

Pro-Fusion Fiberglass Columns

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



<p>1. Measure the overall opening where the column is to be used. Raise the soffit slightly and install a brace so that the opening is slightly increased for easy installation of the column.</p>	
<p>2. Trim the column shaft from the bottom end to fit the overall opening. (Column may be trimmed with a circular saw with an abrasive blade.)</p>	
<p>3. Pre-drill and countersink four (4) holes in corners of the capital and base for screws.</p>	
<p>4. Slide the capital over the top of the column. <i>Note: For decorative capitals, see installation instructions provided with the decorative capitals.</i></p>	
<p>5. Slide base onto the column from the bottom. Slide up about 1 foot and hold in place with shim or tape.</p>	
<p>6. Apply adhesive to top surface of column.</p>	
<p>7. Stand the column into its permanent position. Remove brace and lower load onto the column. Make sure the load is centered over the column and evenly distributed over the bearing surface of the column.</p>	
<p>8. Anchor column using appropriate hardware satisfying all local and regional building codes. <i>Note: Please check your local building codes for uplift protection. If uplift protection is required, you may use Simpson Strong-Tiedown hardware. Contact them at 800-999-5099.</i></p>	
<p>9. Slide base down the column and align with capital.</p>	
<p>10. Install screws in the capital and base. Use auto body filler, epoxy, or putty to cover the screw heads.</p>	
<p>11. Use high quality caulk to fill gaps where the capital and base meet the column.</p>	

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Finishing instructions: Prepare the column, capital and base for painting by sanding with 100 grit sandpaper or a sanding sponge. Follow the paint manufacturer's instructions for proper surface preparation. Paint with high quality latex or oil based paint.