and carpenters are doing quality work.

Decking specialist Darren Brown of Aussie Decking Chippie has just finished a deck and pool surround in a luxury build outside of Byron Bay, using the new Buildex RAPIDDRIVE Bugle Batten screws and he couldn't be more impressed with their performance.

Sydney-based Brown was flown up by the owners to work on the outdoor living space and says that he wanted to choose his best tools and products for the job.

“Basically, it was a new renovation of an old house,” he explains. “They plan to use it as an Airbnb/luxury rental. They dropped the plunge pool in the backyard and then after the renovation was done, we came in and did the decking area around the backyard.”

Brown chose the Buildex RAPIDDRIVE Bugle Batten screws in the stainless-steel finish for the project, to counteract any potential corrosion that could occur.

“The elements always put a bit of pressure on pool decking,” he explains. “There was a lot of doubling up of the waling plates. I find the Buildex RAPIDDRIVE 74mm screws grab a little better than a normal batten screw to stop the pull-apart.”

Brown adds that the batten screws work particularly well for stair rises. “Basically, we put structural fascia along the stair rises, which is difficult to secure with a screw when you screed into the end grade of a stair, but the Buildex Bugle Batten screws work really well with it.”

He says this is because of the coarse thread on the Buildex Bugle Batten screws. “They just go in a lot faster, and they grab a lot better,” he explains.

The pool surround, deck and back stairs were built using treated pine, a hardy option that suits the semi-tropical climate of Byron, which causes expansion and contraction in all timbers.

“It's a pretty harsh climate out there,” says Brown. “We had a lot of very, very wet days and then we had a lot of very hot days, which means the timber gets wet and then dries out, so we do get deflection, but the screws seem to hold it all in straight.”

Brown has been using the new RAPIDDRIVE Bugle Battens since they were released by Buildex in 2022 and says they have become his preferred screw for fixing.

**“They're the ones I use now because I'll find that they strip a lot less. The star bit's a lot better for the impact driver as well.”**



Aussie Decking Chippie mostly works with either aluminium or treated pine, although Brown says his team is now sometimes using a newer timber called Extreme Joist, which is an H4 timber mainly designed for low clearance decking. It's also perfect for the new batten screws.

“It's a very dry timber and it's finger jointed so the bugle head batten screws grab into that better too and they seem to hold a lot better,” he says. “Because it's pretty dry a normal batten screw will have the timber pop up around the thread because the thread is so close, but with the Buildex RAPIDDRIVE Bugle Batten screw it seems to clear out a lot easier.”

Everything about the new screws is a bonus, says Brown – with three major reasons he and his team of tradies find them better to use for decks and outdoor living spaces.

“It's a three-pronged attack I guess,” he says. “It is less time screwing off either with the batten screws garnering and reinforcing all the framing, so we save time. Number two, it saves a drill because the drill is not working as hard. Number three, we know that these screws pull in a lot better. When we used the old ones we used to have to predrill everything with a 12-gauge star bit and because a lot of times the head would get to the timber and then it would start to spin, but these ones just embed straight into the timber for us.”



## Buildex® RAPIDDRIVE Bugle Batten screws are faster, easier and better – improving productivity by delivering speed and ease of use in installation

- Twice as fast than a standard bugle batten screw, saving time
- Superior, sharper design cut, and fast bite point for a quick start
- Quick pick-up speed for faster drive into timber
- Aggressive thread increases pull down speed and strength
- One-handed operation for easy installation
- T30 precision fit enhancement to reduce bit wobble
- T30 Star recess for positive drive bit engagement and less cam-out
- No pre-drilling or pre-countersinking required
- Self-drilling functionality for reduced timber splitting
- Serrated cutting ribs provides cleaner countersinking for a flush finish
- Available in 3 different finishes – Galvanised Zinc Alloy 3, Climacoat and Stainless Steel 316
- Ideal for external applications



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