Secondary Handrail Installation Instructions

Handrail Components

1. End Cap
2. 90° Outside Corner
3. 90° Post Return
4. Straight Aluminum Wall Mount
5. Inside Corner Mounting Bracket
6. Aluminum Bracket (Line Post Mounting Bracket)
7. Adjustable Joiner
8. Aluminum Joiner Kit
9. Handicap Loop
10. 36° Stair Elbow
11. 34° Stair Elbow
12. 32° Stair Elbow
13. 13.5° Wall Return
14. 90° Inside Corner
15. 5' Handicap Elbow

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

Start with an inside corner piece when applicable.

Guidelines

- The height of the secondary handrail must be installed between 34" and 38" above the surface, regardless of the height of the rail.
- We recommend that handrails be dry-fit prior to final installation to eliminate cutting and fastening errors.
- **IMPORTANT:** The secondary handrail must be attached to a structural support. When installing mounting brackets on post sleeves, ensure the hardware is securely attached to the structural support.
- For maximum strength, brackets should be used at every post and as close as possible to every joint.
- An adhesive may be applied to further reinforce construction.
- Handrails must be supported every 6' on-center by a mounting bracket.
Trex - Aluminum ADA-Compliant Railing

Product Summary
The Trex ADA-Compliant Handrail system is designed to seamlessly blend with all Trex railing options, offering an extra level of safety, strength and accessibility for any deck design.

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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 a more detailed parts list.

2. The handrail system top rail should be 34" (864 mm) to 38" (965 mm) 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" (38 mm) between the handrail and any obstructions above or behind the handrail.

4. The end loop return at all landings must extend 12" (305 mm) past the end of the ramp or stair application.*

5. The slope of the handrail for the ramp should not exceed 1" (25 mm) rise over a 12" (305 mm) run.

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" (51 mm) on each side if this is required.

*Refer to the American Disabilities Act for detailed information with regard 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

» SEE PAGE 62 FOR SKU NUMBERS.

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NOTE: If attaching brackets to 6x6 posts/post sleeves, use #10 x 2-1/2" (64 mm) wood screws (not included).

COLORS: BK Charcoal Black BZ Bronze WT White

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**HOW TO INSTALL TREX® ALUMINUM ADA COMPLIANT HANDRAIL**

**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 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.

**Inline Bracket**

1. If required, cut railing to proper length based on location of inline bracket(s) or attachment to other components.
2. Attach inline bracket to post using specific hardware provided (see chart on previous page). If using metal posts, pre-drill post prior to attachment of inline bracket.
3. Slide rail onto inline bracket until it is fully inserted.

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

**Rail-to-Rail Connections/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 ring 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 collar, if used.
4. Slide second rail over opposite end of internal connector, until it is touching metal spacer screw.
5. Remove metal spacer screw using #2 square-head screwdriver.
6. Push second rail further over internal connector until it 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.
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 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 it is touching metal spacer screw.
5. Remove metal spacer screw using #2 square head screwdriver.
6. Push elbow further over internal connector until it 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. (Appropriate angle elbow also required for stair applications.)

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.

4. Slide internal connector into appropriate elbow being until metal spacer screw is touching either end of elbow or the collar, if this was used.
5. 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.)
6. Slide opposite end of handrail return onto internal connector, until it is touching metal spacer screw.
7. Remove metal spacer screw using #2 square-head screwdriver.
8. Push handrail return further over internal connector until it fits in the collar (if used) or fits tightly against elbow.
9. Attach wall return to post per previous instructions.
10. Attach rail to wall mount per previous instructions.
11. Use end caps where required.

Corner Mount

1. Pre-drill metal post and install corner post to metal post using specific hardware provided (see chart on previous page).
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. Install elbow to corner mount using specific hardware provided.