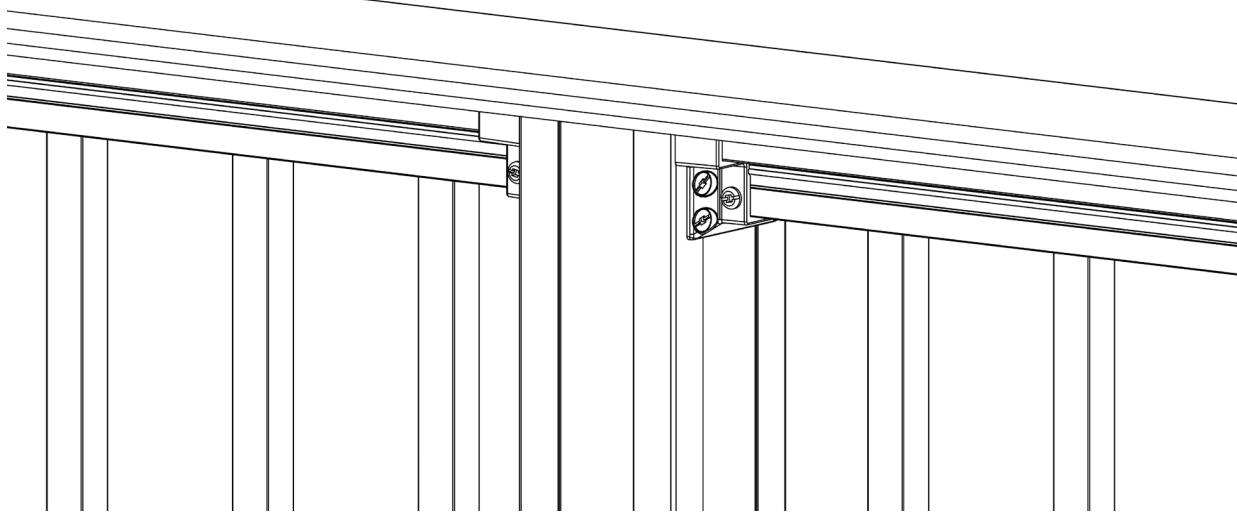




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FENCING & RAILING

# Chesapeake Rail Series



## Recommended Tools

- Safety Glasses
- Tape Measure & Pencil
- Level
- Power Drill w/ #2 Square drive bit
- Drill Bits (3/16", 3/8")
- Saw w/fine-tooth aluminum cutting blade

## What's Included

- Top and Bottom Rails
- Balusters
- (2) Deckboard Mounting Brackets
- (2) Bottom Level Brackets
- Snap on Support (for 8' sections)
- (17) #12 x 1" Self Drilling Flat Head Screws
- (9) #10 x 3/4" Self Drilling Pan Head Screws
- (15) or (19) #8 x 3/4" Type 17 Pan Head Screws

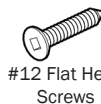
*Posts, caps, and trim sold separately*



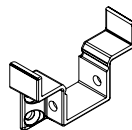
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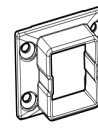
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#12 Flat Head  
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Deckboard Mounting  
Bracket



Bottom & Middle  
Level Bracket



Snap on Section  
Support

- *These directions are only a guide and may not address every situation.*
- *Always wear proper safety equipment while assembling and installing.*
- *The installer should obtain all required building permits and follow all installation procedures in accordance with applicable building code requirements.*
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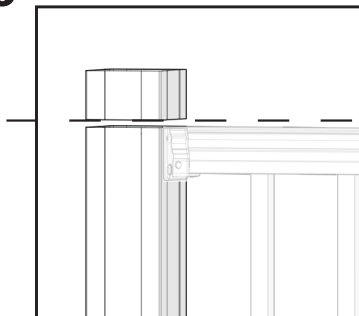
## ! Optional Step 1

Skip step 1 if deckboard is only desired between the posts, not on top of posts.

## 1 (Optional) Cut Posts to Height

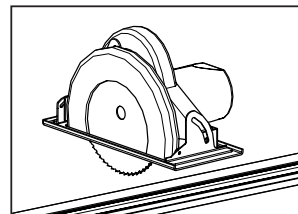
Posts are provided at a standard height, and must be cut to length (Prior to section's installation).

Refer to step 5 for Top Rail height, and cut Posts to match overall height

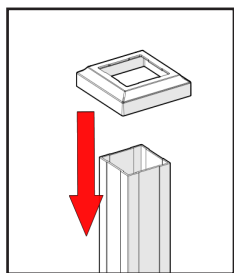


## Cutting Tip

Be sure to use a **fine-tooth blade approved for cutting aluminum** and rest rails on a piece of **non-abrasive material** to protect from scratches.



## 2 Install Railing Post & Post Trim

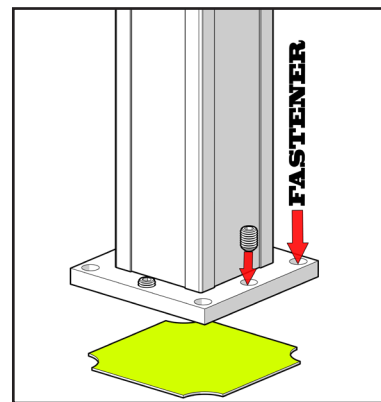


Placing trim

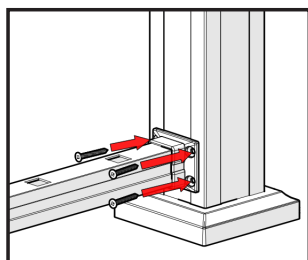
Space Posts according to \*application and Top Rail length. Place leveling plate (*highlighted*) between Post and mounting surface.

Attach to structural surface using bolts or lags (*not included*). Partially Tighten prior to levelling. Using 3/16" Allen wrench, turn set screws to level Post. Then fully tighten structural screws.

*\*Check your local building codes to determine structural mounting requirements for Post.*

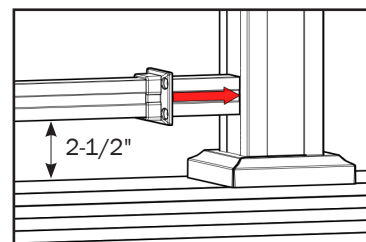


## 3 Attach Bottom Rail



Measure between posts subtracting 1/4" from total length, and if necessary cut Rail to proper length by cutting an equal amount from each end. Do not cut through Baluster holes

Slide the bracket over the rail, then put the rail in place ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ " above deck surface) and slide the self-centering bracket against the post. Fasten bracket to post using #12 screws, and secure bracket to railing using #10 pan-head screws.

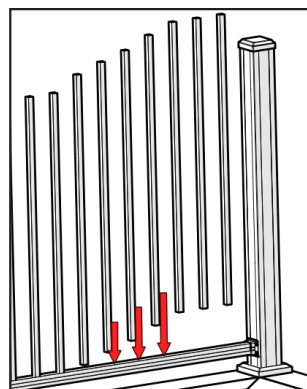


**Tip:** Cut a block to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " and set Bottom Rail on it for support during installation.

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## Install Balusters

Install the balusters into the bottom rail by firmly pushing each baluster into the punched hole until it "snaps" into place. This plastic insert will prevent the baluster from rattling.



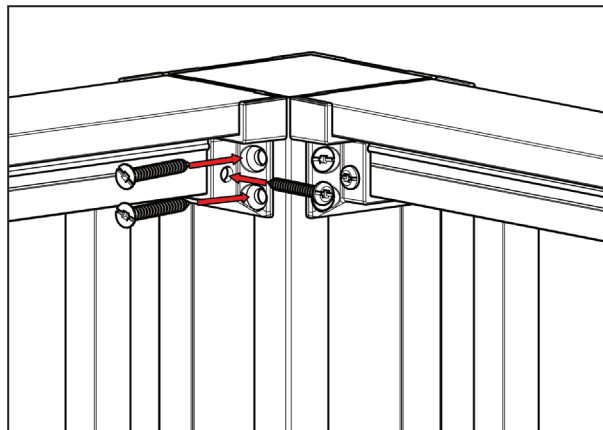
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## Attach Top Rail & Middle Rail (if applicable)

If the posts have been cut to be covered by the deckboard, mount the top rail flush with the top of the post. Fasten to post using brackets and #12 screws. Secure bracket to railing using #10 pan-head screws.

If the post is higher than the deckboard, mount the top rail 36" or 42" from the deck surface to the top face of the rail.

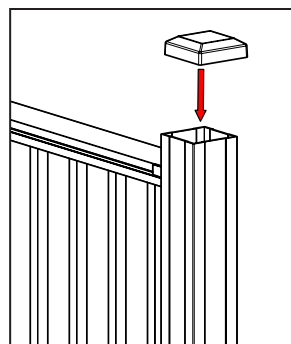
For middle rail fasten to post using self-centering brackets and #12 screws. Secure bracket to railing using #10 pan-head screws.



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## Optional Post Cap

If posts are left higher than deckboard height, place cap on post and use rubber mallet to set in place.



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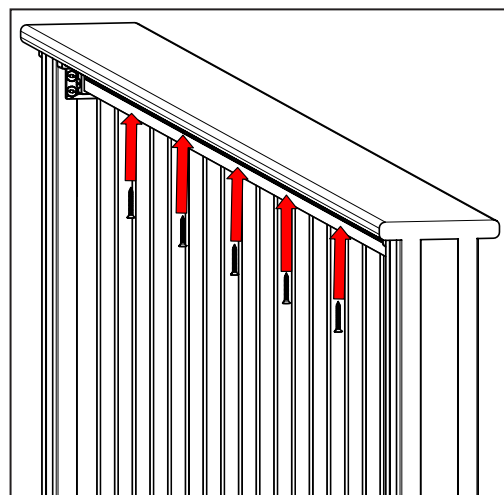
## Install Deckboard (optional)

Using the supplied #8 x 3/4" pan head screws fasten the deckboard (not supplied) to the top rail from beneath by using the predrilled holes of the top rail. It is recommended to drill a 1/8" pilot hole in the deckboard to avoid splitting.

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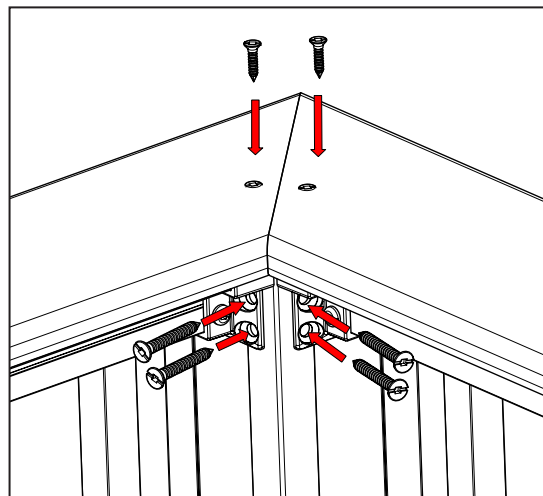
## Drilling Pilot Holes

If the rail has been cut to another length, drill 3/16" pilot holes evenly spaced in the aluminum top rail channel. Pilot hole must be at least 2" from end of rail.

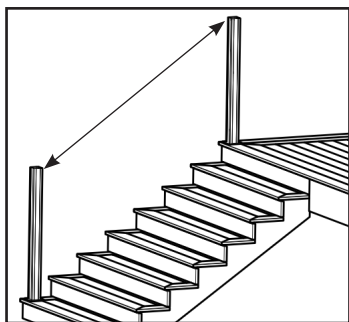


## ! Corner Install Recommendation

When installing the corner of a railing it is recommended to insert a wood block in the top of the post. Cut the block to fit snugly in the post. When fastening the top brackets with the provided #12 x 1" screws the screws should also secure the wood block. Using wood screws (not provided), secure the deck board to the wooden block. This will ensure the edges of the deckboard do not lift up.



## 7 Stair Rail Installation

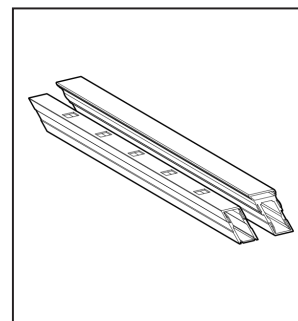


Measure from inside edge between posts subtracting 1/4" from total length, and if necessary cut Rail to proper length by cutting an equal amount from each end. Do not cut through Baluster holes

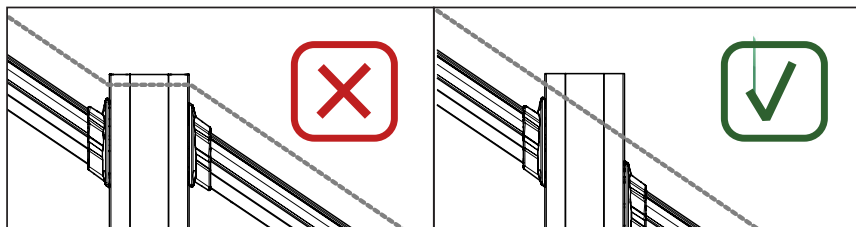
To ensure rails align properly. Cut Upper and Lower ends of Top and Bottom Rails at opposite angles.

(Standard stair angle is 34°)

Repeat steps 3 through 6 to Install Rails, Mounts, and balusters



## ! When installing stair sections, mount them as shown below:



## ! Rail Height

Ensure that the stairs' Top Rail doesn't exceed the level height of the opposite Rail.

**NOTE:** Always check local building codes to ensure compliance as there are mandates regarding the size opening beneath the bottom rail.



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