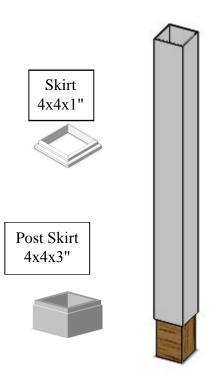
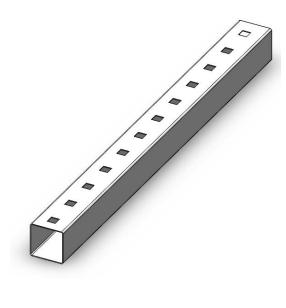
# Walker Sales & Distribution Vinyl Railing Installation Instructions

# Vinyl Post Sleeve



# Wood Post Insert

# Routed Top and Bottom Rails





#### Sleeving a 4ö x 4ö Vertical Post

- All vertical sleeves must use a 4x4 wooden insert for support or approved metal post mount.
- A 4öx4öx1ö decorative post skirt or a 4öx4öx3ö post skirt can be used to finish the top and bottom of the post where it fastens to the header and deck.
  - -Slide the vertical sleeve over the wood insert
  - -Attach the wood insert to the ceiling and porch floor.
  - -Slide the vinyl sleeve up and place one #8 x 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ ö screw through the vinyl and into the wood, one-half inch down from the ceiling.
- Slide the post skirt to the top and fasten to ceiling with two #8x1 ½ö white decorative aluminum screws or equivalent.
- The bottom post skirt rests on the floor.
- method to trim vertical sleeves for Post skirt (4öx4öx3ö).
- When using a 3" skirt on the bottom with a 1" post skirt on top, cut the vinyl 4öx4ö vinyl sleeve 2 5/8ö less than the porch to ceiling height, which allows enough space for your header and deck fastener.
  - -Slide vinyl sleeve over wood insert. Slide 1" post skirt and 3" skirt for base trim over vinyl sleeve.
  - Once the wood insert is fastened in place, slide the  $4\ddot{o}$  x  $4\ddot{o}$  vinyl sleeve to ceiling and place a #8 x  $1\frac{1}{2}\ddot{o}$  non-corrosive screw through the vinyl into the wood, one-half inch down from the ceiling.
  - -Slide post skirt to top and fasten to ceiling with two #8 x 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  white decorative aluminum screws or equivalent.
  - The bottom post sleeve assembly rests on the porch floor.

# **Cutting Rail Lengths**

- Measure the distance between posts or post and wall and cut rails 1/16ö less than opening, ensuring the distance between the picket and post/wall is equal on both sides.
- The top and bottom rails should have the same spacing. Scribe rails and cut.

Note: If the end comes within a picket hole, both ends of the rail will need to be shortened. The vinyl collar covers the top and bottom rail ends approximately  $1\frac{1}{4}$ ö.

- Cut the rail reinforcement the same length as the vinyl rail length.
- It is recommended that when cutting galvanized rail reinforcement õCold Galö be sprayed on the cut end to protect metal.
- Slide rail reinforcement into the top and bottom rail as per the recommendation below.
- Rail reinforcement recommendations:
  - -16 ga steel reinforcement is required in the top rail for lengths up to 6ft. Bottom rail reinforcement is optional at 6 feet or less.
  - -For opening over 6 ft and up to 8 ft, 14 ga reinforcement required top and bottom. Rails should not exceed 8 ft.

 The open side of the rail reinforcement must be toward the picket openings in the rail. The short leg length of reinforcement should be installed toward the outside of the deck.

### Rail and Vinyl Bracket Installation

- Set the bottom rail with the vinyl brackets on both ends, approx. 3 ½öabove the deck surface against the wall/post in the location desired. Finished rail height should be 36ö above deck surface. 42ö where required by local code.
- Set the bracket in place.

Screw

- Use four stainless steel screws to secure in place. Stainless steel #12 x 1 ½ö screws are supplied (#3 phillips head driver needed).
- Place the precut pickets in the bottom rails and follow the above steps to secure top rail.

Note: Top rail should bottom out on the pickets.

• After rail sections are installed, one #12 x 1 ½ö stainless steel screw must be installed through the side of each top rail bracket as shown. The screw must go through the bracket, rail and steel support. A 5/32ö drill bit is needed to predrill the hole. If attaching railing to short posts (that do not get secured to the floor and ceiling), then install a screw on each side of bracket.

#### Stairway installation instructions

- Stairway is installed in the same manner as the deck railing. The incline of the steps will determine the angle of the railing and trimming necessary.
- Install and mount posts in the same relative position on each step. The 6ø railing section will span up to 5 steps.
- Center the rails between the posts and cut to length. The railing section will rack to a maximum of 32 degrees. Make sure to note the location of the vinyl mounts before cutting. Repeat the process for the reinforcement rails.
- Slide the vinyl mounts on the ends of the bottom rail. Locate mounts on posts and attach to post with 4 #12 x 1 1/2ö stainless steel screws.
- Install the pickets in the bottom rail. Place top rail over pickets and determine if
  pickets need trimmed. Pickets are made long enough to accommodate minimum
  slope.
- Slide wall mounts over top rail. Locate wall mounts and attach to post using 4 6 #12 x 1 1/2ö stainless steel screws.

