## Fence System Components



## Tools and Materials

## Getting Started

- Site plans and permits
- Measuring tape
- Hammer
- Wooden stakes
- String line
- Spray paint for hole centers for post and gate spacing
- Wooden spacer bar for post and gate spacing


## Assembling Fence/Gates

- Drop cloth
- Hacksaw, circular saw or chop saw with masonry blade
- Square
- Phillips \#2 screwdriver
- Drill and drill bits
- 1/8" for \#8 screws
- 1/4" for bullet clips and drain holes
- $3 / 8$ " for lock rings
- $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ deep socket (or nut driver) for traditional picket


## Digging Holes

- Post hole digging tools
- Shovel
- Post hole digger
- 10" auger for $4 \times 4$ posts
- 12" auger for
$5 \times 5$ posts


## Installing Post

- Wheelbarrow
- Concrete mixing tools
- Short length of wood, $2 \times 4$ for tamping concrete
- Garden hose
- Level
- Template kit with router
- Spiral saw


## Installing Bottom Rail

- Leveling blocks
- Shim stock
- Duct tape to seal rail ends


## Installing Gate(s)

- Wrench
- 7/16" for hinge nuts
- Rat screwdriver to activate hinge spring


## Filling Post with Concrete

- Rubber mallet to tamp post
- Funnel for filling post
- Ladder for high fences


## Cleaning Up

- Scotch Brite-type pad
- Bucket and sponge


## Additional Tools -

 Installing on Wood- 2" hole saw
- $1 / 2$ " drill bit
- $3 / 4$ " wrench


## Additional Tools -

Installing on Concrete

- 1/2" masonry drill
- Core drill


## Additional Tools Wall Mount Brackets <br> - 1/4" masonry drill for brick <br> - $1 / 4$ " drill bit for wood pillar

## Additional Tools -

## EZ Set Brackets

- 7/16" wrench


## General Information

(Be sure to call underground prior to digging)

## Concrete Requirements

All posts require concrete to be poured around the post base. All hinge, latch and end posts require concrete to fill the post inside, enough to cover the rebar and gate hardware (or insertion of the aluminum gate post stiffener). Concrete must be mixed prior to pouring in hole

| Concrete Usage for Posts |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Post Size | Fence Height | Line or Corner Posts | End Posts | Gate Posts |
| $4 \times 4$ | $3 '$ | 100 lbs | 145 lbs | 160 lbs |
| $4 \times 4$ | 4' | 100 lbs | 155 lbs | 175 lbs |
| $5 \times 5$ | $5^{\prime}$ | 140 lbs | 235 lbs | 270 lbs |
| $5 \times 5$ | $6{ }^{\prime}$ | 140 lbs | 240 lbs | 285 lbs |
| $5 \times 5$ | 2 rail | 140 lbs | 210 lbs | 240 lbs |
| $5 \times 5$ | 3 rail | 140 lbs | 230 lbs | 260 lbs |
| $5 \times 5$ | 4 rail | 140 lbs | 250 lbs | 280 lbs |
| Note: Determine total pounds of concrete required based on number of posts required. Divide by 60 or 80 lb . bag. <br> Figures based on $4 \times 4$ hole=10", $5 \times 5$ hole=12", both 30 " deep. |  |  |  |  |

## Solidify Posts

Gate hinge and latch posts as well as end posts can be solidified by using an aluminum gate post stiffener inside each post or by filling post with concrete and rebar.

Hinge and latch posts require 2 pieces of $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ rebar installed in opposing corners of the post. Length to extend from bottom of hole to 12 " from top of post.

End posts require 2 pieces of $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ rebar installed in opposing corners of the post. Length to extend from bottom of hole to halfway up post.

## Rebar Separator Clips (for use with rebar and concrete method)

Use 2 clips for each post. Position clips on the rebar 6" down from top and $6^{\prime \prime}$ up from bottom. Clips are located in socket gate hardware box.

## Alternative Fence Installations

For fence systems on concrete, use steel posts. On concrete applications fence may be installed with $1-5 / 8$ " ( $4 \times 4$ post) or 2 " ( $5 \times 5$ post) galvanized steel post set in hydraulic cement. EZ Set bracket bolts to post as a spacer.

For wall mounting, use wall mount brackets.

## EZ Set Bracket Installation Instructions on Concrete

- Core drill hole into concrete
- Minimum 4" deep
- Post centers will remain the same
 as normal installation
- Rails will have to be cut down to fit between steel post
- Fill hole with hydraulic cement. Insert steel post

For 4" vinyl post set $15 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ OD steel post
For 5" vinyl post set 2" OD steel post

- Steel post should go at least halfway up the vinyl post
- Put EZ Set brackets together and slide over steel post
- Place one steel bracket on steel post below where the routed hole will be on your vinyl post
- Place other bracket just below the top of your steel post
- Slide vinyl post over steel post with EZ Set brackets



## Care of the Product

- Place vinyl fence components on a non-abrasive surface, such as a drop cloth, to avoid scratching
- Protect components during transportation to your installation site to avoid damage
- Avoid excessive force when assembling components
- Avoid overtightening screws
- Cean vinyl fence with mild detergent and a plastic scouring pad such as Scotch-Brite. For more stubborn stains, use a cleanser such as Soft-Scrub or cleaning solution listed on warranty
- Concrete is easily washed off when wet, but can also be removed when dry
- Avoid "soupy" concrete mix as it will make concrete weak


## Gates

- Specific gate hardware instructions included with individual components
- Gate(s) must be assembled prior to fence to accurately establish space between hinge and latch posts and height of fence
- Use extreme care when applying PVC cement as it dries quickly
- Gate requires 2" clearance under bottom rail on level ground
- When building gates in the field, ensure that $1 / 4$ " drain holes are drilled in bottom rail
- Diagonal gate bracing should always run from latch down to bottom hinge
- Determine gate swing direction to assist in ground clearance and positioning
- Steel channel not required in bottom rail of gate

