

STYLE BOARD ON BOARD (Privacy)
SHADOWBOX (Semi-Private)
TRADITIONAL (Semi-Private)

# **INSTALLATION MANUAL**

#### BRACKET MOUNT FOR DOG-EAR PICKETS & SQUARE TOP PICKETS



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#### **Pre-Installation**

#### **TOOLS REQUIRED**

□ Air compressor□ Staple Gun□ Rail & Bracket Locator Template (provided)□ Tape Measure□ Hammer

□ Wheel Barrow □ Clamp
□ Post Hole Digger □ Level

□ Saw □ Power Drill

#### **SUPPLIES**

□ Quick Set Concrete □ Galvanized Staples Leg: 1 1/4 / 1 1/2 in.

Gravel
 Twine or String
 Stakes
 Work Gloves
 Brackets
 Pencil

□ Spray Paint

#### PRIOR TO INSTALLING THE FENCING



IMPORTANT: Please read and follow the instructions in this section before you begin installation of your fencing products.



**NOTE:** Prior to digging, confirm location of underground utilities with local authorities. Apply for permits if required by local authorities and codes. Local zoning laws, neighborhood associations and/or historic districts my regulate size, type placement and ability of fencing. Ensure compliance prior to installation.



**NOTE:** Due to variation in picket width, minor adjustments to gapping may be required. Care should be taken to ensure that spacing does not result in too large of gap at the end posts.

#### **PLANNING:**

- Determine total area to be fenced.
- Site-Built installation: Ensure the right amount of pickets and rails per section.
- □ Make adjustments for odd widths at the back corners or build partial sections equally. Example: If you have 8 feet left in a run, consider building two 4 ft. sections rather than a 6 ft. and a 2 ft..
- Determine the number of posts including gate post and gate location (if applicable).
- Installations are facilitated with the use of an air compressor or air driven staple gun.
- □ Recommendation fasteners include 1-1/4 1-1/2 in. long x 1/4 7/16 in. crown galvanized and oiled or stainless steel staples, 16 18 gauge. Name brand staples are more reliable. Air compressor set to 90-100 PSI.

## **Pre-Installation (continued)**

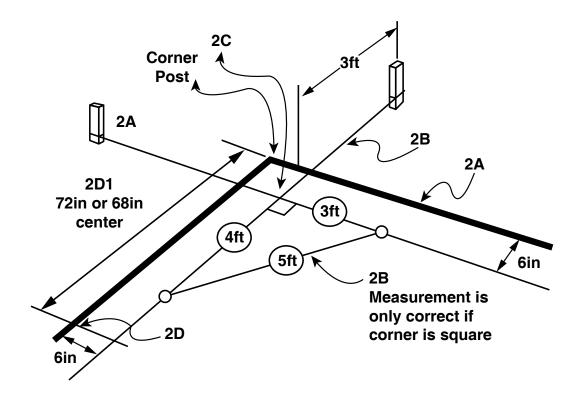
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#### LAYOUT (See Diagram):

- 2A. Establish total area to be fenced. Insert stakes 6 in. inside of proposed area extending an additional 3 ft. laterally so as not to disturb string lines when digging post holes.
- □ 2B. Attach string line to staked area. Verify corners are square using the 3 ft. x 4 ft. x 5 ft. method.
- 2C. Fence corners are determined by where strings intersect.
- 2D. Mark locations for subsequent posts starting with the first location and measuring the appropriate distance determined by install method.
  - 2D-1. Bracket Side Mount Maximum of 72 in. post-center to post-center
- □ Mark gate location and size. Minimum 44 in. inside posts when using Adjustable Gate Frame.
- Place proper post at each location.



NOTE: When marking measurements with spray paint, mark both the ground and string (See illustration)



## **All Purpose Post Installation**

# Dig hole:

□ Dig hole 12 in. wide x 30 in. deep.

# 2 Add Gravel

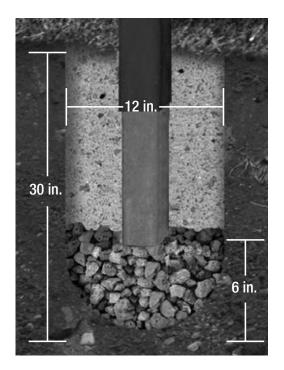
Add 6 in. gravel (depth now = 24 in.)

# 3 Set Post

Add 160 lbs of concrete.

# 4 Next Post

Set post at a <u>maximum</u> of 72 in. post-center to post-center.



#### **Cross Rail Installation**



**IMPORTANT:** Through temperature changes of seasonal weather, Wood Composite Fencing will experience thermal expansion in the pickets and cross rails. To anticipate this expansion movement, our instructions include installation steps which need to be followed to prevent pressure from building in the fence during the hot summer months. Following these preventive steps will ensure a long lasting fence through the years. Avoid installing below 40 degrees.

#### **USE RAIL & BRACKET LOCATOR**

Place Rail and Bracket Locator template square against the post. Slide Bracket into location. Attach with provided screws.

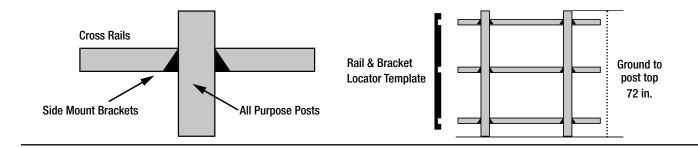
#### ADD CROSS RAILS IN BRACKETS

Mark the Bracket hole locations on the Post and Cross Rail ends. Pre-drill the holes to prevent splitting the ends of the wood insert or the composite sleeve. Slide Cross Rails into Brackets. Attach with provided screws through bracket screw slots. Skip using screw where picket covers bracket.

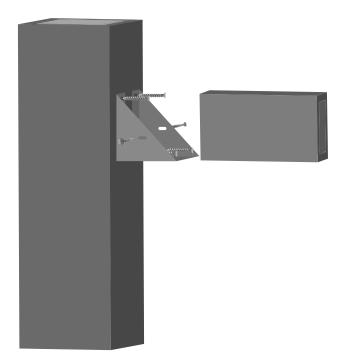
Screw/Bracket Slot Locations: Top Rail = Tighten screws into slot-top Middle Rail = Touch Tighten into slot bottom Bottom Rail = Touch Tighten into slot bottom



**NOTE:** Avoid applying screws to top 5 Inches of post tops.



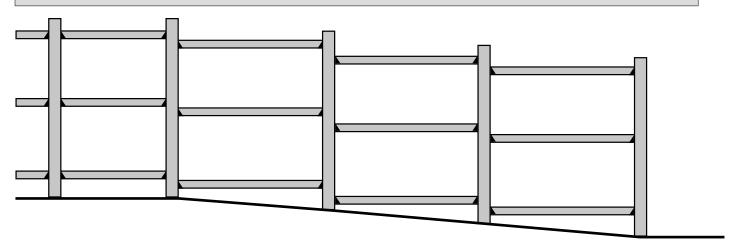
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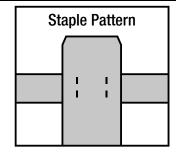
NOTE: For sloping landscape, step brackets down.



## **Picket Installation**

#### **STAPLES**

Holding the staple gun sideways, shoots 4 staples in a box pattern in each "picket and cross rail intersection" so the staples hide vertically in the grain of the picket. To prevent staple buckling when fired into pickets, go slow, push the staple gun firmly and make sure the fence panel is not bouncing back towards the gun. Shorter 1 1/4 in., 16 gauge staples are also used frequently in low-temperature installation to help prevent staple buckling. Set air-compressor to 90-100 PSI.





Traditional (semi-private)

Dog-ear Picket 4 5/8 in. x 69 in. Square Top Picket 6 5/8 in. x 69 in.



#### TRADITIONAL PICKET STYLE

Traditional style consists of 14 Dog-ear and 10 Square Top pickets between posts, and it is important to leave a 1/8 in. space in between each picket. A minimum of 1/8 in. picket spacing is a necessary precaution to avoid the thermal expansion of the pickets, from pushing into each other and building pressure. A small space in between the pickets will prevent the pickets from ever touching. The Traditional Picket Style is more of a semi-private fence.

- □ 1/8 in. spacing between pickets.
- □ Pickets install 1 in. below post top and 2 in. above the ground
- □ Staples 1 1/2 in. Galvanized or Stainless Steel, 4 staples per picket and rail crossing







#### Shadow Box (semi-private)

Dog-ear Picket 4 5/8 in. x 69 in. Square Top Picket 6 5/8 in. x 69 in.



#### **SHADOW BOX PICKET STYLE**

For an easier semi-private installation, we recommend a "Good Neighbor" Shadow box Picket Style. You don't need to be precise with the spacing, and it looks great from both sides. Shadow Box style consists of 17 to 21 Dog-ear and 13 Square Top pickets per 6 ft. section (depending on the look you want).

- Spread pickets evenly across both sides of rail
- Pickets install 1 in. below post top and 2 in. above the ground
- Staples 1 1/2 in. Galvanized or Stainless Steel, 4 staples per picket and rail crossing







**Board on Board (private)** 

Dog-ear Picket 4 5/8 in. x 69 in. Square Top Picket 6 5/8 in. x 69 in.

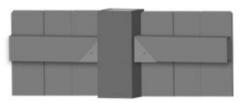


#### **BOARD ON BOARD PICKET STYLE**

Board on Board is a full privacy fence with 17 to 21 Dog-ear and 13 Square Top pickets per 6 ft. section. It's the strongest picket style of the 3, with all of the pickets stapled together in an overlapping picket method. The Board on Board picket style is also the easiest to install. You don't need precise spacing, plus during the entire installation you only need to stand on one side of the fence. Normal spacing between pickets is 2 3/4 in.

- Spread pickets evenly overlapping on 1 side of rail
- Pickets install 1 in. below post top and 2 in. above the ground
- □ Staples 1 1/2 in. Galvanized or Stainless Steel, 4 staples per picket and rail crossing





#### **Gate Frame Kit Installation**

Follow the Gate Frame Kit instructions in the box to install each gate. All hardware is included. Use 1 gate frame kit for a single gate; use 2 gate frame kits for a double drive gate. Gates are designed to "swing in." Gate pickets need a minimum of 4 in. above the ground grade to swing properly. Pickets should be installed in a single layer Tradition Picket Style row for gates only. Shadow Box and Board on Board Styles add too much extra weight to the frame and hinges of the gate. In general, the shorter and lighter it is, the stronger the gate will be. Gates that exceed 4 1/2 feet wide require a support wheel for weight distribution and stability. Attach the support wheels directly to the metal gate frame kit only. Support wheels are sold separately.

# **Helpful Tips for Bracket Mount Fence Styles**

- 1. The Board on Board is the only style that provides tight visual privacy and is relatively easy to install.
- 2. Shadow Box provides a similar look on either side of the fence, thus the name "Good Neighbor." Some communities require a "same look" on each side.
- 3. While we recommend 17 Dog-ear and 13 Square Top pickets per 6 ft. for the Shadow Box and/or the Board on Board, you can use more than that to achieve a "tighter look," reducing the spacing between the pickets. This especially changes the Shadow Box look.
- 4. The recommended gap of 1/8 in. (it can be more than 1/8 in. if you wish) between the pickets in the Traditional "one sided" is not optional but necessary to accommodate possible thermal expansion.
- 5. In a typical fence run, it is common to have sections less than 6 ft. We recommend a symmetrical look when possible. E.G. a 20 ft. run could be 6 ft. 6 ft. 2 ft., however 4 ft. 6 ft. 4 ft. would look better. In a 10 ft. run, 2 each 5 ft. sections usually looks better than a 6 ft. and a 4 ft.
- 6. Sometimes it becomes necessary to rip a picket to fill a space, at the end of the fence. If you see that you will need to rip a picket, it always looks better to rip more than one. The material is easy to rip with a standard table saw. E.G. if a short section will require a 2 inch filler strip to complete the infill, instead of making an ugly 2 in. filler, rip 1/2 in. off 4 pickets and scatter the slightly more narrow ripped pickets throughout the section. The eye won't notice and the fence will look great.
- 7. Use the recommended gravel and concrete quantities, don't "cheat below the ground." The gravel isn't just for drainage, it also provides a base for the fence foundation.
- 8. Your fence will settle a bit, keep the picket bottoms up off the ground or they will buckle. Recommended distance is 2 in.
- 9. When a picket is to cover a bracket, leave that side's screw out do not use it.

### Warranty

#### 15 & 10 YEAR PERFORMANCE LIMITED WARRANTY

#### WHAT IS COVERED

Fiberon Fencing is backed by a 15-year limited pro-rated warranty on fence pickets and backer rails. Fence posts are covered by a 10-year limited pro-rated warranty. When installed correctly, your composite fencing is guaranteed to remain free from rot, fungal degradation, checking, splintering and delamination.

Fiberon Fencing is a system of pickets, rails, and posts and must be installed according to guidelines to validate the warranty. Substitution of wood or other materials for any portion of the system will void the warranty.

#### WHAT IS NOT COVERED

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