

Structural Vinyl Porch Post Installation Instructions



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 installer should determine and implement the appropriate installation techniques for each situation.

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Step 1 Check Local Code Requirements

- Before you begin, check with your local building code official or structural engineer to determine the quantity and spacing needed and the vertical load requirements for your specific situation.

Step 2 Porch Preparation

- Install suitable temporary supports of the overhead structure to carry the load during installation of the Vinyl Porch Post.
- Using a level and string line, level the porch roof beam.

Step 3 Determine Center Lines and Height Measurements

- With the roof beam level, determine center-lines where post(s) will mount to the roof beam.
- Use a plumb bob to transfer the center-line mark from the roof beam onto the porch deck.
- Measure the distance from the bottom of the to the finished porch surface.

Step 4 Cutting Porch Post

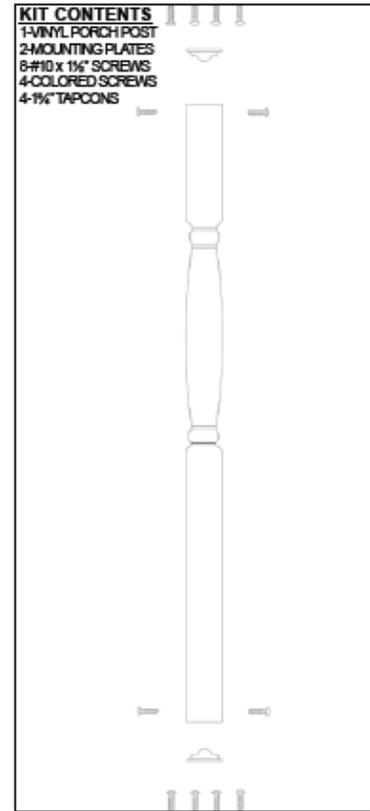
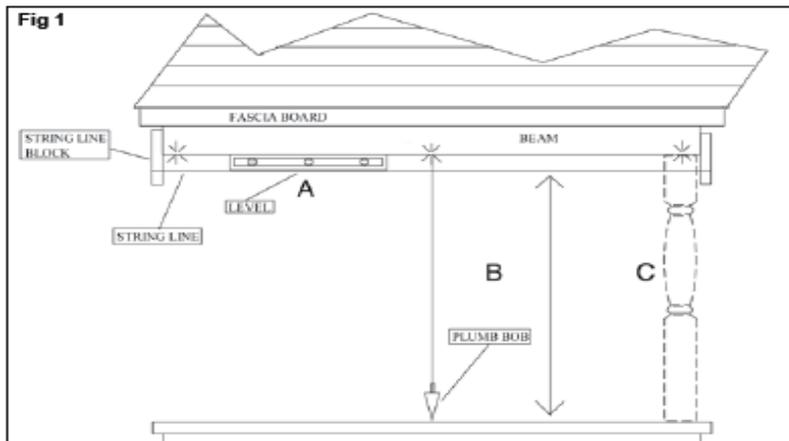
With the height measurement obtained in step #3, deduct 3/8". Cut the post to this calculated length. You may cut the porch post vinyl and aluminum at the same time using a fine tooth blade such as a hacksaw. **Caution:** We recommend you do not lay the post on a rough surface when cutting or measuring. We suggest the use of the cardboard box to protect the post from damage. **Note:** Plan ahead prior to cutting the porch post to length. If you are using porch railing, verify your railing height and ensure that once the post is cut to length, you have sufficient length of the square portion of the shaped porch post to mount the top railing bracket. The shaped porch posts are designed to support a 42" railing installation out of the box. If you are installing a 36" railing height, you would typically cut up to 4" from the bottom of the porch post with the balance being cut from the top.

Step 5 Mounting Plates & Porch Post Installation

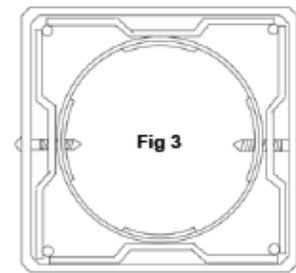
- With the post cut to length, insert mounting plates in the ends of porch post. If trim rings are being used place on the post now. Slide the porch post into place and align with the center-line marks from step #3. **Do not** apply the load of overhead structure at this time.
- With the porch post set in place, rotate the porch post 45 degrees to expose the mounting holes in the corners of the mounting plates. Screw the mounting plates to the porch deck and roof beam. **Note: Four (4) screws per mounting plate should be used. For masonry surface applications use the Tapcon screws.**
- With mounting plates secured to the beam and the deck, rotate the porch post 45 degree so the porch post covers the mounting plates. Transfer the load from the temporary supports onto the newly positioned and installed porch post. Measure and mark 3/4" from both mounting plates on two opposite center-faces of the post (right and left side). Pre-drill four (4) 1/8" holes and install the (matching) colored head screws thru the porch post and both the top and bottom mounting plates. (see fig. 3)
Note: Installation of the screws will insure the porch post do not rotate on the mounting plates and provides standard resistance to wind up-lift. To ensure maximum uplift resistance, we recommend the Storm Kit Plate System. Always check your local building code requirements.

Step 6 Clean up

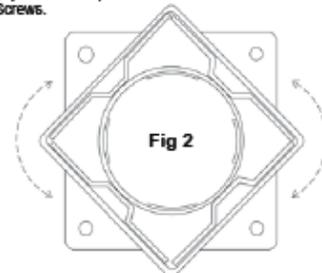
Your job is now complete. Should your railing have any loose dirt on it from the installation, simply hose it off or wipe with a soft cloth. To remove stubborn stains use a household cleaner recommended for vinyl and #0000 steel wool.



Four (4) ea. #10 x 1 1/2" Stainless Steel "Matching Color" Pan Head Screws. Two each for top and bottom.



MOUNTING TO WOOD: Install four (4) ea. per bracket (top and bottom) #10 x 1 1/2" Stainless Steel Flat Head Screws.



MOUNTING TO CONCRETE: Install four (4) ea. #10 x 1 1/2" Tapcon Screws into bottom bracket. Use four (4) wood mount screws (above) for top mounting plate.