

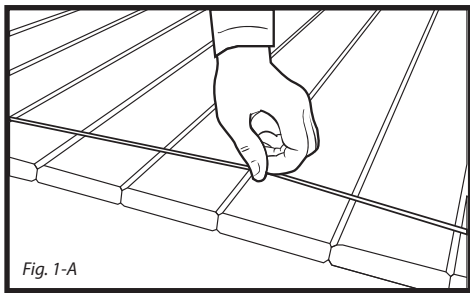


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# INSTALLING DECK POSTS AND RAIL PANELS

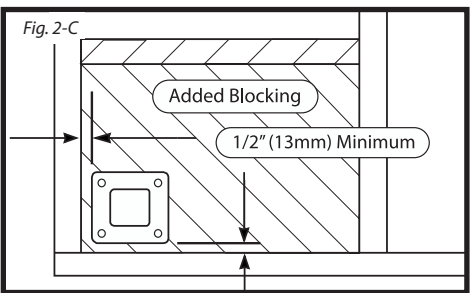
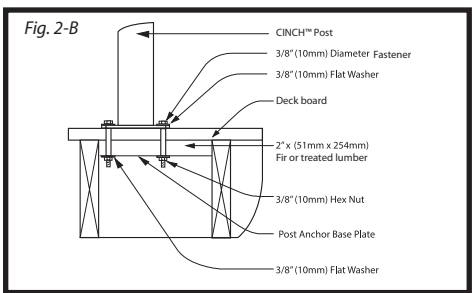
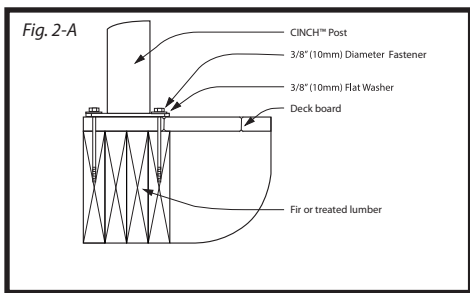
## STEP 1

Determine the desired post positioning and use a straight edge or chalk line to ensure posts align correctly (see Fig. 1-A). Check for location of framing, and if securing into framing (see Step 2), center line over framing lumber. Allow a minimum of 1/2" from the edge of the deck board for steel post base plate placement. Position posts at appropriate points based on desired panel length. (Because of deck construction and other variables, most panels will require cutting to custom length as described in Step 4 below. If uncut panels are used, distance is 6' or 8' from inside of post to inside of post)



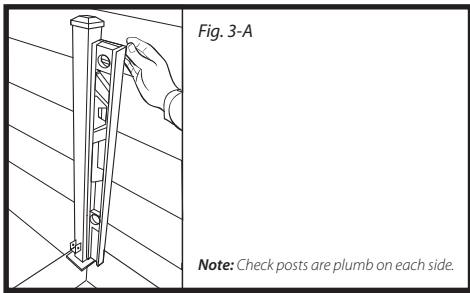
## STEP 2

If sufficient framing exists beneath deck boards where posts are desired, use 3/8" fasteners to secure posts (see Fig. 2-A). Be sure to use the appropriate fasteners for your installation. Check local building codes for load requirements. Where no framing exists, wood blocking must be installed using treated dimensional lumber (see Fig. 2-C) with a minimum thickness of 1-1/2", and posts secured with 3/8" fastener to the post base plate (see Fig. 2-B).



## STEP 3

Use a level to ensure posts are plumb, adjusting with provided shims as necessary (see Fig. 3-A), and secure all posts using 3/8" fasteners as specified in Figs. 2-A and 2-B above, or as in accordance with local building codes for load requirements.

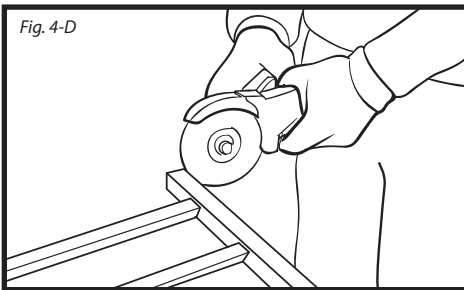
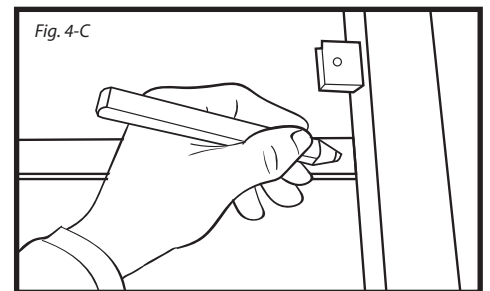
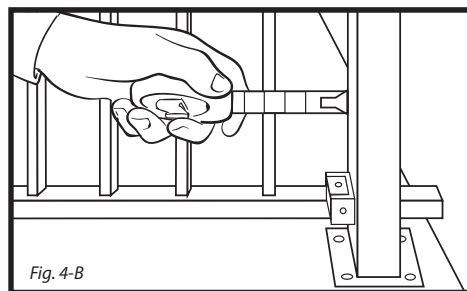
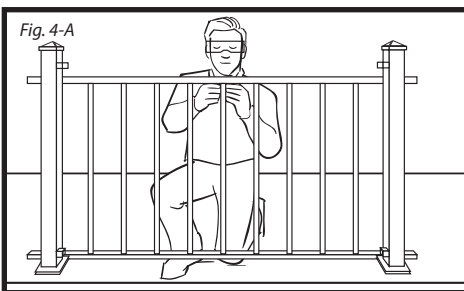


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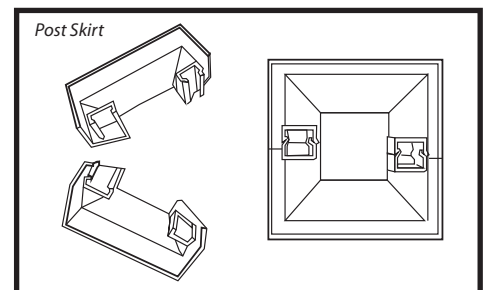
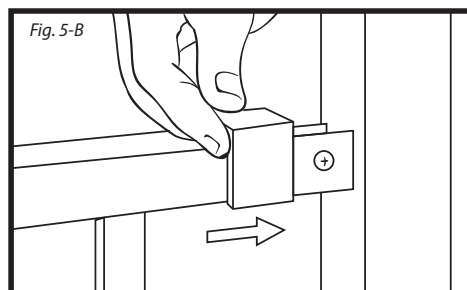
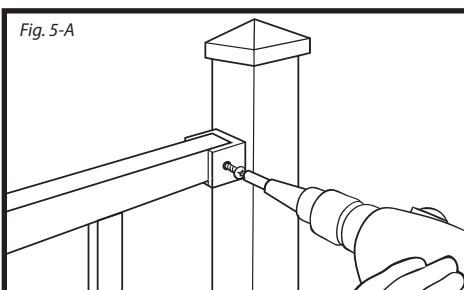
### STEP 4

Position rail panel between two posts so equal baluster spacing exists at each end (see Fig. 4-B). Measure the distance post to post and mark each end of the panel, subtracting 1/4" from each end to ensure bracket clearance (see Fig. 4-C). Cut panel and test fit to ensure proper fit (see Fig. 4-D). Paint cut ends and allow to dry prior to final installation. (Use Rust-Oleum® Satin Canyon Black Color Code 249844 for Satin Black and Hammered Brown Color Code 210880 for Bronze.)



### STEP 5

Set panel in place and drill screw holes with a 5/32" metal drill bit, using the pre-drilled bracket as a guide (see Fig. 5-A). Attach panel to post bracket using two supplied fasteners [#10 x 1/2" Flat Head Sheet Metal Screw]. Place bracket cover over the rail next to the bracket and slide cover toward the post until it snaps into place (see Fig. 5-B). Complete post/panel installation by snapping 2-piece post skirt around the post base.





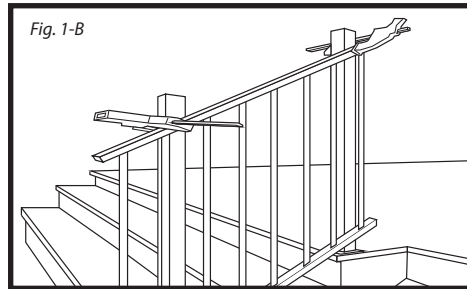
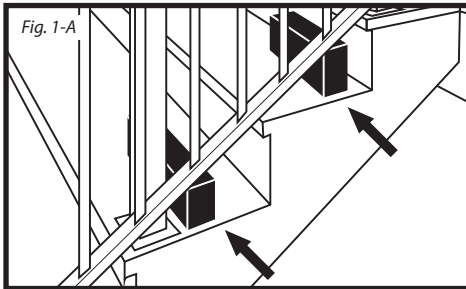
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**IMPORTANT:** Every stair installation will be different, the rise and run, post position and post height all need to be carefully laid out before post are permanently installed and panels are cut.

## INSTALLING STAIR POSTS & STAIR RAIL PANELS

### STEP 1

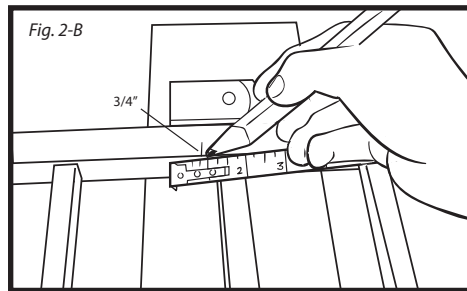
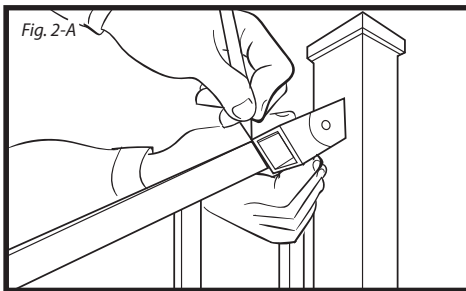
See Steps 1-3 above for post installation. Place support blocks on stair treads (see Fig. 1-A) to position railing panel at a height specified by local building codes. Adjust panel to parallel the stair rise and balusters parallel with the posts. Position rail panel between two posts so equal baluster spacing exists at each end, allowing 2 7/8" between the posts and the nearest baluster for the bracket. Temporarily secure the panel in place with clamps (see Fig. 1-B).



**Note:** Check balusters are parallel to posts.

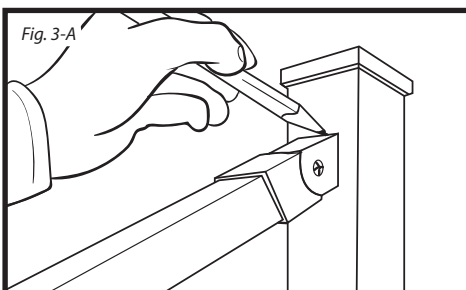
### STEP 2

Position stair bracket against the post face and in line with stair panel rail (see Fig. 2-A). Mark the rail at this location, adding 3/4" length in the direction of the post (see Fig. 2-B). Repeat for all rail ends. Label top and bottom of the stair panel, then loosen clamps and remove panel for cutting. Cut rails where previously marked. Paint cut ends of railing as previously described in the installation instructions.



### STEP 3

Insert the stair brackets onto the cut rail ends and reposition panel on temporary support blocks, again ensuring parallel positioning as in Step 1 above, and centering brackets on post faces. Mark the position of the brackets on all posts (see Fig. 3-A).



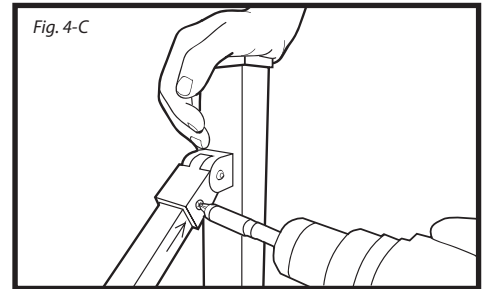
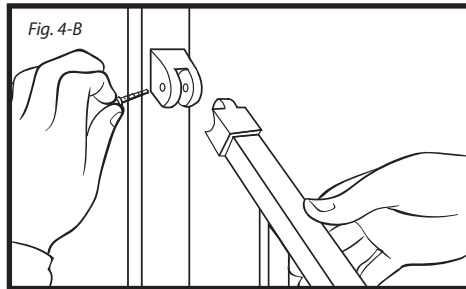
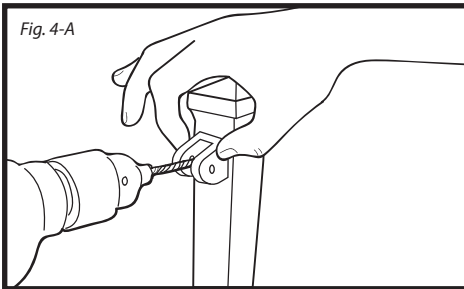
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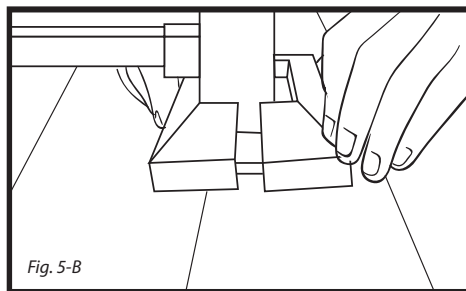
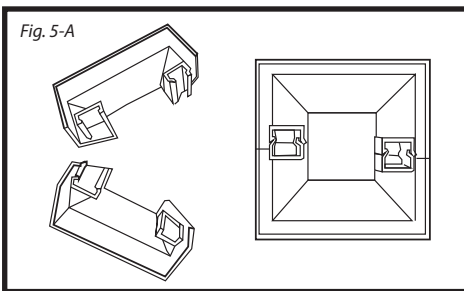
### STEP 4

Separate the 2 piece stair bracket and position the post half of the bracket on the post at the mark from **STEP 3**, drill screw holes in the railing with a 5/32" metal drill bit, using the pre drilled bracket as a guide. Secure the post half of the bracket to the post using the supplied fasteners [#10 x 3/4" Pan Head Screw] (see Fig. 4-A). Place the rail half of the bracket onto the railing ends. Set the panel in place and attach the two bracket halves together with the provided fastener (see Fig. 4-B). Confirm the panel is set correctly into place and the bracket is properly overlapping the rail end. Predrill screw holes with a 5/32" drill bit at the rail half of the stair bracket using the bracket as a guide. Secure each bracket to the railing with the provided fasteners [#10 x 1/2" Flat Head Sheet Metal Screws] (see Fig. 4-C).



### STEP 5

Complete post/stair panel installation by snapping 2-piece post skirt around the post base (see Fig. 5-A and 5-B).



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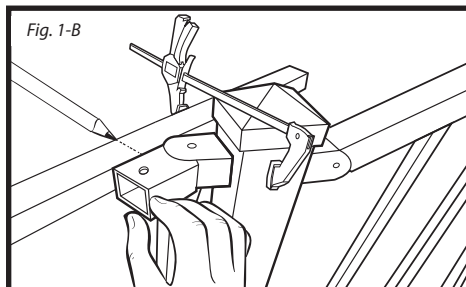
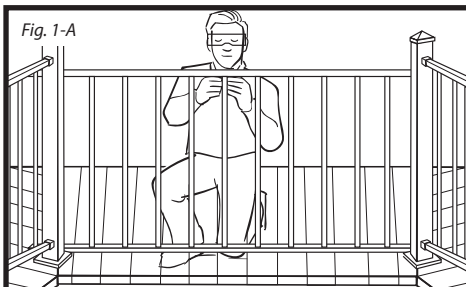
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## INSTALLING ANGLE BRACKETS ONTO A BLANK POST OR EXISTING WOOD POST

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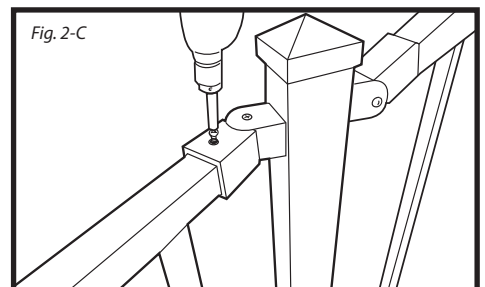
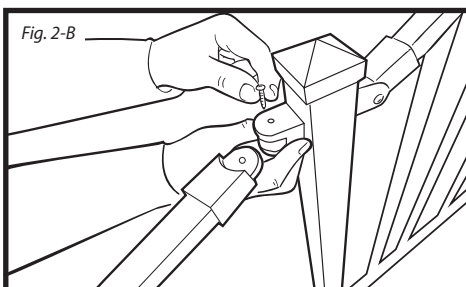
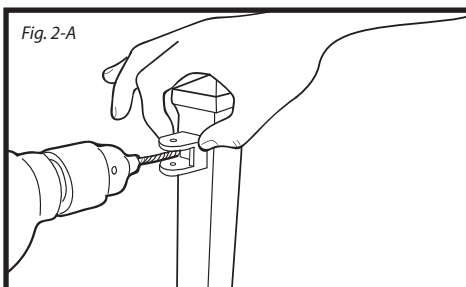
### STEP 1

Level Angles are installed using the same bracket hardware as stair installation. Position the rail between two posts so equal baluster spacing exists at each end and at desired lower rail height for level panel as specified by local building codes (see Fig. 1-A). Clamp the railing to the post. Center bracket on the post and line up next to the railing and mark railing  $\frac{1}{4}$ " past the set screw hole toward the post at all bracket locations (see Fig. 1-B). Mark post for bracket height for each bracket. Cut panel and paint all cut ends.



### STEP 2

Set post half of bracket at the marks on post. Drill screw hole with  $\frac{5}{32}$ " metal drill bit using the brackets as a guide. Attach the post half of the brackets to the post using the provided fasteners [ $\#10 \times \frac{3}{4}$ " Pan Head Screw] (see Fig. 2-A). Place the rail half of the bracket onto the railing and set panel into place, attach the two bracket halves together with provided fastener (see Fig. 2-B). Drill holes with a  $\frac{5}{32}$ " metal drill bit at the set screw location on the rail half of the bracket. Secure the railing bracket half to the railing with the provided fasteners [ $\#10 \times \frac{1}{2}$ " Flat Head Sheet Metal Screw] (see Fig. 2-C).

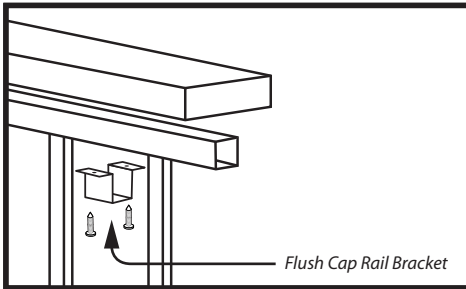


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## INSTALLING FLUSH CAP RAIL BRACKET



### STEP 1

Measure and cut the wood/composite top rail.

### STEP 2

Center the top rail on the top of the panel railing and temporarily secure with a clamp.

### STEP 3

Position the flush cap rail bracket no more than 6" from the post at each end of the wood top rail (*see illustration above*). Using bracket screw holes as a guide, mark the screw hole locations on the top cap.

### STEP 4

Space additional flush cap rail brackets no more than 28" on center along the length of the top rail and mark remaining screw hole locations.

### STEP 5

Remove the top rail and pre-drill the marks using a 1/16" drill bit, taking care not to drill all the way through the wood/composite top rail.

### STEP 6

Reposition the top rail on the panel and install brackets with the supplied [#8 x 1" Flat Head Wood Screw].

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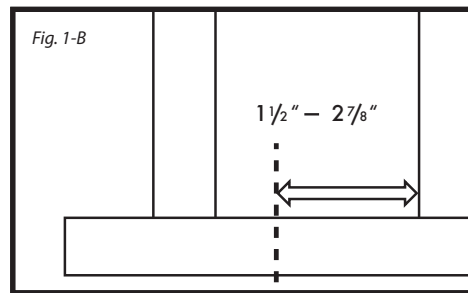
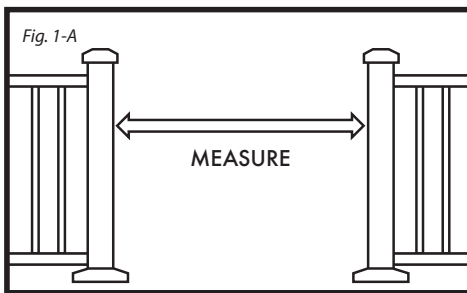
## GATE ENDS ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION

### HARDWARE REQUIRED FOR GATE ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION:

Gate End Kit (sold in pair), Level Panel (6' 8" or 10 depending on the opening), Gate Hinge Set (sold in pair) and Gate Latch Set.

#### STEP 1

Measure distance between posts at desired gate location (see Fig. 1-A). Subtract 4" from measurement to determine the cut length of the gate panel. Note: a minimum of 1-1/2" and maximum of 2-7/8" from first baluster is required to install gate ends (see Fig. 1-B).

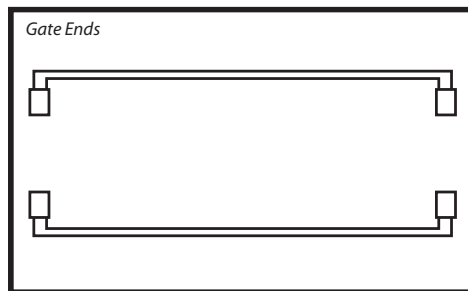
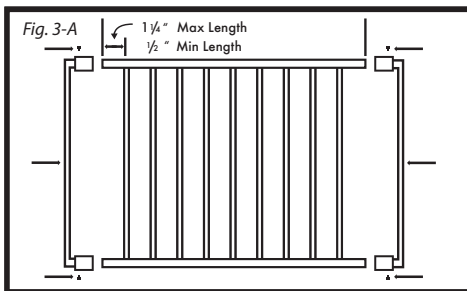


#### STEP 2

Cut panel and paint cut ends.

#### STEP 3

Fully insert the gate ends into panel rails ensuring that components are square. Pre-drill one screw hole per corner on the underside of the panel at top and bottom using a 5/32" drill bit (see Fig. 3-A). Fasten the gate ends to the panel using the provided fasteners [#10 x 3/4" Pan Head Screw].



#### STEP 4

Pre-drill holes and install gate hinges to post and gate at the desired height using provided fasteners.

#### STEP 5

Pre-drill holes and install the gate latch at the desired height, using fasteners provided.



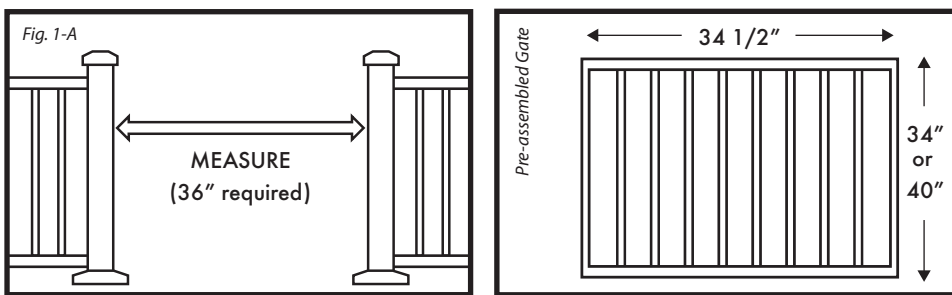
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# PRE-ASSEMBLED GATE INSTALLATION

**HARDWARE REQUIRED FOR PRE-ASSEMBLED GATE INSTALLATION:  
Assembled Gate, Gate Hinge Set (sold in pair), and Gate Latch Set.**

## STEP 1

Gate opening between posts must be 36" to use the 34-1/2" pre-assembled gate (see Fig. 1-A).



## STEP 2

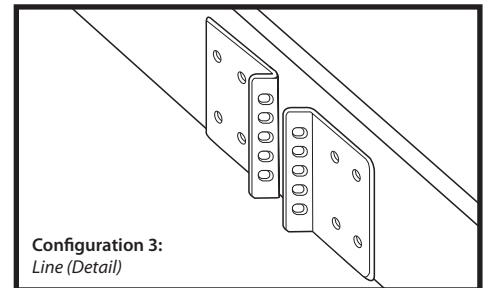
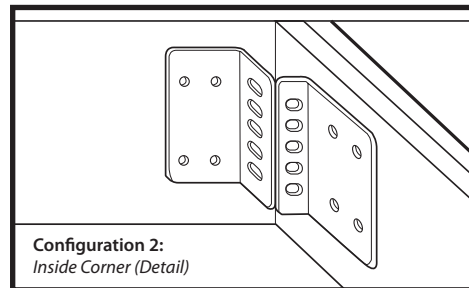
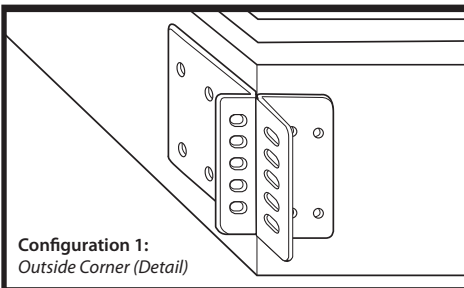
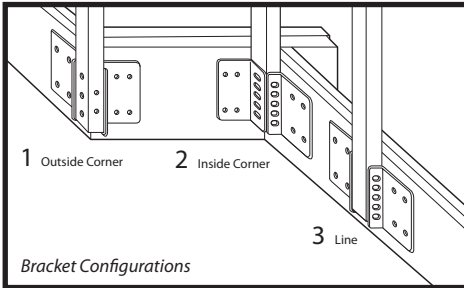
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## STEP 3

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## FASCIA MOUNTED POST INSTALLATION



### STEP 1

Ensure that framing exists behind fascia or fascia board is reinforced with adequate blocking to exceed post installation load requirements. Position brackets so that a minimum of 1.25" exists between the top edge of the fascia board to the first fasteners. CINCH recommends through bolting posts whenever possible (see *Bracket Configurations*). Refer to local building and safety codes for required anchoring specifications.

### STEP 2

Align post to ensure it is square to the deck surface. Position brackets as shown in *Configurations 1-3 (above)* according to outside corner, inside corner or in line requirements. Mark position of bracket holes on fascia board, and pre-drill holes using a 3/8" drill bit.

### STEP 3

Position brackets over holes and fasten to fascia board using appropriate 3/8" fastener.

### STEP 4

Position post against brackets, aligning pre-drilled holes in post to bracket holes (see *suggestions on illustrations*). Secure post loosely using appropriate 3/8" fasteners.

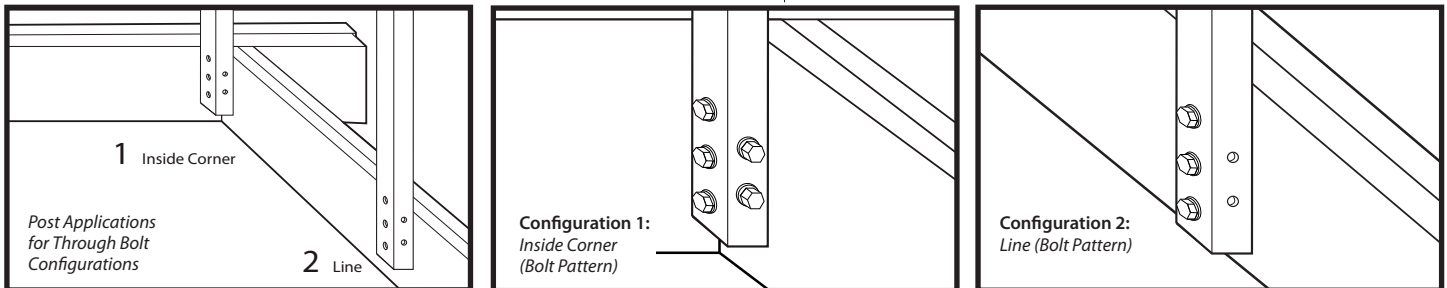
### STEP 5

Check to see if post is square with deck surface. If adjustment is necessary, use supplied shims to square post and complete post installation by tightening bolts securely.

### STEP 6

Follow instructions provided to complete rail and stair bracket and panel installations.

## FASCIA MOUNTED POST INSTALLATION WITHOUT BRACKETS



### STEP 1

Ensure that framing exists behind fascia or fascia board is reinforced with adequate blocking to exceed post installation load requirements.

### STEP 2

Position post so that a minimum of 1.25" exists between the top edge of the fascia board to the first pre-drilled fastener holes. CINCH recommends through bolting posts whenever possible. *Refer to local building and safety codes for required anchoring specifications.*

### STEP 3

Align post to ensure it is square to the deck surface. Position post as shown in *Configurations 1 & 2 (above)* according to Inside Corner or in Line requirements. Outside Corner installations require the use of brackets. Mark position of post holes on fascia board, and pre-drill holes using a 3/8" drill bit.

### STEP 4

Position post over holes, and secure post loosely using appropriate 3/8" fasteners.

### STEP 5

Check to see if post is square with deck surface. If adjustment is necessary, use supplied shims to square post and complete post installation by tightening fasteners securely.

### STEP 6

Follow instructions provided to complete rail and stair bracket and panel installations.