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Disclaimer & Required Tools



Please read all instructions completely before starting any part of the installation.

It is the responsibility of the installer to meet or exceed all code and safety requirements and to obtain all required building permits. These instructions are only a guide and may not address every circumstance. The deck and railing installer should determine and implement appropriate installation techniques for each situation. Universal Horizontal Baluster System shall not be held liable for improper or unsafe installations.

The following installation guidelines are applicable for installation of Universal Horizontal Baluster System for railings and will work with most railing systems.

IMPORTANT: Make sure the drive tool/drill is configured or set to use the screw setting when driving and/or tightening all fasteners.

SAFETY: Always wear safety glasses and gloves when handling, cutting, drilling, and fastening materials.

Failure to install this product in accordance with applicable building codes and following railing installation guidelines may lead to personal injury, affect rail system performance, and void the product warranty.

Tools Required for Installation of Baluster Components

- Drill set to low speed
- #2 Square drive bit
- 1/8" drill bit
- Adjustable wrench
- Tape measure

- Allen wrench (included with blade balusters)
- Chop saw with aluminum cutting blade
- Level

- Safety glasses
- Pencil
- Gloves
- Drilling template (optional)



Hardware & Accessories







Standard Installation Procedure Overview





Typical Level Bracket Installation





Adjustable Angle Bracket Installation





Intermediate Blade Baluster Installation



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Required Tools: When Using a Installed Post #2 Square Drive Bit (for the screws) Measure & cut Chop Saw **Intermediate Baluster** Line up Intermediate Baluster with holes or Intermediate Stair Railing Installation markings on the post. Mark where the bottom of the Stair rail application top rail and the The Balusters are marked, cut, and installed the same Cutline top of the bottom rail (if as with level installation. used) are and deduct 1" from the marks and cut to Allen Set allow for the Swivel Screw Detail Brackets. **B** Swivel Brackets Allen Set Screw Swivel Brackets should be positioned to the desired angle then tightened from the bottom using the allen wrench provided prior to Ð being installed. Ð **C** Mark posts Cutline 1" Refer to page 5 for marking post or refer to drilling template 0 installation Pre-drilled post holes instruction sheet. line up with the Intermediate Baluster. 0 Note: Note the location of the Blade Baluster and Baluster bracket allen set screws to ensure uniformity Ð D Install Intermediate Baluster Determine the location of the Intermediate Baluster. Then pre-drill the holes for the bottom Swivel Bracket on the bottom railing. The holes should be pre-drilled on the same angle as the Bracket. Install the bottom Swivel Bracket Ð then use a level to plumb the Baluster, mark and pre-drill the top railing and install the top Swivel Bracket. Note: The clear span of the horizontal Baluster shall not exceed 48" in length. Some railing systems may require adding vertical support and may need additional Intermediate Blade Balusters installed. NOTE: TIGHTEN ALL ALLEN SET SCREWS AT THE END OF THE INSTALLATION.

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