

Title (en)

HIDDEN FASTENER UNIT AND RELATED METHOD OF USE

Title (de)

VERSTECKTE BEFESTIGUNGSEINHEIT UND VERWANDTE VERWENDUNG

Title (fr)

UNITÉ DE FIXATION CACHÉE ET SON PROCÉDÉ D'UTILISATION

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO2019036146A1] A fastener unit (10; 110) and related method for securing a board (101) to a support (106) is provided. The fastener unit includes a spacer block (20; 120), a grip element (30,; 130) extending from the spacer block and configured to fit in and engage a groove (103) of the board, and one or more resilient compression elements (41, 42; 141, 142) extending from the spacer block. The one or more resilient compression elements can be a joist leg configured to engage a joist (106), or it can be vertically compressible toward a first plane that is transverse to a vertical axis of the spacer block so that portions of it can compress from an open mode to a compressed mode and fit within, then forcibly expand within the groove (103), thereby securing the spacer block in a position adjacent the groove to establish a gap between the board and another board. A related method of use also is provided.

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