# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS ALUMINUM RAILING WITH GLASS PANELS

1/4" TEMPERED GLASS PANELS IN ALUMINUM POSTS AND FRAMES - DECK APPLICATION

### Items Required for Installation

- · Appropriate fasteners for mounting posts to deck
- · Miter saw with carbide-tipped non-ferrous blade
- · Cordless drill
- Tape measure
- Level
- Power cords, drop sheets and safety glasses
- 3/16" Drill bit
- #2 Square drive bit
- · Bottom receiver jig optional

## Prior to construction, check with your local regulatory agency for special code requirements in your area.

Common railing height is 36" or 42". Post spans will vary depending on job site conditions. Never span more than 6' on-center between railing posts. Spans longer than 12' in length will require reduced post spans. Refer to the system evaluation at the end of these instructions. For all other applications, consult a design professional or a manufacturer's representative for more information. Read instructions completely to get an understanding of how the product goes together and how each piece affects the other.

#### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Actual glass rail section length: 6' Section = 69.43"
- · 3" posts are required to reach 6' lengths.
- Stair railing panels are shipped at a 37° angle. Panels are adjustable and will accommodate 30-40° stair angles.
   CAUTION: Over adjusting stair panels will cause loose and rattling balusters (pickets).
- 42" post kits will be required for middle and bottom stair posts when installing a 36" railing system.
- 48" post kits will be required for middle and bottom stair posts when installing a 42" railing system.
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   Using 2 Posts at top of stairs is recommended if compound angle cut is required.
- NOTES: 1/4IN TEMPERED GLASS PANEL NOT INCLUDED (ORDER FROM A LOCAL 36IN H X 3IN W (36IN HIGH SYSTEM SHOWN) WALL MOUNT KIT GLASS COMPANY). 36IN HIGH RAILING REQUIRES 30-1/2IN H GLASS PANELS. POST KIT ON DECK 42IN HIGH RAILING REQUIRES 36-1/2 H GLASS PANELS. SURFACES BALUSTER GATE KIT 36IN H X 2IN W POST 6FT ALUMINUM FRAME AND CONTINUOUS FOR FULL 1/4IN TOP RAIL OPTION TEMPERED GLASS PANEL (ACTUAL LENGTH = 69.43IN ENSURE PROPER **BLOCKING (ALL POSTS)** POST-TO-SURFACE MOUNTING SCREWS: RESIDENTIAL DECKS - 5/16" X 6" 3IN POST KITS 36IN H X 6FT BALUSTER EXTERIOR TORX/STAR DRIVE INCLUDE CAP, STAIR PANEL KIT IMPORTANT: CONSTRUCTION SCREWS PRE-MOUNTED (ACTUAL LENGTH = 45° CORNER BASE AND COMMERCIAL DECKS - 3/8" X 6" 69.43IN) POSTS MUST GLASS PANEL BASE PLATE **BISECT CORNER** EXTERIOR TORX/STAR DRIVE ATTACH KIT IS AND USE 22.5° COVER CONSTRUCTION SCREWS 42IN STAIR POST KIT REQUIRED WHEN PANEL ATTACH KIT (USE 42IN POST KITS FOR RESIDENTIAL CONCRETE -PANELS ARE CUT TAPCON® 5/16" X 3" HEX WASHER ON ALL STAIRS FOR 36IN AND USED AS HEAD CONCRETE ANCHOR H SYSTEM) TWO PIECES.

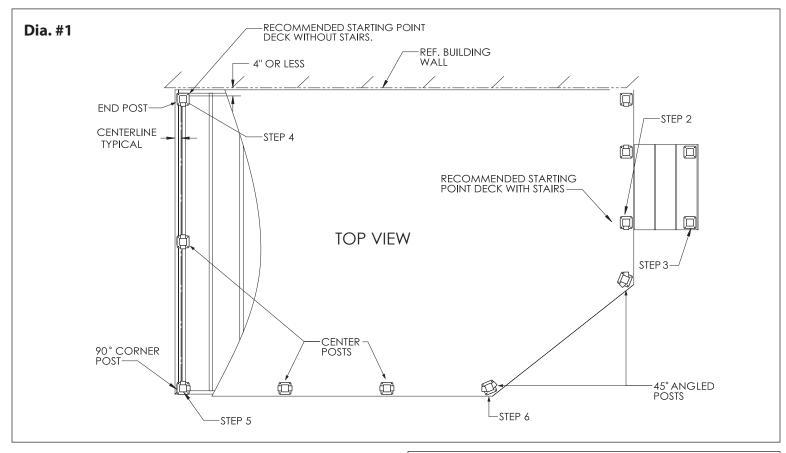
#### Notes:

- Review materials and installation instructions to ensure all necessary materials are present prior to beginning installation.
- On wood structures, review outer deck framing and determine post placement. Solid, structural blocking is required at all post locations.
   Typical rail centerline is 3" from deck edge; however, rail centerline can be adjusted to suit the application.
- Review and confirm a solid, structural mounting surface is present at building/column locations where railing ends connect to the structure.
- Refer to manufacturer's website for stair installation instructions.
- Refer to manufacturer's website for installation instructions of continuous top rails and 2" posts with crossover brackets.

- Posts may require shimming to ensure all posts are plumb and level.
- For installations into wood framing, drill pilot holes through deck boards to prevent splitting.
- When installing posts, ensure proper blocking is installed under post attachment locations. Use proper attachment screws or anchors as directed in these instructions. Deck attachment screws are not provided with railing kits.
- Consult your the manufacturer's representative for installation methods not covered in this instruction guide.

#### **Determine Post Configurations and Locations**

(i.e. end, center, corner, etc.) Dia. #1.



### Step 2

### Prepare Posts (Option 1 - No Jig)

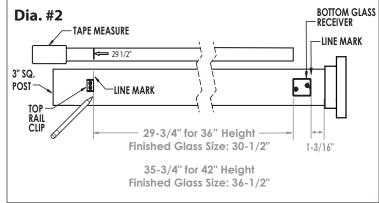
- Measure 1-3/16" from top shoulder of post base and place a pencil mark for location of bottom edge of glass receiver.
- Position bottom edge of glass receiver on pencil mark, center receiver on post and secure with 2-#10 x 1-1/2" Self-tapping screws.
- Once bottom receiver is secure, measure 29 3/4" or 35 3/4" from top edge of bottom glass receiver, mark a line for placement of top clip.
- Place rail clip bottom edge on pencil mark and center clip on post, secure with base attachment screws.

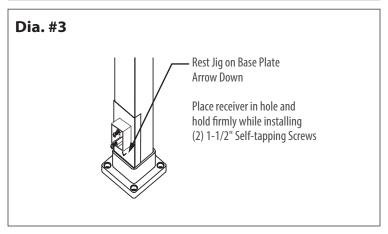
### Step 2a

#### Prepare Posts (Option 2 - W/Jig)

- Install lower receiver to appropriate post face using Jig (Dia. #3)
- Measure 29 3/4" or 35 3/4" from the top edge of the lower receiver (Dia. #2) and place a pencil mark for placement of bottom edge of upper clip.
- Place rail clip bottom edge on pencil mark and center clip on post, secure with 2-#8x3/4" Self-Tapping Screws.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If using continuous top rails, 2" posts with crossover brackets are needed. Confirm space between crossover brackets (and upper clips) and bottom glass receiver measures 29 3/4" or 35 3/4".





### Step 3

#### **Install Stair End Posts** (If applicable)

Temporarily install end stair post so rail centerline aligns with top stair posts installed in Step 1 (if applicable). Recommended post installation locations are as shown (Dia. 4).

Return to completing deck railing installation; upon completion of deck railing, refer to the manufacturer's website for stair railing installation instructions. NOTE: Stair applications use baluster (picket) panels, not glass panels. Refer to manufacturer's website for stair installation instructions.

### Step 4

#### **Install End Posts**

Install posts at all end locations with maximum gap between post and wall to be less than a 4" opening (3" centerline is typical). (Dia. 5)

#### For all Posts:

- Install proper post blocking as per (Dia. 5, Dia. 6). Use proper post-to-surface mounting screws or anchors as indicated (not included in post kits).
- With 3/16" drill bit, pre-drill through deck boards and into blocking.
- · Level and plumb post using shims (not included).
- Secure posts to deck with suggested screws, ensuring lower clips and screw chases are in-line with panels
- Install post caps and base plate covers only after entire railing assembly (including stair railing) is completed.

### Step 5

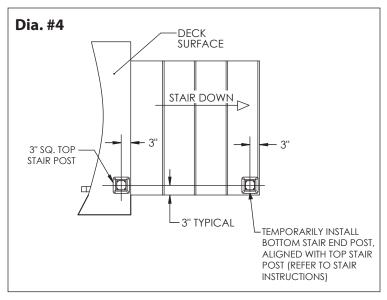
#### **Install 90° Corner Posts**

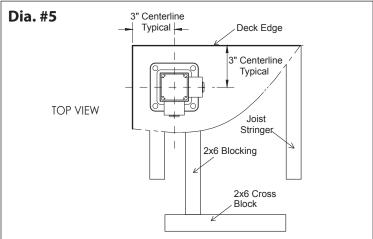
Position post on same 3" centerline (typical) and temporarily fasten using a single fastener through base plate mounting hole. (Dia. 6)

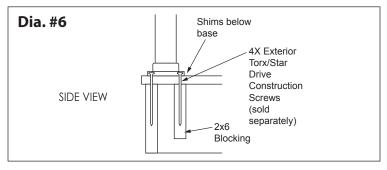
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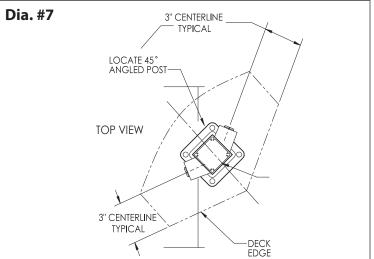
#### Install 45° Corner Posts

Position post on same 3" centerline (typical) and temporarily fasten to deck surface. Use one 22.5° Panel Attach Kit (purchased separately) to install 45 degree corner posts. (Dia. 7)









### Step 7

#### **Determine Center Post Locations**

Loosely lay center post over deck edge and adjust as required to determine final center post mounting locations. (See Dia. 8 & 9)

### Step 8

### **Cut Top and Bottom Rail Glass Extrusions**

Measure and cut top and bottom rail extrusions to fit between posts. Note: Bottom vinyl should be cut with bottom rail extrusions, top rail vinyl should be removed before cutting. (See Dia. #10).

Snap bottom support leg into bottom rail assembly so mounting hole faces inward to deck surface. (See Dia. 11).

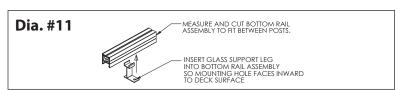
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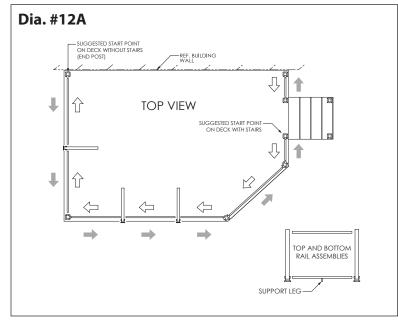
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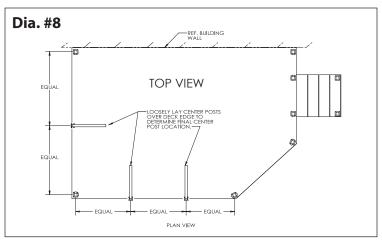
Starting at end post or top stair post (Dia. #12A) install the bottom rail extrusion, with vinyl insert, into the bottom receiver of the first 2 posts. Next, slide the top rail glass extrusion, without the vinyl installed, onto the upper rail attachment clips.

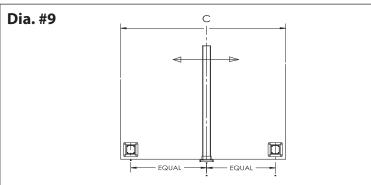
Secure the posts to deck surface, then secure top rail glass extrusion to top railing attachment clip (Dia. 12B&C). Continue working from one post to the next. Install next piece of bottom rail, then secure the top rail extrusion to the rail clips until all rail sections are fastened to posts and posts are secured to deck surface.

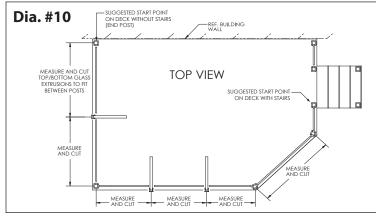
Center bottom support legs between posts and fasten to deck.

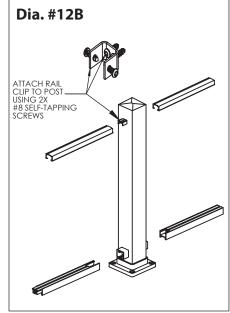


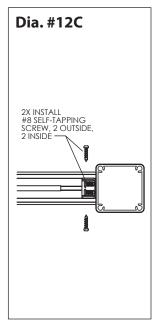












### Step 10

#### **Install Top Rail Snaps**

Measure between each secured post and cut top rail snap 1/16" less than opening size (Dia. 13). Clean cut areas and apply touch-up paint on all exposed metal. Snap each top rail snap over the corresponding glass rail extrusion until properly seated.

### Step 11

#### **Install Top Glass Inserts**

Measure between posts and subtract 2" from overall measurement. Cut top glass insert to provide clearance at post clip locations and insert vinyl into top rail extrusion (Dia. 14).

### Step 12

#### **Install Glass Panels**

Position glass so gap between panel edge and post is equal on both ends. Glass gap at ends is typically 3" but can vary depending on application. Maximum gap must be less than 4". Insert glass panels upward into glass insert (Dia. 15A) and swing panel over opening in bottom rail glass insert. Pull panel downward until panel is resting firmly inside of bottom glass insert (Dia. 15B). Continue until all glass panels are installed.

**TIP:** Window cleaner may ease glass installation into top and bottom rail assemblies.

### Step 13

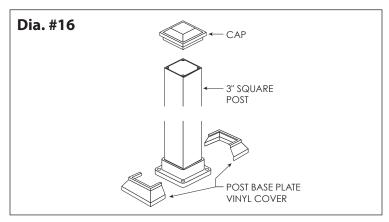
#### **Install Post Caps and Base Plate Covers**

Install post caps and base plate covers (Dia 16).

### Step 14

#### **Final Inspection**

When railing is completely installed, complete one final check to ensure all fasteners are properly secured.



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