Installation Instructions

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STAIR APPLICATION



ADA Handrail Guidelines

1. ADA handrails can be installed using various design applications such as those for stairs, ramps, and horizontal applications. Designs include options for straight and 90° wall returns, 90° corners, and adjustable angles. Choose which is best for your needs before installing. (Refer to railing profile page for more detailed parts list.)



- The handrail system top rail should be 34" (86.4 cm) to 38" (96.5 cm) above the surface. However, verifying height requirements with local building code officials before installing is important as codes vary in different areas.*
- 3. Maintain a minimum clearance of 1-1/2" (3.8 cm) between the handrail and any obstructions above or behind the handrail.
- 4. The end loop return at all landings must extend 12" (30.5 cm) past the end of the ramp or stair application.*
- 5. The slope of the handrail for the ramp should not exceed 1" (2.5 cm) rise over a 12" (30.5 cm) run.

RAMP APPLICATION



- 6. The maximum recommended span between supports is 6' (1.83 m) on center. Thus placement of posts is critical when installation of railing is being considered.*
- 7. Rails are designed to have a tight fit into other connecting components. It is critical to line these up in the correct orientation **BEFORE** connecting parts together. If it is necessary to shift or move a component on a rail, wrap with a protective cloth to prevent scratching as you may need to use a wide mouth wrench to correct this.
- 8. At any straight location where internal connector is used, it is CRITICAL to locate these as close to a wall mount as possible.
- 9. If using metal posts, pre-drill all locations for bracket attachment. (Always use a drill bit slightly SMALLER in diameter than the screw being used for attachment.)
- 10. All elbow components can be cut down to allow for tighter angles. Cut a maximum of 2" on each side if this is required.

*Refer to the American Disabilities Act for detailed information in regards to handrail requirements.

SAFETY NOTES

- » When cutting metal, always wear proper safety eyewear (as well as any other proper safety wear).
- » Remove all burrs from cut ends before installation.
- » Use of a non-ferrous metal blade is recommended.

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ADA RAILING PROFILES

| DESCRIPTION | COLOR | DESCRIPTION | COLOR |
|---|--|---|------------|
| ADA Hand Rail 1.385" diameter | BK, BZ, WT | ADA 90° Elbow | BK, BZ, WT |
| ADA Wall Return | BK, BZ, WT | ADA 36°, 34°, & 31° Elbows | BK, BZ, WT |
| | | ADA 5° Elbow | BK, BZ, WT |
| ADA Wall Mount | BK, BZ, WT | ADA Collar | BK, BZ, WT |
| ADA Corner Mount* | BK, BZ, WT | ADA End Cap | BK, BZ, WT |
| ADA Internal Connector | | HARDWARE | |
| | Rail to Bracket Attachment Short Metal Screw (#10 x 5/8") Image: Colspan="2">Image: Colspan="2" | | |
| ADA Handrail Return | BK, BZ, WT | Bracket to Metal Post Attachment Long Metal Screw (#12 x 1-1/4") | |
| *Can only be used with metal post horizontal applications | | Bracket to Wood Post/Post Sleeve Attachment Wood Screw (8-10 x 2") | |

NOTE: If attaching brackets to 6x6 posts/post sleeves use 8-10 x 2 1/2" wood screws (not included).

COLORS: BK Charcoal Black BZ Bronze WT White

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NOTE: Construction methods are always improving. Please ensure you have the most up-to-date installation instructions by visiting: **trex.com**

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HOW TO INSTALL TREX® ADA RAILING

90° Wall Return



- 1. If required, cut railing to proper length based on location of wall return(s) or attachment to other components.
- 2. If desired, collar ring can be used to hide seam of wall return to rail. Slide this over rail **BEFORE** inserting rail into wall return.
- 3. Slide rail onto wall return until it is fully inserted and seam is hidden under collar (if collar is being used).
- 4. Attach wall return to post using specific hardware provided (see chart on previous page), **ENSURING** wall return is at proper angle of alignment to post. (Wall return is designed to have tight fit into rail, thus location of attachment is critical.) If using metal posts, pre-drill post prior to attachment of wall mount.

Wall Mount



NOTE: Refer to Rail to Rail Connections section if connecting two or more rails together to make continuous straight run.

1. If required, cut railing to proper length based on location of wall mount(s) or attachment to other components.

2. Attach wall mount to post using specific hardware provided (see chart on previous page), **ENSURING** wall mount is at proper angle of alignment to angle of rail. If using metal posts, pre-drill post prior to attachment of wall mount.

Tip: To help with angled attachment place one screw into bottom hole of bracket and pivot wall mount to position required.

- 3. Attach rail to wall mount using specific hardware provided (see chart on previous page).
- 4. Attach end cap to railing.

Rail to Rail Connection/Internal Connector



NOTE: When rail to rail straight connections are use for longer spans, posts must be installed 6' OC max. In addition, a wall mount MUST be used at each seam of rail to rail connections as close to center of wall mount as possible. If collar is used this can be offset slightly to allow for the collar to fit.

- 1. If required, cut railing to proper length.
- 2. If desired, collar ring can be used to hide seam between rails. Slide this over rail BEFORE inserting rails into internal connector.
- 3. Slide internal connector into rail end until metal spacer screw is touching either end of rail or the collar if this was used.
- 4. Slide second rail over opposite end of internal connector, until this is touching metal spacer screw.
- 5. Remove metal spacer screw using #2 square head screwdriver.
- 6. Push second rail further over internal connector until this fits in the collar (if used) or fits tightly against rail.
- 7. Attach wall mount to post per previous instructions.
- 8. Attach rail to wall mount per previous instructions.
- 9. Use end caps where required.

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HOW TO INSTALL TREX® ADA RAILING

Elbows (90°, 36°, 34°, 31°, 5°)



- 1. If required, cut railing to proper length based on location of elbows and other components being used.
- 2. If desired, collar ring can be used to hide seam of elbow to rail. Slide this over rail **BEFORE** inserting rail into elbow.
- 3. Slide internal connector into rail end until metal spacer screw is touching either end of rail or the collar if this was used.
- 4. Slide appropriate angled elbow onto opposite end of internal connector, until this is touching metal spacer screw.
- 5. Remove metal spacer screw using #2 square head screwdriver.
- 6. Push elbow further over internal connector until this fits in the collar (if used) or fits tightly against rail.
- 7. Attach wall mount to post per previous instructions.
- 8. Attach rail to wall mount per previous instructions.

Handrail return 180°



NOTE: Ramp application shown here (For stair applications appropriate angle elbow also required.)

- 1. If required, cut railing to proper length based on location of elbow used as well and other components being used.
- 2. If desired, collar ring can be used to hide seam of handrail return to rail or elbow being used. Slide this over rail **BEFORE** inserting rail into other component.
- 3. Ensure that all components are aligned to both wall mount on post as well as location of elbow on rail **BEFORE** attachment.
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- 3. Slide internal connector into appropriate elbow being until metal spacer screw is touching either end of elbow or the collar if this was used.
- 4. Attach wall return to lower end of handrail return (longer side), **ENSURING** wall return is at proper angle of alignment to post. (Wall return is designed to have tight fit into rail, thus location of attachment is critical.)
- 5. Slide opposite end of handrail return onto internal connector, until this is touching metal spacer screw.
- 6. Remove metal spacer screw using #2 square head screwdriver.
- 7. Push handrail return further over internal connector until this fits in the collar (if used) or fits tightly against elbow.
- 8. Attach wall return to post per previous instructions.
- 9. Attach rail to wall mount per previous instructions.
- 10. Use end caps where required.

Corner Mount



- 1. Corner mount can ONLY BE USED ON METAL POSTS and only for horizontal applications, such as stair landings.
- 2. Predrill metal post and install corner post to metal post using using specific hardware provided (see chart on previous page).
- 3. If desired, collar ring can be used to hide seam of elbow to rail. Slide this over rail **BEFORE** inserting rail into elbow (not shown in above picture).
- 3. Slide internal connector into rail end until metal spacer screw is touching either end of rail or the collar if this was used.
- 4. Slide appropriate angled elbow onto opposite end of internal connector, until this is touching metal spacer screw.
- 5. Remove metal spacer screw using #2 square head screwdriver.
- 6. Push elbow further over internal connector until this fits in the collar (if used) or fits tightly against rail.
- 7. Install elbow to corner mount using using specific hardware provided (see chart on previous page).