

# TRX Vinyl and TRX "B" Series Railing

## Installation Instructions

NOTE: These instructions must be followed exactly as written and the material used must be exactly as shown in the instructions. Any deviation from the instructions or variation in the material used/installed may result in an unsuccessful installation.

### POST APPLICATIONS

#### Aluminum Post Mount for Concrete & Wood Applications:

If using a Standard Aluminum Post Mount (Residential) or Heavy-Duty Aluminum Post Mount (Commercial), see the instructions included with your mount.

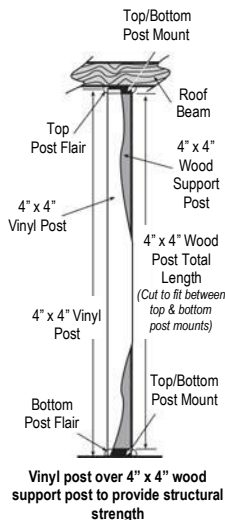
#### 4" x 4" Wood Support Posts:

Note: A 4" x 4" Vinyl Post does not have any structural strength to support weight bearing roofs.

A 4" x 4" wood treated post (which measures 3½" x 3½") will slide inside the vinyl post to support the weight. Most of the time, your posts are installed after the roof is in place. Usually, there is a beam the post can be attached to. Following are steps needed to install this post system. We do realize you can run into many different situations at the job site. In those cases, field modifications may be needed.

##### Step 1:

Cut vinyl post and wood post to size. To determine wood post length, stack (2) top/bottom support post mounts and measure distance between mounts and beam. To determine vinyl post length, measure distance between floor and beam and deduct 1". This will ensure no weight bearing on the vinyl post. NOTE: On wood, make sure there is structural strength to support the weight of the roof.



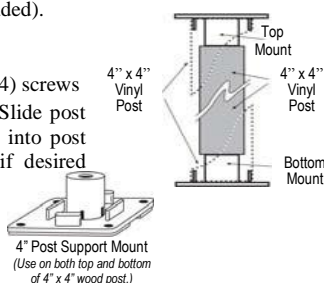
##### Step 2:

All material will need to be applied to the post before installation. Slide post flairs over top and bottom of post. Slide wood post inside vinyl post. Insert a post support mount on each end. The post support mount can be screwed to the wood post if desired (screws not included).

##### Step 3:

Slide post assembly into position. Insert (4) screws into each mount (screws not provided). Slide post flairs into position. Tabs will snap-lock into post support mounts. Flairs may be glued if desired (glue not included).

**WARNING: Excessive glue may run down post.** Hold top flair in place until glue is cured.



#### 4" x 4" Wood Support Posts - For Decks

Note: The strongest and least expensive way to apply a 4" x 4" vinyl post to a deck is to EXTEND your wood 4" x 4"s above the deck approximately 24".

Following are steps to use when building a frame deck or working with an existing wood structure.

##### Step 1:

When building a new deck and using 4" x 4" wood posts to support the wood structure, layout your post setting so it works out for both wood frame structure and length of railing sections you plan to install.

##### Step 2:

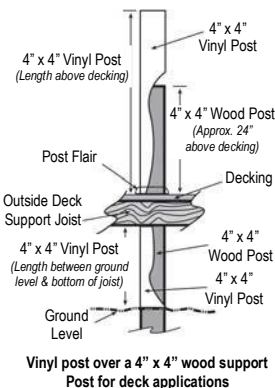
Set all wood posts leaving approximately 24" of the post(s) above determined height of floor or

deck surface. NOTE: 24" of wood post is sufficient support for 36" or 42" vinyl railing systems. The higher the wood post is above the floor, the greater the chance for the wood post to warp.

If vinyl posts are desired below the floor joint, slide these posts on before the support board is attached. NOTE: These vinyl posts will go from the ground to the bottom of the joist support board.

##### Step 3:

After wood frame and deck flooring are installed, slide vinyl post over wood post. Slide post flair on at this time.



#### Option: Vinyl Posts on Existing Deck

When vinyl posts are to be attached to an existing wood deck and no wood posts are protruding above the deck floor, use an aluminum post mount (see instructions for wood surface) or install a 4" x 4" wood post as follows:

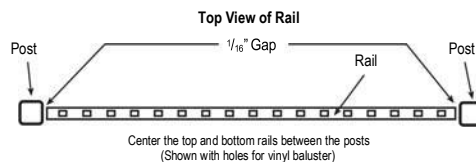
##### Step 1:

Cut a 4" x 4" hole in existing floor right inside joist support board. Install a wood 4" x 4" post to go to the bottom of the joist support board. This will extend above the deck floor approximately 24". Attach wood post with screws or bolts through support board and into wood post. After deck flooring is installed, slide vinyl post and flair over wood post.

### Level Railing Applications

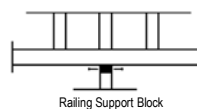
##### Step 1:

Hold each rail against posts. Position so there will be the same baluster spacing on each end of the rail. Mark top and bottom rails where they need to be cut. Cut rails to length. NOTE: Make sure rails are cut with a 1/16" gap on each end between rails and posts.



##### Step 2:

If installing a section longer than 4', a railing support is required. It needs to be attached to the bottom rail at this time.



**Vinyl:** Find center of bottom rail. Screw plastic wood block to bottom side of rail. Slide vinyl extrusion over plastic wood block and screw to block with (2) screws (refer to diagram). All screws are provided for the railing support system.



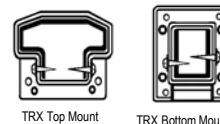
**Aluminum:** Find center of bottom rail. Insert screw into aluminum support and screw to bottom rail. Turn support to adjust height.

##### Step 3:

Slide a mount over each end of the rail (make sure profile side of mount is down). Place bottom rail in position. Standard gap from floor is 2".

Center and screw mounts to post with 1¼" screws (screws provided). Note: If using 4" IRC or IBC post mounts use 1" screws, provided in the post mount box.

Insert (2) 3/8" self-tapping screws through location tabs (screws provided). IMPORTANT: Continue tightening until inside channel is drawn against inside of rail. Insert vertical baluster into bottom rail holes. If there are notched balusters, they need to be placed in



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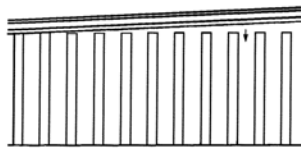


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### Level Railing Applications...Continued

middle of the section. Position top rail into balusters one at a time. Position top rail between posts and fasten top mounts to post with screws (like bottom mount procedure).



Assemble Rail Section

If using standard height posts, top rail should be 2" down ( $2\frac{3}{8}$ " down if using an aluminum post mount) from top of post. Should a special height railing be required, the balusters and post may be cut down.

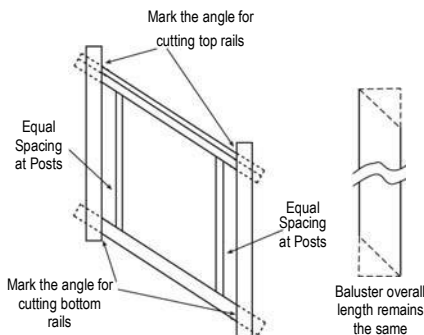
Place mount covers over mounts. Tap each corner of cover to secure it to mount. **CAUTION:** For bottom mount cover, line up top two corners of cover and **LIGHTLY TAP** the corners with a hammer. Then, **carefully line up** bottom of cover and **LIGHTLY TAP** with a hammer.

### Stair Rail Applications

**NOTE:** Make sure to review level railing applications before these steps are attempted. Stair rail mounts are needed for stair rail applications. Stair rail mounts are designed for a 32° to 35° application. Uncut stair rail mounts are available for other angle applications.

#### Step 1:

Lay the bottom rail on the steps and up against the posts. Determine the two end holes. Insert a baluster at each end of rail. Place top rail on top of these two balusters. Holding rails against posts, determine exact end spacings, mark rails for cutting. If balusters are too tight and not level, make holes larger by filing out holes accordingly. Then, cut both rails at angle marks. Cut each end of the balusters at the same angle as top and bottom rails were cut. **NOTE:** The overall length of balusters will not change.



**NOTE:** Above ground application requires a 48" post at the bottom step. Field cut after railing is installed. The "A" Series Post must be cut off at the bottom before railing is installed. "A" Series Post length for bottom of steps - 48" for 36" railing and 52" for 42" railing.

#### Step 2:

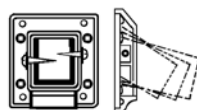
Slide a mount over each end of the rail (make sure profile side of mount is down, remove spacer from bottom mount). Place bottom rail in position.

Center and screw mounts to post with (4) 1 1/4" screws (screws provided). Insert (2) 3/4" self-tapping screws (screws provided) through location tabs. Insert vertical balusters into bottom rail holes. Position top rail into balusters one at a time. Position top rail between posts and fasten top mount to post with screws (like bottom mount procedure).



TRX Top Stair Mount

If using standard height posts, top rail should be 2" down from top of post. Should a special height railing be required, the balusters and post may be cut down.

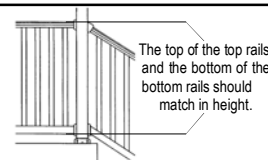


TRX Bottom Stair Mount

Place mount covers over mounts. Bottom cover has a knock out for a 32° to 35° angle (or may be cut out for varying angles). Tap each corner of cover to secure it to mount. **CAUTION:** For bottom mount cover, line up top two corners of cover and **LIGHTLY TAP** the corners with a hammer.

Then, **carefully line up** bottom of cover and **LIGHTLY TAP** with a hammer.

The top to bottom measurement should be the same for both the stair rail and the level rail sections.

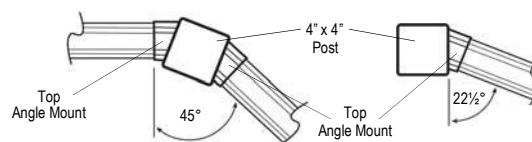


### Angle Applications

**NOTE:** Make sure to review the level application installation before these steps are attempted. Angle mounts are needed for level application. **These mounts can be cut to accept UP TO a 22 1/2° angle.** For greater degree angles, the post must be rotated so both the post and mount will equal the total degree of angle. (i.e.: Post 22 1/2° + mount 22 1/2° = total 45° angle.)

#### Step 1:

Cut rails to correct length, angle to fit in between posts. Make sure it is cut to be the same baluster spacing at each end of the rails. **NOTE: These mounts can be cut to accept UP TO a 22 1/2° angle.**

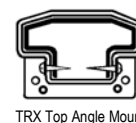


Top view of angled top rail mounts

#### Step 2:

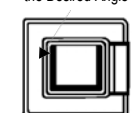
##### Top Mount...

The top mount will need to be cut at an angle to align with the post angle. Position top mount on rail to determine where to cut. Mark mount and cut on a miter saw. If needed, use a belt sander to sand down mount until you get an exact fit to the post. After mounts fit on post correctly, slide over each end of rail. Refer to Level Application, Step 3.



TRX Top Angle Mount

Cut or File Cover for the Desired Angle



TRX Bottom Angle Mount

The profile edge of mount should be placed to the inside of the rail angle to hide the rough edge.

##### Bottom Mount...

Remove spacer from mount. Turn profile toward inside of the rail angle. Center and screw mounts to post with (4) 1 1/4" screws (screws provided). Insert (2) 3/4" self-tapping screws (screws provided) through location tabs. Insert vertical balusters into bottom rail holes. If there are notched balusters, they need to be placed in the middle of the section. Position top rail into balusters one at a time. Position top rail between posts and fasten top mounts to post with screws (like bottom mount procedure).

### 45° Angle Mount Application

#### Step 1:

Place a bottom 45° Block on the corners of the posts. Cut bottom rail to fit between blocks. Refer to Level Railing Application, Step 1. Top rail will be same size as bottom rail if post is level. (Both rails will be cut square.)

#### Step 2:

Refer to Level Railing Applications to install sections. **NOTE:** Pilot holes are required in post. For bottom mounts, drill completely through the mounts to indicate the placement of the pilot holes.

