

### **Installation Guide**

Canadian Version



- Mitre saw (recommended) or hacksaw with non-ferrous metal cutting blade
- Level
- Measuring tape
- Drill
- Drill bits for wood: 5/32", 1/4", 3/8"
- Drill bits for metal: 1/8", 7/32"

- Square #1, #2, #3 driver bits
- T40 star driver bit
- Socket or hex driver: 3/8"
- Sockets: 1/2", 9/16"
- Wrenches: 1/2", 9/16"
- Clamps
- Painters tape

- Dish soap (for 18"- 66" glass panels)
- Concrete anchoring fasteners (for concrete applications only, see page 3 for details)
- Non-corrosive exterior silicone caulking
- **Fasteners Supplied**



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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Before beginning work, read this installation guide in its entirety including all warnings and important information
- This installation guide is updated occasionally. Please refer to the latest version at railblazers.ca/installation-guide/
- Maximum post spacing for Residential\* use: decks: 6' 0" stairs: 5' 10" \*Guards within dwelling units and exterior guards serving not more than two dwelling units.
- For commercial use including multi-residential housing, please call Peak Customer Service at 1-877-883-PEAK (7325) or email: cservice@peakproducts.com
- Always understand and comply with your local building codes.<sup>+</sup> +Conditions apply. For details visit: railblazers.ca/compliance/
- To prevent wood splitting and rot, drill pilot holes and coat fastener screw threads with non-corrosive exterior silicone caulking.
- Ensure that the opening between each of the following is less than 3-15/16":
  - pickets

- glass panels
- pickets and posts
- glass panels and posts - glass panels and walls
- pickets and walls
- pickets and glass panels
- base rail and deck surface

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### **ANCHORING FASTENERS**

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POST BASE typical anchoring fasteners						
Deck Structure	Fasteners Required	Mimimum Embedment <sup>1</sup>	Mimimum Edge Distance	Pilot Hole		
New SPF Lumber	4 x 3/8" x 6" Self-drilling lag screw (provided with product)	3″	3/4"	not required		
Concrete 20 MPa (3000 psi) minimum strength	4 x 3/8" x 3" Buildex Tapcon +	2-1/2″	1-3/8"	3/8″		

WALL BRACKET typical anchoring fasteners						
Deck Structure	Fasteners Required	Mimimum Embedment <sup>1</sup>	Mimimum Edge Distance	Pilot Hole		
New SPF Lumber	4 x 1/4" x 2" Lag Bolt (provided with product)	1"	3/8"	5/32″		
Concrete 20 MPa (3000 psi) minimum strength	4 x 1/4" x 2-1/4" Buildex Tapcon	2"	1-3/8"	3/16"		

FASCIA BRACKET typical anchoring fasteners						
Deck Structure	Fasteners Required	Mimimum Embedment <sup>1</sup>	Mimimum End Distance	Pilot Hole		
New SPF Lumber	Mid/End/Stair Bracket: 6 x 3/8" x 4" Lag bolt (provided with product)	3″	1″	1/4″		
	Corner Bracket: 4 x 3/8" x 4" Lag bolt (provided with product)	3″	1″	1/4″		

<sup>1</sup> Depth of the threaded portion of the screw into the supporting structure.

# **PICKET INSTALLATION**





- A: Remove the second post to install the last few pickets and spacers.
- **B:** Cut the last spacers flush with the ends of the rails.
- To ensure equal picket spacing at each post, cut the first and the last spacers in the hand and base rails to equal lengths.



A: Insert the rails into the second post.
B: Position and fasten the second post in place, ensuring that the post is plumb (see step 1 for full details).



- A: Secure the handrail to the second post with 3/4" pan head self-drilling screws.
- **B:** Secure the base rail to the second post with 3/4" pan head self-drilling screws.
- **C:** Slide the base rail support to the centre position.
- **D:** Fasten the base rail support to the deck using two 1-1/2" pan head screws.
- To ensure that the pickets remain engaged in the rails, you must install one base rail support for each railing section.



Install the post base covers. Repeat all steps for remaining sections.





# **18"- 66" GLASS PANEL INSTALLATION**



This symbol indicates important information.

- Always use two people to handle glass panels. Always lift a glass panel by its sides. Tempered glass is extremely fragile do not bump the edges. Always use protective gear including eyewear and gloves when handling glass panels.
- 🗥 For wall bracket, horizontal angle bracket or fascia bracket installation, please see pages 13-15.

Measure and mark the position of all posts and space equally.

- Maximum post spacing of 6' for Residential\* use. For commercial use, please call Peak Customer Service at 1-877-883-PEAK (7325) or email: cservice@peakproducts.com
  - \*Guards within dwelling units and exterior guards serving not more than two dwelling units.

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Put the first post in position. For wood attachment, install four 6" selfdrilling lag screws with washers through each corner of the post base. Ensure that the post is plumb.

- To prevent splitting of deck boards, drill four 1/4" pilot holes through deck boards (but not into deck structure).
- To prevent wood rot, coat fastener screw threads with non-corrosive exterior silicon caulking.
- For concrete attachment, refer to page 3 for anchoring fastener recommendations.





**B:** Temporarily position the second post but do NOT secure it yet. Cut the hand and base rails to fit between the posts.





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- A: Cut the glass gaskets the same length as the rails.
  B: Drill 1/8" holes into the base rail
- glass gasket (the smaller gasket) every 12" for water drainage.







**B:** Install the base rail support into the bottom channel of the base rail.









- A: Insert the rails into the posts. B: Position and fasten the second post in place, ensuring that the post is plumb (see step 1 for full details).
- C: Slide the base rail support to the centre position.
- D: Fasten the base rail support to the deck using two 1-1/2" pan head screws.
- To ensure the glass panel A remains engaged in the rails, you must install one base rail support for each railing section.



Secure the rails to both posts with 3/4" pan head self-drilling screws.



Install the glass panel by inserting it into the handrail gasket then lowering it into the base rail gasket.





Ensure that the glass is fully seated in the gaskets. Wash away excess soap with clean water.





Install the post base covers. Repeat all steps for remaining sections.











# **6" GLASS PANEL KIT INSTALLATION**



B: Slide a glass panel with fittings attached into the rails until touching the first pair of spacers. Then slide the second pair of spacers into the hand and base rails. Repeat to complete the section.

The opening between glass panels, and a glass panel and a post must not exceed 3-15/16".



Cut the last spacers flush with the ends of the rails.

To ensure equal glass panel spacing at each post, cut the first and the last spacers in the hand and base rails to equal lengths.



A: Insert the rails into the second post.B: Position and fasten the second post in place, ensuring that the post is plumb (see step 1 for full details).





- A: Secure the handrail to the second post with 3/4" pan head self-drilling screws.
- **B:** Secure the base rail to the second post with 3/4" pan head self-drilling screws.
- **C:** Slide the base rail support to the centre position.
- **D:** Fasten the base rail support to the deck using two 1-1/2" pan head screws.
- To ensure that the glass panels remain engaged in the rails, you must install one base rail support for each railing section.

Install the post base covers. Repeat all steps for remaining sections.





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# **STAIR PICKET INSTALLATION**



This symbol indicates important information.

A Stair Railing Kits with Standard Pickets are designed for Residential<sup>1</sup> use only. Stair Railing Kits with Wide Pickets are designed for Residential<sup>1</sup> or Commercial<sup>2</sup> use.

<sup>1</sup> Guards within dwelling units and exterior guards serving not more than two dwelling units.
<sup>2</sup> For more information, please call Peak Customer Service at 1-877-883-PEAK (7325) or email: cservice@peakproducts.com

Measure and mark the position of all posts and space equally.

Maximum post spacing of 5' 10" for Residential\* use. For commercial use, please call Peak Customer Service at 1-877-883-PEAK (7325) or email: cservice@peakproducts.com

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Put the top post in position. For wood attachment, install four 6" selfdrilling lag screws with washers through each corner of the post base. Ensure that the post is plumb.

- To prevent splitting of deck boards, drill four 1/4" pilot holes through deck boards (but not into deck structure).
- To prevent wood rot, coat fastener screw threads with non-corrosive exterior silicon caulking.
- For concrete attachment, refer to page 3 for anchoring fastener recommendations.
- A: Remove the screw covers from the rails.
- **B:** Insert a picket through the first and last square slots at each end of the base rail (ensure the screw holes in the rails and pickets are facing up). Align the screw hole in each picket with the screw hole in the base rail, then fasten each picket to the rail using 1/2" pan head screws.



Insert the pickets into each end of the handrail (ensure the screw holes in the rail are facing up). Align the screw hole in each picket with the screw hole in the handrail, then fasten each picket to the rail using 1/2" pan head screws.



A: Insert the next picket through the square slot in the base rail.
B: Insert picket into the handrail and align the screw holes with the screw holes in the rails. Fasten picket to the rails using 1/2" pan head screws. Repeat to complete



**A:** Install the handrail screw cover. **B:** Install the base rail screw cover.

the panel.

Secure the screw covers to the rails with painter's tape to prevent them from sliding during the remainder of the installation.













Put the railing panel and bottom post into position and clamp the posts and rails together but do not secure the bottom post yet. Ensure equal picket spacing at each post, and that the bottom post is plumb. To allow space for the brackets, mark a vertical line 3/8" away from each post and cut the rails along the marked line.

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3-1/2" max.

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- Ensure the posts and railing panel are positioned so that the bottom of the base rail meets each post no more than 3-1/2" above the top of the post base.
- Always understand and comply with your local building codes for stair rail height, size of openings under the base rail, between pickets, and between a picket and a post.
- A: Reposition the railing panel in between the posts at the required height above the noses of the treads. Place and mark positions of each base rail bracket. Then remove the panel in order to mark hole positions for each bracket on the posts.
- **B:** Drill 7/32" pilot holes through the post at the marked positions.
- **C:** Fasten the base rail brackets to the posts, using four 1" flat head screws.
- **D:** Position and fasten the bottom post in place, ensuring that the post is plumb (see step 1 for full details).
- A: Temporarily position the railing panel in the base rail brackets and mark the position of the bracket and hole positions of each handrail bracket on the posts.
- **B:** Drill 7/32" pilot holes through the post at the marked positions.
- C: Fasten the handrail brackets to the posts, using four 1" flat head screws.
- A: Reposition the railing panel, then drill 1/8" pilot holes through the rails at the screw positions.

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- **B:** Attach the railing panel to the brackets and secure with 3/4" flat head screws.
- C: Slide a screw cover over each bracket.
- Install the post base covers. Repeat all steps for remaining sections.

### **GATE INSTALLATION**



This symbol indicates important information.

A: Remove latch side of gate frame.
B: With latch side of gate frame removed, cut top and bottom gate rails 7-1/2" shorter than gate opening W.





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Gate opening (W) must not exceed 46"

Attach the latch side of the gate frame using the 3/4" pan head selfdrilling screws.

- **A:** Align the top of the gate with the top of the post and mark the hole positions for the hinges on the post.
- **B:** Drill 7/32" pilot holes at the marked positions.
- **C:** Install the top 2" lag bolt on each hinge.
- **D:** Install the bottom 2" lag bolt on each hinge by releasing the bolt and nut (do not completely disassemble hinge).

Use 3/4" pan head self drilling screws for these steps: **A:** Secure the retainer to

- A: Secure the retainer to the gate at the marked position.
- **B:** Insert the latch through the retainer.
- C: Secure the latch to the gate at the marked position.
- **D:** Check and mark the position for the latch plate on the fence post. Secure the latch plate to the post.



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# WALL BRACKET INSTALLATION



Follow the Picket, 18"- 66" Glass Panel, or 6" Glass Panel installation process as shown on pages 4-9.

### HORIZONTAL ANGLE BRACKET INSTALLATION



This symbol indicates important information.



Measure and mark the hole positions of all brackets on the post.

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- A: Drill 7/32" pilot holes at the marked locations.
   B: Attach the hand and base rail
- St Attach the hand and base rail brackets to the post using four 1" flat head screws. Then assemble the base rail bracket using the connector bolt.
- Follow the **Picket**, **18"- 66" Glass Panel**, or **6" Glass Panel** installation process as shown on pages 4-9.



### **FASCIA BRACKET INSTALLATION**

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A Remove covers, fasteners and base rail support from each Fascia Bracket before starting installation.



#### **MID/END/STAIR FASCIA BRACKET**

CORNER **FASCIA BRACKET** 





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#### MID/END/STAIR FASCIA BRACKET

#### **CORNER** FASCIA BRACKET

Attach the post to the fascia bracket using four 1-1/4" bolts, washers and locking nuts. Ensure post is plumb (shim as required).

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Follow the Picket, 18"-66" Glass Panel, 6" Glass Panel, or Stair Picket installation process.

Use the fascia bracket base rail support when installing the base rail, and fasten to the deck using two 1-1/2" pan head screws.





#### MID/END/STAIR FASCIA BRACKET



#### CORNER FASCIA BRACKET





### NOTES