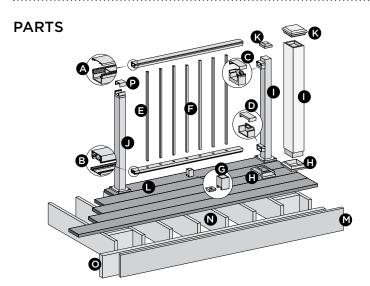
#### TREX SIGNATURE® HORIZONTAL RAILING

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#### NOTES:

- » TREX SIGNATURE POSTS CANNOT BE USED WITH TRADITIONAL OR COCKTAIL DESIGNS. ONLY PRESSURE TREATED POSTS/POST SLEEVES CAN BE USED. REFER TO DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR MORE INFORMATION.
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- » IF INSTALLING AT EXACT SPAN LENGTHS OF 6' (1.83 M) OR 8' (2.44 M), AND USING POST-TO-POST CONFIGURATION, THE BOTTOM RAIL WILL NOT NEED TO BE CUT, BUT THE TOP RAIL WILL NEED TO BE MEASURED (MAKING SURE BALUSTERS LINE UP VERTICALLY) AND CUT.
- » IF INSTALLING AT EXACT SPAN LENGTHS OF 6' (1.83 M) OR 8' (2.44 M), AND USING CROSSOVER POST CONFIGURATION (SPANS FROM ONE CROSSOVER POST TO ANOTHER CROSSOVER POST), BOTH THE BOTTOM RAIL AND TOP RAIL WILL NOT NEED TO BE CUT.
- » IN ADDITION, AT ALL FINAL END POST CONFIGURATIONS, TOP RAIL WILL NEED TO BE MEASURED (MAKING SURE BALUSTERS LINE UP VERTICALLY) AND CUT.
- » SEE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR MORE INFORMATION.
- » ALL TREX SIGNATURE SPANS OVER 6' WILL REQUIRE THE USE OF A FOOT BLOCK. THUS THESE RAILING SPANS MUST BE INSTALLED OVER THE DECKING FRAME OR ON INSIDE OF RIM JOIST.





DETERMINING BALUSTERS NEEDED		
Baluster Type	Per 6' Section	Per 8' Section
Square	15	20
Round	15	20

NOTE: THIS IS AN OVERVIEW OF ALL RAILING COMPONENTS FOR TREX SIGNATURE HORIZONTAL APPLICATIONS - REFER TO DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECIFIC RAILING CONFIGURATIONS.

- A. Trex Signature top rail and crowned cover
  - 6' (actual length 73.5" [186.7 cm])
  - 8' (actual length 97.5" [247.7 cm])
- B. Trex Signature bottom rail and flat cover
  - 6' (actual length 71.5" [181.6 cm])
  - 8' (actual length 95.5" [242.6 cm])
- C. Trex Signature upper rail bracket and cover
- D. Trex Signature lower rail bracket and cover
- E. Trex Signature balusters (square or round)
- F. Trex Signature center baluster (square or round)
- G. Trex Signature foot block\*\*
- H. Trex Signature post skirt or post sleeve skirt\*
- I. Trex Signature post\*
  - 36" (actual length 37" [94.0 cm])
  - 42" (actual length 43" [109.2 cm])
  - or Trex 4" x 4" post sleeve\*\*\*
  - 36" (actual length 39" [99.1 cm])
  - 42" (actual length 45" [114.3 cm])

NOTE: MUST USE TREX DECK MOUNT POST HARDWARE AND METAL PLATE WHEN ATTACHING Signature POSTS.

- J. Trex Signature crossover post\*
  - 36" (actual length 34.5" [87.6 cm])
  - 42" (actual length 40.5" [102.9 cm])
- K. Trex Signature post cap or post sleeve cap\*
- L. Trex decking
- M. Trex fascia
- N. Code-approved wood joist 2" x 8" (5.1 cm x 20.3 cm) or larger
- O. Code-approved wood rim joist 2" x 8" (5.1 cm x 20.3 cm) or larger
- P. Crossover bracket cover (supplied with crossover post)
- \* Item not included in Trex Signature Railing kits.
- \*\* Required ONLY for All Clear Span Applications over 6' (1.83 m) when smaller fixed baluster is fully centered, or unsupported spans greater than 5' (1.52 m) (example: 8' (2.44 m) span cut into one 5' (1.52 m) span and one 3' (0.91 m) span would require foot block under 5' (1.52 m) span since smaller fixed baluster is no longer centered). Included with 8' (2.44 m) railing kits.
- \*\*\* Both 4" x 4" (10.2cm x 10.2cm) and 6" x 6" (15.2cm x 15.2 cm) post sleeves are designed to fit over a 4" x 4" pressure treated post.

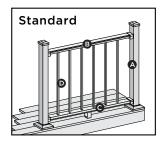
**NOTE:** If installing 42" (106.7 cm) railing, and using pressure-treated posts with Trex post sleeves, ensure that a longer pressure-treated post is used along with longer post sleeve, both cut to a height of 46" (116.8 cm) from decking surface.

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#### TREX SIGNATURE RAILING CONFIGURATIONS

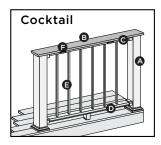
NOTE: See specific installation instructions for attachment of Trex Post Mounts or Trex Joist Mount Posts prior to installing any railing.



Cutting posts/post sleeves is **NOT** required.

- A. Trex Signature post, pressure-treated post/Trex 4x4 or 6x6 post sleeve, Trex post mount/ Trex 4x4 post sleeve, or Composite Joist Mount Post/Trex 4x4 post sleeve (Inside mount), or Signature Joist Mount Post (Span of 6' or less only)
- B. Trex Signature top rail
- C. Trex Signature bottom rail
- D. Trex Signature balusters

See page 4 for "How to Install Standard Railing".



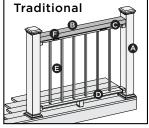
Post sleeves will need to be cut.

A. Pressure-treated post with Trex post sleeve

**NOTE:** » Only for use with 4" x 4" (102 mm x 102 mm) post sleeve.

- » Trex Signature Posts, Trex Post Mounts or Joist Mount Posts cannot be used with Signature Cocktail design.
- B. Deck board top rail. **NOTE**: Enhance cannot be used.
- C. Trex Signature top rail
- D. Trex Signature bottom rail
- E. Trex Signature balusters
- F. Trex Signature Cocktail Rail Bracket\*\*

See page 16 for "How to Install Trex Signature Cocktail Railing".



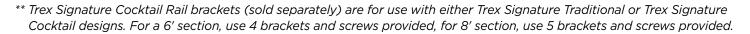
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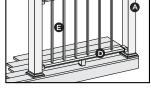
NOTE: » Trex Signature Posts or Trex Signature Joist Mount Posts cannot be used.

- B. 2 x 4 lateral top rail
- C. Trex Signature top rail
- D. Trex Signature bottom rail
- E. Trex Signature balusters
- F. Trex Signature Cocktail Rail Bracket\*\*

See page 17 for "How to Install Trex Signature Traditional Railing".



**NOTE**: For post installations refer to Trex Signature Post Installation Instructions.



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POST

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# BRACKET HARDWARE - HORIZONTAL APPLICATIONS (INCLUDING HORIZONTAL SWIVEL BRACKETS)

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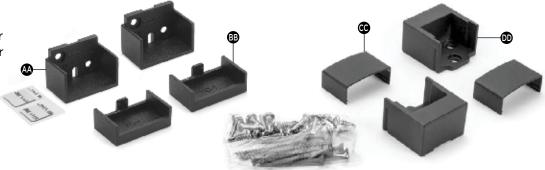
#### HORIZONTAL RAILING HARDWARE

AA. Lower rail bracket

BB. Lower rail bracket cover

CC. Upper rail bracket cover

DD. Upper rail bracket



#### FOOT BLOCK COMPONENTS

EE. Foot block base

FF. Foot block support



#### HORIZONTAL SWIVEL HARDWARE

GG. Swivel base

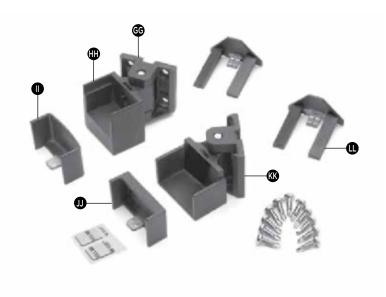
HH. Horizontal swivel bracket top rail

II. Horizontal swivel bracket top rail cover

JJ. Horizontal swivel bracket bottom rail cover

KK. Horizontal swivel bracket bottom rail

LL. Swivel base cover



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# HOW TO INSTALL HORIZONTAL RAILING TREX SIGNATURE STANDARD

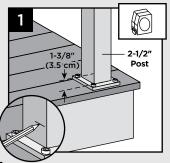
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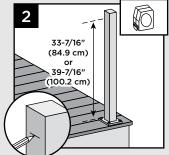
- » FOR EASE OF INSTALLATION, IT IS RECOMMENDED TO USE THE TREX SIGNATURE RAIL TEMPLATES TO ATTACH BRACKETS (SOLD SEPARATELY).
- » DO NOT USE IMPACT DRIVER WHEN INSTALLING SIGNATURE RAILING, ONLY USE STANDARD DRILL FOR SCREW ATTACHMENT OF BRACKET TO POSTS AND RAILS.

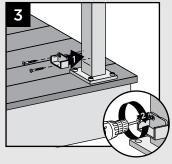
#### **Attach Brackets Using Trex Signature Posts**

**TIP:** Use a clamp to help hold brackets in place while fastening with screws.

1. Measure 1-3/8"
(3.5 cm) from top of post base plate or 1-7/8" (4.8 cm) from decking surface. Mark with light line.







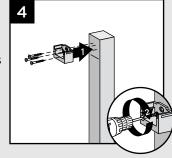
Measure up from post base plate 33-7/16"
 (84.9 cm) for 36" (92 cm) rail height or 39-7/16"
 (100.2 cm) for 42" (107 cm) rail height. Mark with light line.

**NOTE:** If measuring from decking surface, measure up 33-15/16" (86.2 cm) for 36" (92 cm) rail height or 39-15/16" (101.4 cm) for 42" (107 cm) rail height.

 Center lower bracket on post above the marked line and attach using two self-tapping screws (provided).

 Center upper bracket on post above marked line and attach using (3) self-tapping screws (provided).

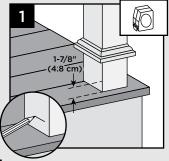
**NOTE:** Upper bracket is not required on crossover post configuration.

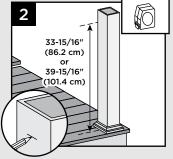


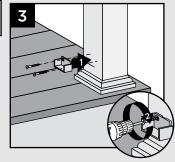
# Attach Brackets Using Pressure-Treated Posts and Post Sleeves

**TIP:** Use a clamp to help hold brackets in place while fastening with screws.

 Measure 1-7/8"
 (4.8 cm) up from deck surface to bottom of bracket. Slide skirt up to allow for proper measurement. Mark with light line.





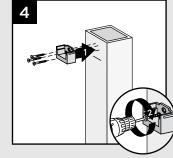


 Measure up from decking surface 33-15/16" (862 cm) for 36" (92 cm) rail height or 39-15/16" (101.4 cm) for 42" (107 cm) rail height. Mark with light line.

**NOTE:** Push skirt back down onto surface of decking **BEFORE ATTACHING BRACKETS.** 

3. Center lower bracket on post **above** the marked line and attach using two 2" (51 mm) wood screws (provided).

4. Center upper bracket on post **above** marked line and attach using three 2" (51 cm) wood screws (provided).



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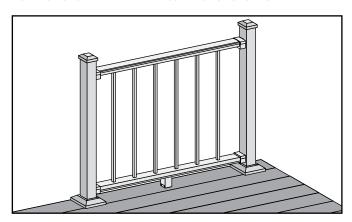
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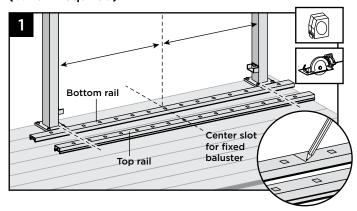
# HOW TO INSTALL HORIZONTAL RAILING POST TO POST TREX SIGNATURE

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- » WHEN RAILINGS ARE CUT TO ODD SPANS, ALL SPANS GREATER THAN 5' (1.52 M) (EXAMPLE: 8' (2.44 M) SPAN CUT INTO ONE 5' (1.52 M) SPAN AND ONE 3' (0.91 M) SPAN) WOULD REQUIRE FOOT BLOCK UNDER 5' (1.52 M) SPAN SINCE SMALLER FIXED BALUSTER IS NO LONGER CENTERED.

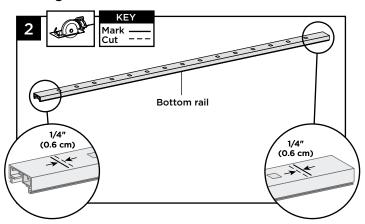


How to Measure and Cut Bottom and Top Railings (When Required)

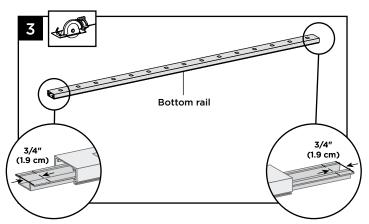


 Position bottom and top rails between posts and align with bottom bracket. Align the center baluster slot in both rails with the middle of the span between posts.\* This will allow an equal number of baluster holes on each side of center slot. Mark bottom rail and top rail at each end (ensure both rails are centered between posts).

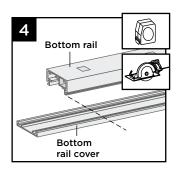
#### **Cutting Bottom Rail and Bottom Rail Cover**



2. Cut each end of bottom rail 1/4" (0.6 cm) shorter than mark on each end to allow for fit into bottom rail brackets.



- 3. Slide rail insert out and cut 3/4" (19 mm) FROM EACH SIDE of insert, then slide back inside rail and center.
- 4. Mark and cut bottom rail cover the same length as bottom rail.



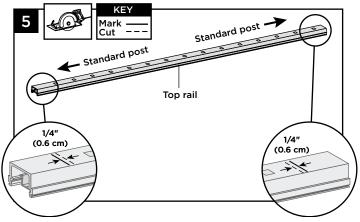
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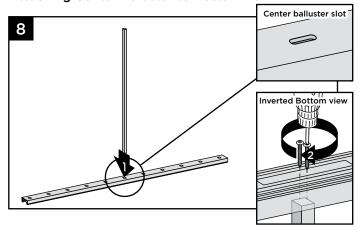
# HOW TO INSTALL HORIZONTAL RAILING POST TO POST/CONTINUED TREX SIGNATURE

#### **Cutting Top Rail**



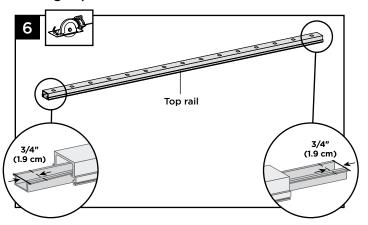
5. Cut each end of top rail 1/4" (0.6 cm) shorter than mark to allow for fit into top rail brackets.

#### Attaching Center Baluster to Bottom Rail



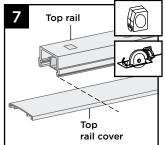
8. Attach shorter, center baluster in center slot in bottom rail using two  $\#8 \times 1-1/4$ " (3.2 cm) screws (provided).

#### **Cutting Top Rail Insert and Cover**

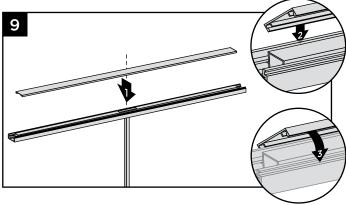


6. Slide rail insert out and cut 3/4" (1.9 cm) **FROM EACH SIDE** of insert, then slide back inside rail and center.

Mark and cut top rail cover same length as top rail for all top rail configurations.



**Attaching Bottom Rail Cover** 

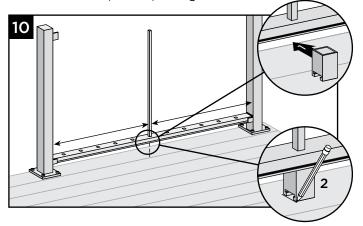


9. Align flat cover on one side of bottom rail in slot on side of rail. Then starting from one end of rail snap cover onto opposing slot working down the length of rail. In some cases, GENTLE tapping with a rubber mallet may facilitate fastening.

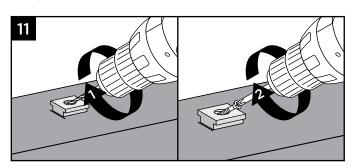
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#### Attaching Foot Block (when required)

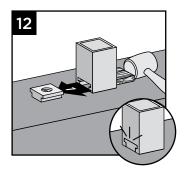
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 Temporarily set bottom rail into bottom brackets, and place foot block under center of bottom rail. Mark to provide placement location of base. Remove bottom rail.

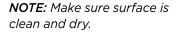


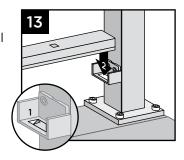
- 11. Place base (smaller side facing down) on decking surface. Pre-drill using a 3/16" bit. Attach base of foot block using one screw at an angle through base and into decking.
- 12. After attached, use a rubber mallet along with scrap piece of wood to tap foot block until it locks into place.



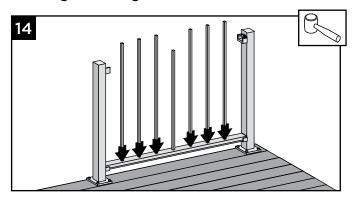
#### **Installing Lower Rail to Brackets**

13. Place adhesive strips (provided) into bottom rail brackets, and then place bottom rail into brackets.



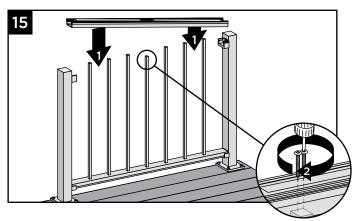


#### Installing Remaining Balusters into Bottom Rail



14. Place remaining balusters into holes in lower rail by snapping fully into place. In some cases, **GENTLE** tapping with a **rubber mallet** may facilitate fastening.

#### **Attach Upper Railings**



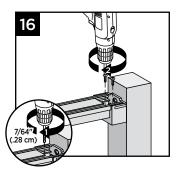
15. Working from one end of upper rail, snap balusters into upper rail working down length of rail. Fasten center baluster into center slot using two #8 x 1-1/4" (3.2 cm) screws (provided).

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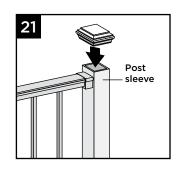
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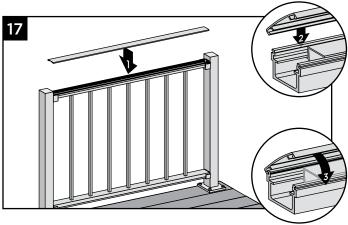
16. Using a 7/64" (0.28 cm) drill bit, pre-drill at marked location for attachment of railing to bracket. Attach upper rail to each bracket by installing screws diagonally through upper rail into bracket using two self-tapping screws each side (provided).



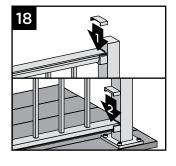
# Trex Signature post

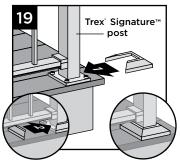


NOTE: Pre-drilling is required.



- 17. Attach "crowned" upper rail cover to upper rail by aligning cover on one side of rail. Then starting from one end of rail, snap cover onto opposing slot working down length of rail. **GENTLE** tapping with a **rubber mallet** may facilitate fastening.
- Attachment of Bracket Covers, Skirts, and Caps





- 18. Attach corresponding bracket covers over opening in upper and bottom rails.
- 19. Attach provided post skirt to bottom of posts when using Trex Signature posts.

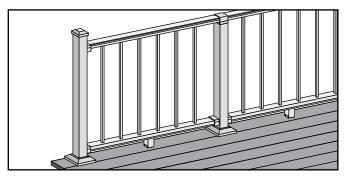
- 20. Attach post caps to Trex Signature posts. (Use of **rubber mallet** may be required for secure attachment.)
- 21. Attach post caps to post sleeves using external grade PVC construction adhesive (apply adhesive on the inside self-centering/corner tabs).



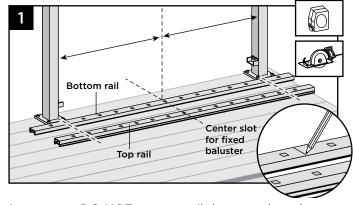
# HOW TO INSTALL HORIZONTAL RAILING POST TO CROSSOVER POST TREX SIGNATURE

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- » FOR ODD SPAN LENGTHS, BOTH TOP RAIL AND BOTTOM RAIL WILL NEED TO BE MEASURED (MAKING SURE BALUSTERS LINE UP VERTICALLY) AND CUT. ENSURE THAT BALUSTERS ARE SPACED WITH AN EQUAL DISTANCE ON EACH SIDE OF THE POST.
- » WHEN RAILINGS ARE CUT TO ODD SPANS, ALL SPANS GREATER THAN 5' (1.52 M) (EXAMPLE: 8' (2.44 M) SPAN CUT INTO ONE 5' (1.52 M) SPAN AND ONE 3' (0.91 M) SPAN) WOULD REQUIRE FOOT BLOCK UNDER 5' (1.52 M) SPAN SINCE SMALLER FIXED BALUSTER IS NO LONGER CENTERED.



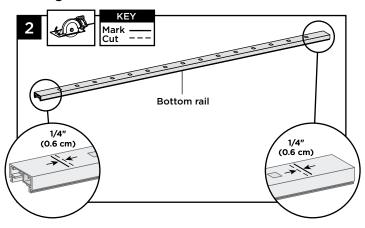
How to Measure, Mark and Cut Bottom and Top Railings (When Required)



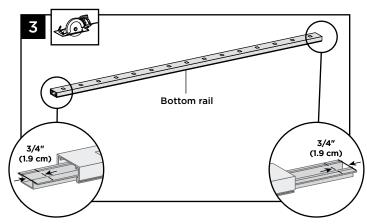
**Important: DO NOT** cut top rail the same length as bottom rail.

- Position bottom and top rails between posts and align with bottom bracket. Align the center baluster slot in both rails with the middle of the span between posts.\* This will allow an equal number of baluster holes on each side of center slot. Mark bottom rail and top rail at each end (ensure both rails are centered between posts).
- \* In some cases, due to odd railing spans, the center baluster may need to be offset in one direction to ensure there is enough room at both post locations for balusters to be placed. Review this BEFORE cutting any railings to ensure all balusters are equally spaced.

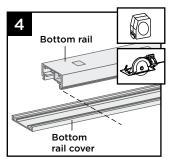
#### **Cutting Bottom Rail and Bottom Rail Cover ONLY**



2. Cut each end of bottom rail 1/4" (0.6 cm) shorter than mark on each end to allow for fit into bottom rail brackets.



- 3. Slide rail insert out and cut 3/4" (1.9 cm) FROM EACH SIDE of insert, then slide back inside rail and center.
- 4. Mark and cut bottom rail cover the same length as bottom rail.

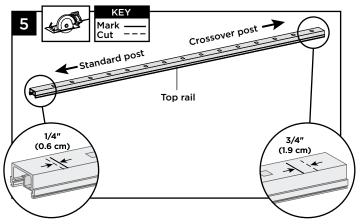


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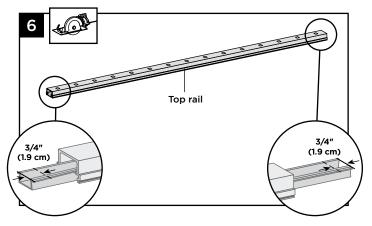
# HOW TO INSTALL HORIZONTAL RAILING POST TO CROSSOVER POST/CONTINUED TREX SIGNATURE

#### **Cutting Top Rail**

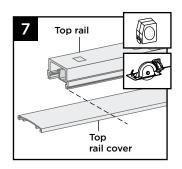


5. Top rail must be cut differently on each side of the rail. Railing side that attaches to standard post should be cut 1/4" (0.6 cm) shorter than the mark to allow for fit into top rail bracket. Railing side that attaches to the crossover post should be cut 3/4" (1.9 cm) **LONGER** than the mark to allow for fit into the crossover post bracket.

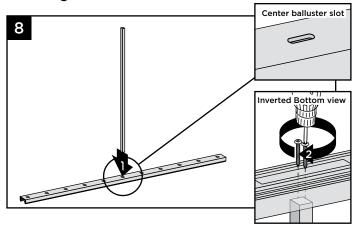
#### **Cutting Top Rail Insert and Cover**



- 6. Slide rail insert out and cut 3/4" (1.9 cm) **FROM EACH SIDE** of insert, then slide back inside rail and center.
- 7. Mark and cut top rail cover same length as top rail for all top rail configurations.

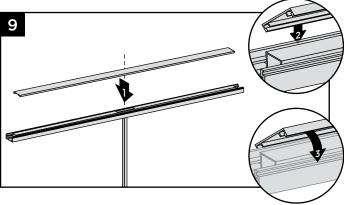


#### Attaching Center Baluster to Bottom Rail



8. Attach shorter, center baluster in center slot in bottom rail using two #8  $\times$  1-1/4" (3.2 cm) screws (provided).

#### **Attaching Bottom Rail Cover**



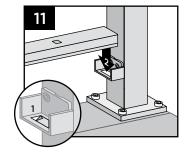
- 9. Align flat cover on one side of bottom rail in slot on side of rail. If using tabbed brackets, the bottom rail cover will also have to be centered on bottom rail to allow for fit into tabbed bracket. Then starting from one end of rail snap cover onto opposing slot working down the length of rail. In some cases, GENTLE tapping with a rubber mallet may facilitate fastening.
- 10. Attaching Foot Block (when required) See instructions on page 7.



# HOW TO INSTALL HORIZONTAL RAILING POST TO CROSSOVER POST/CONTINUED TREX SIGNATURE

#### **Installing Lower Rail to Brackets**

11. Place adhesive strips (provided) into bottom rail brackets, and then place bottom rail into brackets (proceed to step 12).



**NOTE:** Make sure surface is clean and dry.

#### NOTE: Pre-drilling is required.

upper rail into bracket

14. At post location, using a 7/64" (0.28 cm) drill

bit, pre-drill at marked

of railing to bracket.

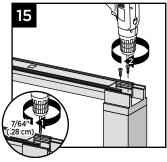
Attach fasten upper

rail to each bracket

by installing screws diagonally through

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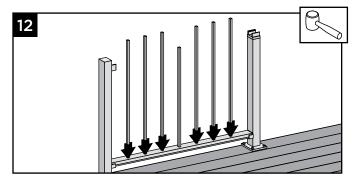
15. At crossover post location, using a 7/64" (0.28 cm) drill bit, pre-drill at marked location for attachment of railing to crossover post bracket. Attach fasten upper rail to crossover post bracket by installing screws diagonally through upper rail into post using



two self-tapping screws each side (provided).

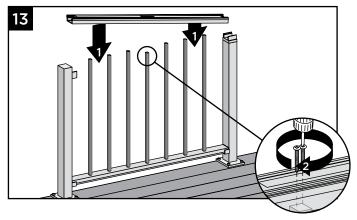
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#### **Installing Remaining Balusters into Bottom Rail**



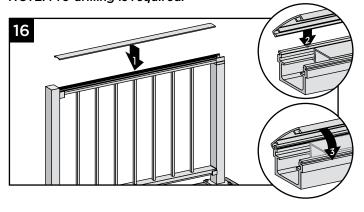
12. Place remaining balusters into holes in lower rail by snapping fully into place. In some cases, GENTLE tapping with a rubber mallet may facilitate fastening.

#### **Attach Upper Railings**



13. Working from one end of upper rail, snap balusters into upper rail working down length of rail. Fasten center baluster into center slot using two #8 x 1-1/4" (3.2 cm) screws (provided).

#### NOTE: Pre-drilling is required.



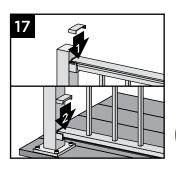
16. Attach "crowned" upper rail cover to upper rail by aligning cover on one side of rail. Then starting from one end of rail, snap cover onto opposing slot working down length of rail. In some cases, **GENTLE** tapping with a **rubber mallet** may facilitate fastening.

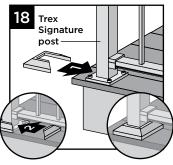
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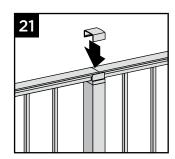
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Attachment of Bracket Covers, Skirts, and Caps



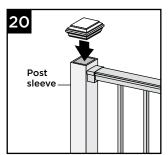


21. For crossover post configuration, attach crossover post cap to crossover post.



- 17. Attach corresponding bracket covers over opening in upper and bottom rails.
- 18. Attach provided post skirt to bottom of posts when using Trex Signature posts.



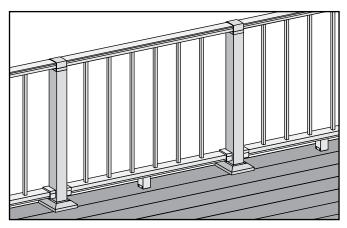


- Attach post caps to Trex Signature posts. (Use of rubber mallet may be required for secure attachment).
- 20. Attach post caps to post sleeves using external grade PVC construction adhesive (apply adhesive on the inside self-centering corner tabs).

# HOW TO INSTALL HORIZONTAL RAILING CROSSOVER POST TO CROSSOVER POST-TREX SIGNATURE STANDARD

#### NOTES:

- » TREX SIGNATURE RAILINGS ARE DESIGNED TO BE ATTACHED WITH POSTS INSTALLED AT A CLEAR SPAN OF 6' (1.83 M) OR 8' (2.44 M).
- » IF INSTALLING AT EXACT SPAN LENGTHS OF 6' (1.83 M) OR 8' (2.44 M), AND USING POST-TO-CROSSOVER POST CONFIGURATION, THE BOTTOM RAIL WILL NOT NEED TO BE CUT, BUT THE TOP RAIL WILL NEED TO BE MEASURED (MAKING SURE BALUSTERS LINE UP VERTICALLY) AND CUT.
- » FOR ODD SPAN LENGTHS, BOTH TOP RAIL AND BOTTOM RAIL WILL NEED TO BE MEASURED (MAKING SURE BALUSTERS LINE UP VERTICALLY) AND CUT. ENSURE THAT BALUSTERS ARE SPACED WITH AN EQUAL DISTANCE ON EACH SIDE OF THE POST.
- » WHEN RAILINGS ARE CUT TO ODD SPANS, ALL SPANS GREATER THAN 5' (1.52 M) (EXAMPLE: 8' (2.44 M) SPAN CUT INTO ONE 5' (1.52 M) SPAN AND ONE 3' (0.91 M) SPAN) WOULD REQUIRE FOOT BLOCK UNDER 5' (1.52 M) SPAN SINCE SMALLER FIXED BALUSTER IS NO LONGER CENTERED.



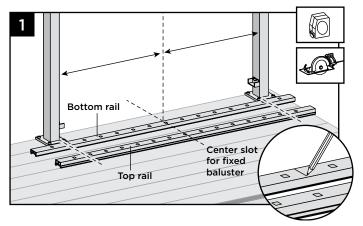




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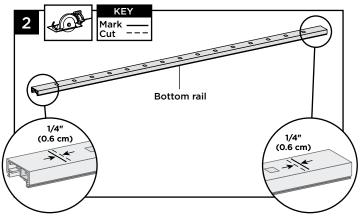
How to Measure, Mark and Cut Bottom and Top Railings (When Required)

**Important: DO NOT** cut top rail the same length as bottom rail.

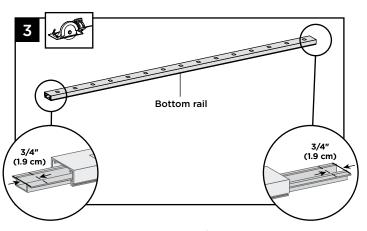


- Position bottom and top rails between posts and align with bottom bracket. Align the center baluster slot in both rails with the middle of the span between posts.\* This will allow an equal number of baluster holes on each side of center slot. Mark bottom rail and top rail at each end (ensure both rails are centered between posts).
- \* In some cases, due to odd railing spans, the center baluster may need to be offset in one direction to ensure there is enough room at both post locations for balusters to be placed. Review this **BEFORE** cutting any railings to ensure all balusters are equally spaced.

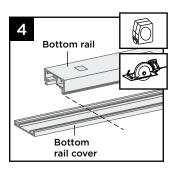
#### Cutting Bottom Rail and Bottom Rail Cover ONLY



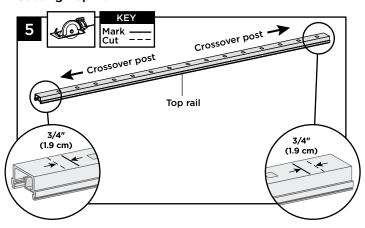
2. Cut each end of bottom rail 1/4" (0.6 cm) shorter than mark on each end to allow for fit into bottom rail brackets.



- Slide rail insert out and cut 3/4" (1.9 cm) FROM EACH SIDE of insert, then slide back inside rail and center.
- 4. Mark and cut bottom rail cover the same length as bottom rail.



#### **Cutting Top Rail**



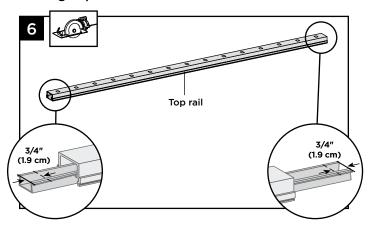
5. Cut each end of top rail 3/4" (1.9 cm) **LONGER** than the mark to allow for fit into the crossover post bracket on each side.

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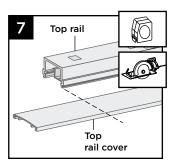
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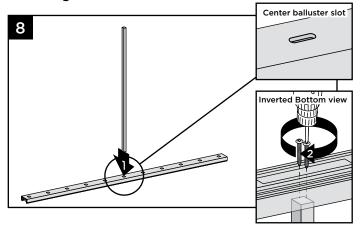
#### **Cutting Top Rail Insert and Cover**



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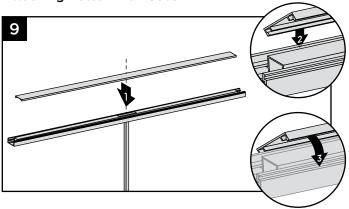


#### Attaching Center Baluster to Bottom Rail



8. Attach shorter, center baluster in center slot in bottom rail using two #8 x 1-1/4" (3.2 cm) screws (provided).

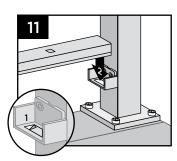
#### **Attaching Bottom Rail Cover**



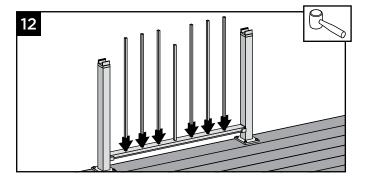
- Align flat cover on one side of bottom rail in slot on side of rail. Then starting from one end of rail snap cover onto opposing slot working down the length of rail. In some cases, GENTLE tapping with a rubber mallet may facilitate fastening.
- 10. Attaching Foot Block (when required) See instructions on page 7.

# Installing Lower Rail to Brackets

 Place adhesive strips (provided) into bottom rail brackets, and then place bottom rail into brackets (proceed to step 12).



NOTE: Make sure surface is clean and dry.



#### Installing Remaining Balusters into Bottom Rail

12. Place remaining balusters into holes in lower rail by snapping fully into place. In some cases, **GENTLE** tapping with a **rubber mallet** may facilitate fastening.

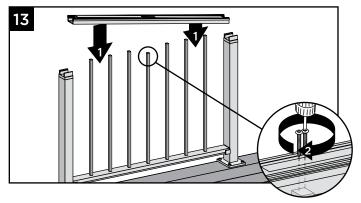
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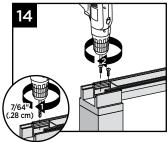


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#### **Attach Upper Railings**

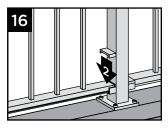


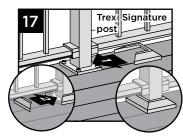
- 13. Working from one end of upper rail, snap balusters into upper rail working down length of rail. Fasten center baluster into center slot using two #8 x 1-1/4" (3.2 cm) screws (provided).
- 14. At crossover post locations using a 7/64" (0.28 cm) drill bit, predrill at marked location for attachment of railing to crossover post bracket. Attach fasten upper rail to crossover post by installing screws diagonally through upper rail into post using two



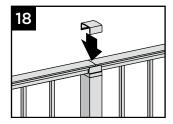
self-tapping screws each side (provided).

#### Attachment of Bracket Covers, Skirts, and Caps

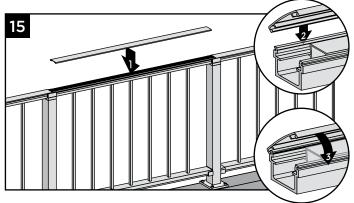




- 16. Attach corresponding bracket covers over opening in bottom rails.
- 17. Attach provided post skirt to bottom of posts when using Trex Signature posts.
- 18. Attach crossover post cap to crossover post.



#### NOTE: Pre-drilling is required.

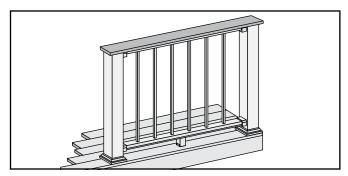


15. Attach "crowned" upper rail cover to upper rail by aligning cover on one side of rail. Then starting from one end of rail, snap cover onto opposing slot working down length of rail. **GENTLE** tapping with a **rubber mallet** may facilitate fastening.

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# HOW TO INSTALL COCKTAIL RAILING TREX SIGNATURE

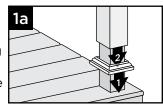


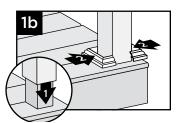
Important: ONLY for use with pressure treated  $4 \times 4$  post (3.5" nominal square) and  $4" \times 4"$  (102 mm  $\times$  102 mm) post sleeve. Trex Signature posts, Trex post mounts or joist mount posts cannot be used with Trex Signature Cocktail railing. Cutting post and post sleeve ONLY apply to the Cocktail style railing.

Installing Pressure treated Posts, Post Sleeves, and Skirts to Use with Trex Signature Railing

NOTE: PLEASE REFER TO LOCAL BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO ATTACHING PRESSURE TREATED POSTS.

- 1a. If using a 1-piece skirt, slide post sleeve skirt over post and down to rest on decking surface. Slide post sleeve over post and position inside post sleeve skirt.
- 1b. If using a two-piece skirt Slide post sleeve over post and down to rest on decking surface. Snap two piece skirt over post sleeve.

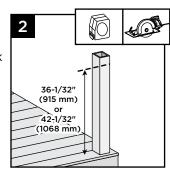




**NOTE:** Shims can be used to plumb post sleeves.

#### **Cutting Post and Post Sleeve**

- 2. Mark and cut post and post sleeve measuring from deck surface:
  - » 36-1/32" (915 mm)for 36" (914 mm height.
  - » 42-1/32" (1068 mm) for 42" (1067 mm) height.



- 3. Installing Horizontal Fixed Brackets See instructions on page 4.
- 4. Installing Horizontal Swivel Brackets See instructions on page 18.
- 5. Cutting Railings for Horizontal Fixed Brackets See instructions on page 5.
- 6. Cutting Railings for Horizontal Swivel Brackets See instructions on page 19.
- 7. Attaching Center Baluster to Bottom Rail See instructions on page 6.
- 8. Attaching Foot Block (when required) See instructions on page 7.
- 9. Attaching Bottom Rail Cover and Bottom Rail to Brackets

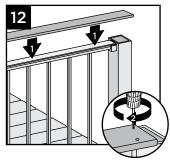
See instructions on page 7.

- 10. **Installing Remaining Balusters into Bottom Rail** See instructions on page 7.
- 11. Attaching Top Rail and Top Rail Cover See instructions on page 7.

**NOTE:** Top Bracket Covers are not attached in this configuration.

# Attaching Deck Board to Top Rail

12. Place deck boards
(DO NOT use Enhance deck boards for top rail) over top rails. Attach boards on each post with Trex-recommended composite screws (quantity of 2 per each board end).



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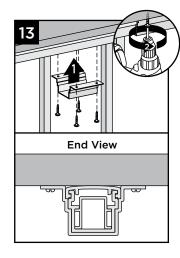
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13. Secure boards to top rail using Trex Signature Cocktail Bracket (sold separately). Ensure that there is a bracket at each end of the railing section, then space brackets approximately every 24" and attach with 4 screws provided.

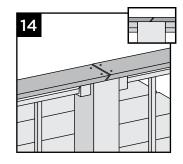
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 Use scarf cut for posts where two deck boards meet.

#### **NOTES:**

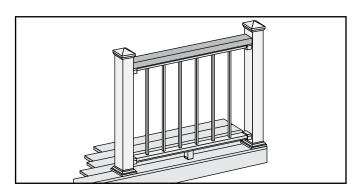
- » Leave 1/8" (3 mm) gap between deck boards.
- » Deck boards can overhang end of last post maximum 1/2" (13 mm).



15. Attachment of Bottom Bracket Covers and Skirts See instructions on page 8.

#### HOW TO INSTALL SIGNATURE TRADITIONAL RAILING

TREX SIGNATURE



Important: ONLY use with Pressure-treated post, Trex Post Mounts or Trex Joist Mount Post WITH Trex post sleeves. Trex Signature Posts or Joist Mount Posts cannot be used with Trex Signature Traditional railing.

- Installing Posts, Post Sleeve Skirts and Post Sleeves
   See instructions on page 16 for pressure treated posts.
   Refer to detailed Trex Post Mount instructions if using
   these. Post and Post Sleeves are NOT CUT in this
   installation.
- 2. Installing Horizontal Fixed Brackets See instructions on page 4.
- 3. Installing Horizontal Swivel Brackets See instructions on page 18.
- 4. Cutting Railings for Horizontal Fixed Brackets See instructions on page 5
- 5. Cutting Railings for Horizontal Swivel Brackets See instructions on page 19.

- 6. Attaching Center Baluster to Bottom Rail See instructions on page 6.
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- 8. Attaching Bottom Rail Cover and Bottom Rail to Brackets

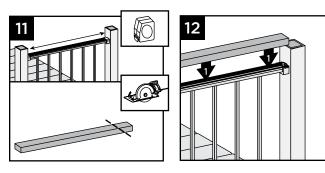
See instructions on page 7.

- 9. **Installing Remaining Balusters into Bottom Rail** See instructions on page 7.
- 10. Attaching Top Rail and Top Rail Cover See instructions on page 7.

**NOTE:** Top Bracket Covers are not attached in this configuration.

#### Attaching 2 x 4 to Top Rail

11. Measure between posts and cut 2 x 4 to length.



12. Place 2 x 4 on Signature top rail.

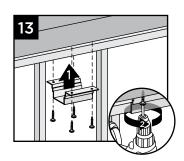
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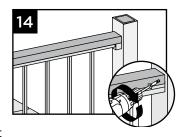
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13. Secure 2 x 4 to top rail using Trex Signature Cocktail Bracket (sold separately). Ensure that there is a bracket at each end of the railing section, then space brackets approximately every 24" and attach with 4 screws provided.



**NOTE:** Predrilling before attachment is recommended.

14. Pre-drill a pilot hole and toenail 2-1/2" (6.4 cm) screw at each end of 2 x 4 into post on back side of rail (side not facing decking). If using a Trex Post Mount or Joist Mount Post with Trex post



sleeves, It is not a requirement to toenail the 2x4 into the post, however if this is done predrill a hole and use a 304SS screw (not provided), that will penetrate through the aluminum sleeve.

### 15. Attachment of Bottom Rail Bracket Covers and Caps

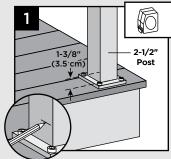
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# INSTALLATION OF HORIZONTAL SWIVEL BRACKETS TREX SIGNATURE STANDARD

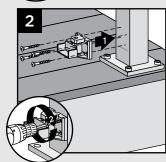
# Attach Swivel Brackets Base Using Trex Signature Posts

**TIP:** Use a clamp to help hold brackets in place while fastening with screws.

1. Measure 1-3/8"
(3.5 cm) from top of post base plate or 1-7/8" (4.8 cm) from decking surface. Mark with light line.

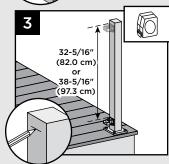


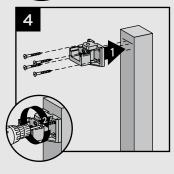
 Center lower bracket on post above the marked line and attach using four self-tapping screws (provided).



- 3. Measure up 32-5/16" (82.0 cm) for 36" (91.4 cm) tall railing or 38-5/16" (97.3 cm) for 42" (106.7 cm) tall railing from top of lower rail bracket. Mark with a light line.
- 4. Center upper bracket on post **below** marked line and attach using four self-tapping screws (provided).

**NOTE:** Upper bracket is not required on crossover post configuration.





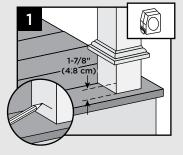


# INSTALLATION OF HORIZONTAL SWIVEL BRACKETS/continued TREX SIGNATURE STANDARD

# Attach Swivel Brackets Using Pressure-treated Posts and Post Sleeves

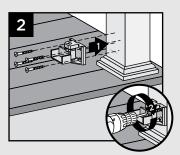
**TIP:** Use a clamp to help hold brackets in place while fastening with screws.

1. Measure 1-7/8" (4.8 cm) up from deck surface to bottom of bracket. Slide skirt up to allow for proper measurement, then push skirt back down onto surface of decking **BEFORE** 

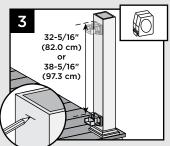


ATTACHING BRACKET. Mark with light line.

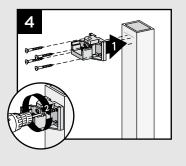
2. Center lower bracket on post **above** the marked line and attach using four 2" (5.1 cm) wood screws (provided).



3. Measure up 32-5/16" (82.0 cm) for 36" (91.4 cm) tall railing or 38-5/16" (97.3 cm) for 42" (106.7 cm) tall railing from top of lower rail bracket. Mark with a light line.



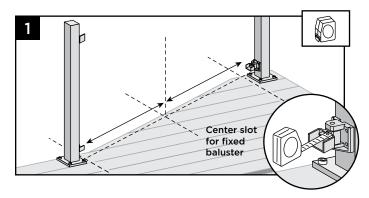
 Center upper bracket on post below marked line and attach using four 2" (5.1 cm) wood screws (provided).



# INSTALLATION OF HORIZONTAL SWIVEL RAILING TREX SIGNATURE STANDARD

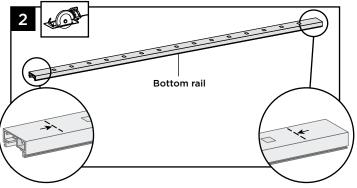
- » WHEN USING TREX SIGNATURE HORIZONTAL SWIVEL BRACKETS, BOTH BOTTOM AND TOP RAILS WILL NEED TO BE MEASURED AND CUT TO APPROPRIATE LENGTHS.
- » HORIZONTAL SWIVEL BRACKETS CAN BE USED UP TO A 50° ANGLE FOR TREX SIGNATURE RAILINGS.
- » WHEN USING HORIZONTAL SWIVEL BRACKETS VERY IMPORTANT TO LAY OUT LOCATION AND ORIENTATION OF POSTS AND SWIVEL BRACKETS BEFORE INSTALLING SWIVEL BRACKETS.
- » WHEN RAILINGS ARE CUT TO ODD SPANS, ALL SPANS GREATER THAN 5' (1.52 M) (EXAMPLE: 8' (2.44 M) SPAN CUT INTO ONE 5' (1.52 M) SPAN AND ONE 3' (0.91 M) SPAN) WOULD REQUIRE FOOT BLOCK UNDER 5' (1.52 M) SPAN SINCE SMALLER FIXED BALUSTER IS NO LONGER CENTERED.

#### How to Measure and Cut Bottom and Top Railings



 With brackets in correct swivel location, measure distance from inside of bracket to inside of bracket. ENSURE THAT BEFORE CUTTING, BALUSTERS HOLES ON BOTH BOTTOM AND TOP RAIL LINE UP. ALSO MAKE SURE CENTER BALUSTER SLOT IS AS CLOSE TO THE MIDDLE OF THE SPAN AS POSSIBLE. In some cases, due to odd railing spans, the center baluster may need to be offset in one or the other direction to ensure there is enough room at both post locations for balusters to be placed.

#### **Cutting Bottom Rail and Bottom Rail Cover**



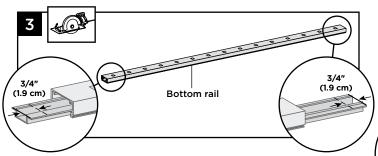
Cut bottom rail to the measurement between the bottom swivel brackets.

#### TREX SIGNATURE HORIZONTAL RAILING

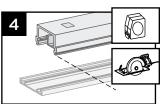
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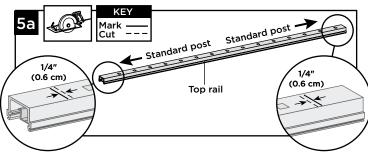
TREX SIGNATURE STANDARD/CONTINUED



- 3. Slide rail insert out and cut 3/4" (1.9 cm) **FROM EACH SIDE** of insert, then slide back inside rail and center.
- 4. Mark and cut bottom rail cover the same size as bottom rail.

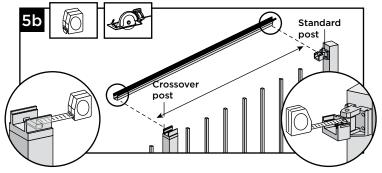


# Cutting Top Rail Option 1: For Post-to Post Configuration



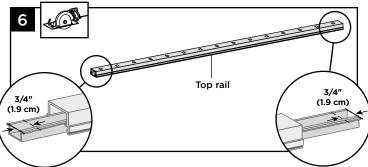
5a. Cut top rail to the measurement between the top swivel brackets. For standard post-to-standard post configurations this would be same dimensions as that of the bottom rail.

# Cutting Top Rail Option 2: For Post-to-Crossover Post Configuration

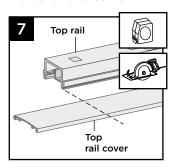


5b. When going from standard-post to crossover post, measurement must be taken from inside of top horizontal swivel bracket to inside lip of crossover
 bracket (which is attached to top of crossover post).

#### **Cutting Top Rail Insert and Cover**



- 6. Slide rail insert out and cut 3/4" (1.9 cm) **FROM EACH SIDE** of insert, then slide back inside rail and center.
- Mark and cut top rail cover same length as top rail for all top rail configurations.



- 8. Attaching Center Baluster to Bottom Rail
  See instructions on page 6—Post-to-Post or 10—Post-toCrossover Post.
- 9. Attaching Foot Block (when required) See instructions on page 7.
- 10. Attaching Bottom Rail Cover and Bottom Rail to Brackets

See instructions on page 7 Post-to-Post or page 11 Post-to-Crossover Post.

- 11. Installing Remaining Balusters into Bottom Rail See instructions on page 7 Post-to-Post or 11 Post-to-Crossover Post.
- 12. Attach Upper Railings

See instructions on page 7 Post-to-Post or page 11 Post-to-Crossover Post.

13. Attachment of Bracket Covers, Skirts, and Caps See instructions on page 8 Post-to-Post or page 11 Post-to-Crossover Post.

#### TREX SIGNATURE® STAIR RAILING

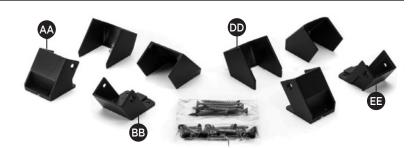
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BRACKET HARDWARE - STAIR APPLICATIONS (INCLUDING STAIR SWIVEL BRACKETS, STAIR CROSSOVER BRACKET, AND COMPOUND SWIVEL BRACKETS)
TREX SIGNATURE

#### FIXED BRACKET - STAIR HARDWARE

- AA. Bottom Stair Bracket and Cover - Lower Rail
- BB. Top Stair Bracket and Cover Lower Rail
- CC. Fastener Pack
- DD. Bottom Stair Bracket and Cover - Upper Rail
- EE. Top Stair Bracket and Cover Upper Rail



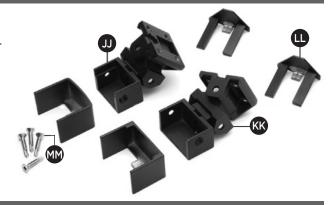
#### SWIVEL BRACKET - STAIR HARDWARE

- FF. Swivel Top Rail Bracket and Cover Stair
- GG. Swivel Bottom Rail Bracket and Cover Stair
- HH. Fastener Covers
- II. Fastener Pack



#### COMPOUND SWIVEL BRACKET - STAIR HARDWARE

- JJ. Compound Swivel Top Rail Bracket and Cover Stair
- KK. Compound Swivel Bottom Rail Bracket and Cover Stair
- LL. Fastener Covers
- MM. Fastener Pack



#### SWIVEL CROSSOVER BRACKET KIT - STAIR HARDWARE

NN. Swivel Crossover Bracket - Stair

OO. Post-to-Bracket Fasteners



#### TREX SIGNATURE STAIR RAILING

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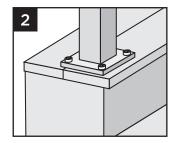
# HOW TO INSTALL STAIR POSTS AND STAIR RAILING TREX SIGNATURE

#### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- » FOR A 6' OR 8' STAIR RAIL, POST TO POST SPAN WILL BE LESS THAN 6' OR 8'. PRIOR TO INSTALLING STAIR POSTS CALCULATE POST TO POST SPAN USING A MAXIMUM STAIR RAIL LENGTH REQUIRED AND THE ANGLE (32°-37°) AT WHICH THE STAIR RAILS WILL BE INSTALLED. DO NOT INSTALL STAIR POSTS AT 6' OR 8' SPAN, AS STAIR RAILINGS WILL THEN BE TOO SHORT.
- » TREX SIGNATURE POSTS CANNOT BE USED WITH TREX SIGNATURE TRADITIONAL OR TREX SIGNATURE COCKTAIL STAIR DESIGNS, ONLY PRESSURE-TREATED POST/POST SLEEVES CAN BE USED. REFER TO DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR MORE INFORMATION.
- » All Trex Signature stair installations require the use of 53" (134.6 CM) stair post, measured and cut to appropriate length if required.
- » If crossover stair post is required, use stair post (again cut to appropriate length if required) and use swivel crossover bracket.
- » Trex Signature Stair fixed brackets are designed to work only with stair slopes of 32°-37°.
- » For smaller (less than 32°) or larger angles (greater than 37°), use the Trex Signature Stair Swivel brackets.
- » Trex Signature Compound swivel stair brackets are designed for flared stair designs.
- » At all final end post configurations, top stair rail will need to be measured (making sure balusters line up vertically) and cut.
- » For odd span lengths, both bottom and top stair rails will need to be measured (making sure balusters line up vertically) and cut. Also, ensure that balusters are spaced with equal distance on each side of the post.
- » Rails that do not require cutting must be oriented in the correct direction to ensure balusters are spaced properly when installed in brackets. On both bottom and top stair railings, baluster hole closest to the end of each stair rail is to be installed at the top of the stair section. Ensure that both bottom and top rails are correct and balusters line up vertically before INSTALLING.
- » Foot Blocks for stairs are sold separately and recommended for use in Signature Cocktail and Signature Traditional applications.

Installing Standard Trex Signature Stair Posts, Trex Signature Stair Crossover Posts, or Pressure-treated Post, Post Sleeves and Skirts

- Make sure 53" (135.6 cm) posts are used for all stair posts.
- 2. If Trex Signature stair posts are used, install at nose of stair tread directly under required blocking. See Trex Signature horizontal post instructions.



#### **Installing Pressure-Treated Posts**

- » PLEASE REFER TO LOCAL BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO ATTACHING PRESSURE TREATED POSTS.
- » PRESSURE TREATED POSTS MUST BE INSTALLED ON INSIDE OF STAIR STRINGER AND AT NOSE OF STAIR TREAD.
- » POST TO POST SPAN WILL BE LESS THAN 6' OR 8'. PRIOR TO INSTALLING POSTS CALCULATE POST TO POST SPAN USING A MAXIMUM RAIL LENGTH REQUIRED AND THE ANGLE (32°-37°) AT WHICH THE RAILS WILL BE INSTALLED. DO NOT INSTALL STAIR POSTS AT 6' OR 8' SPAN, AS STAIR RAILINGS WILL THEN BE TOO SHORT.
- » In most cases, a post and post sleeve longer than 39" (991 mm) will be needed on the lower section of stair rail to accommodate stair angle.

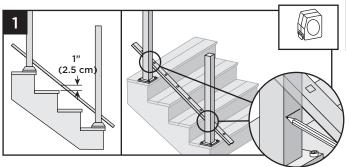
#### ATTACHING FIXED STAIR BRACKETS AND RAILS TO POSTS AND PRESSURE-TREATED POST AND POST SLEEVES TREX SIGNATURE

#### **NOTES:**

- » All Trex Signature fixed stair brackets work ONLY with stair slopes of 32°-37°.
- » Illustrations shown are representations when using Trex Signature post, but same rules apply if using pressure-treated posts and post sleeves.
- » Use a clamp to help hold stair brackets in place while fastening with screws.

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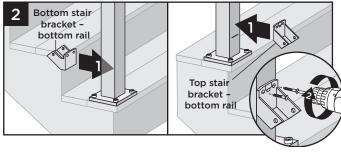
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 Lay bottom stair rail on steps beside posts. Position bottom rail at least 1" (2.5 cm) above nose of stair tread.

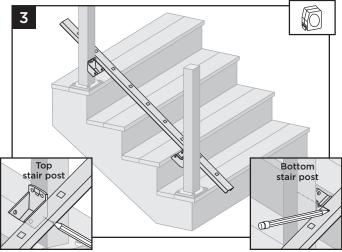
**Tip:** Use a 1" (2.5 cm) deck board as a spacer board and clamp rails to post. Mark where lower brackets are to be attached to both posts. Mark at underside of railing location

#### **Installing Lower Fixed Stair Brackets**

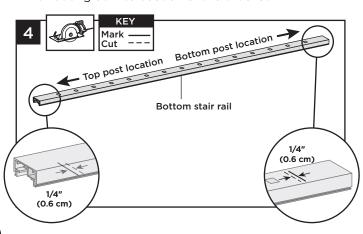


2. Center lower stair bracket on post above the marked line and attach using two self-tapping screws (provided). In some cases it may be difficult to attach the stair bracket on the lower stair post. A 90° cordless drill is recommended to attach screws in this area.

How to Measure Bottom Stair Railing (WHEN REQUIRED)



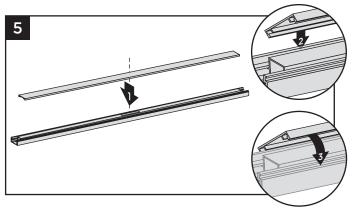
3 Position bottom stair rail along the nose of the stair treads. Ensure that before cutting, balusters holes are centered in between the posts and also allow for clearance for attachment to brackets. On top stair post location, mark UNDERSIDE of lower rail. On bottom stair post location mark TOPSIDE of lower rail at angled intersection of the bracket.



4. Cut each end of the bottom stair rail, rail insert, and bottom rail cover 1/4" (0.6 cm) shorter than the mark on each end to allow for fit into bottom stair rail brackets.

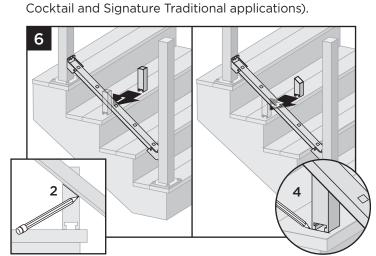
NOTE: Railing does not need to be cut at angle. Brackets are designed to allow for railing to be installed with standard straight cut.

#### ATTACHING FIXED STAIR BRACKETS AND RAILS TO POSTS AND PRESSURE-TREATED POST AND POST SLEEVES/CONTINUED TREX SIGNATURE

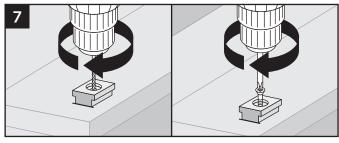


5. Attach "flat" bottom stair rail cover to bottom stair rail. Align cover on one side of the bottom rail in slot on side of rail. Then starting from one end of rail snap cover onto opposing slot working down the length of the rail. In some cases, **GENTLE** tapping with a **rubber mallet** may facilitate fastening.

Attaching Foot Block (where recommended)
Recommended for all spans over 6' for Signature

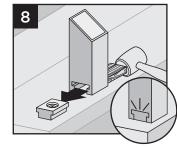


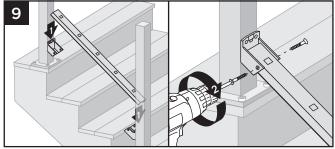
6. Temporarily set bottom rail in bottom brackets, and place foot block towards the nose of the stair tread along the side of the bottom rail. Mark location of angle on foot block and cut on mark. Then place foot block under the center of the bottom rail. Mark placement location of the base. Remove lower rail.



7. Place base (smaller side facing down) on decking surface. Pre-drill using a 3/16" bit. Attach base of foot block using one screw at an angle through base and into decking.

8. After attached, use a rubber mallet along with scrap piece of wood to tap foot block until it locks into place.



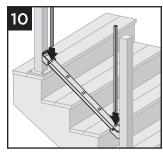


 Set bottom stair rail into bottom stair rail brackets. Attach bottom stair rail to bottom stair bracket using two self-tapping screws (provided) on each side of bracket.

Installing Upper Fixed Stair Brackets and Measuring Upper Rail

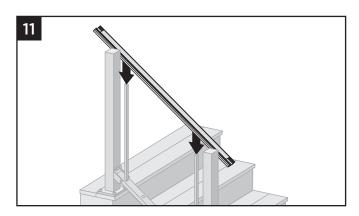
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 Place two balusters into lower rail at each end closest to post.

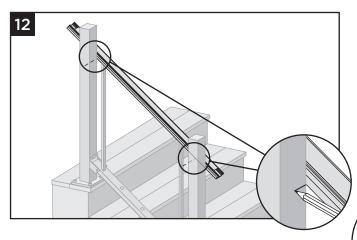




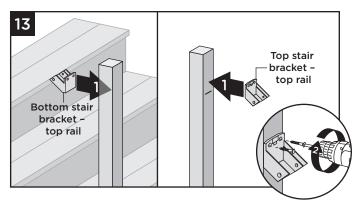
#### ATTACHING FIXED STAIR BRACKETS AND RAILS TO POSTS AND PRESSURE-TREATED POST AND POST SLEEVES/CONTINUED TREX SIGNATURE



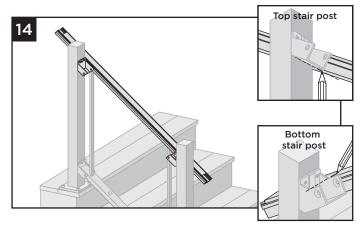
11. Position top stair rail onto balusters ensuring balusters are fully seated in top rail (position to side of post) and **ENSURE** that balusters are parallel with post.



12. Mark a light line on posts at UNDERSIDE of rail to show the location of the fixed stair brackets.

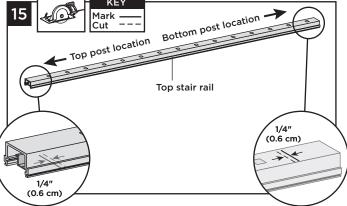


13. Remove upper stair rail and center upper stair fixed bracket on post **above** the marked line and attach using two self-tapping screws (*provided*).



14. On top stair post location, mark UNDERSIDE of upper rail. On bottom stair post location mark TOPSIDE of upper rail at angled intersection inside the bracket.

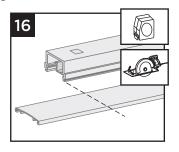
# Cutting Top Stair Rail Cover, and Attachment of Top Stair Rail Cover



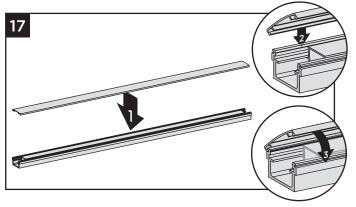
15. Cut each end of top stair rail along with rail insert 1/4" (0.6 cm) shorter than mark to allow for fit into top stair rail bracket.

NOTE: Railing does not need to be cut at angle. Brackets are designed to allow for railing to be installed with standard straight cut.

16. Mark and cut top rail cover same length as top rail for all top rail configurations.

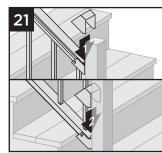


#### ATTACHING FIXED STAIR BRACKETS AND RAILS TO POSTS AND PRESSURE-TREATED POST AND POST SLEEVES/CONTINUED TREX SIGNATURE



# Attachment of Stair Bracket Covers, Skirts, and Caps

21. Attach corresponding bracket covers over opening in upper and bottom rails.



17. Attach "crowned" upper stair rail cover to upper stair rail by aligning cover on one side of rail. Then starting from one end of stair rail, snap cover onto opposing slot working down length of stair rail.

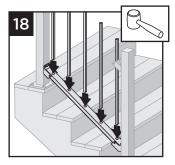
GENTLE tapping with a rubber mallet may facilitate the fastening.

22.Attach provided post skirt to bottom of posts when using Trex Signature posts.



# Installing Balusters into Bottom Stair Rail

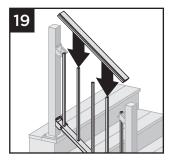
18. Place balusters into holes in lower stair rail by snapping fully into place. In some cases, GENTLE tapping with a rubber mallet may facilitate fastening.

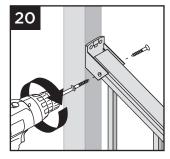






#### **Attaching Upper Stair Rails**





- 19. Working from one end of upper stair rail, snap balusters into upper stair rail working down length of rail
- 20. Attach top stair rail to top stair bracket (all types) using two self-tapping screws (*provided*) on each side of stair bracket.

- 23. Attach post caps to Trex Signature posts (use of **rubber mallet** may be required for secure attachment).
- 24. Attach post caps to post sleeves using external grade PVC construction adhesive (apply adhesive on the inside self-centering/corner tabs).



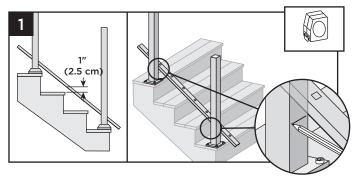
# ATTACHING STAIR SWIVEL/COMPOUND SWIVEL BRACKETS AND RAILS TO POSTS AND PRESSURE-TREATED POST AND POST SLEEVES TREX SIGNATURE

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- » Use a clamp to help hold stair brackets in place while fastening with screws.

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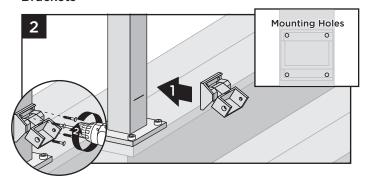
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Lay bottom stair rail on steps beside posts.
 Position bottom rail at least 1" (2.5 cm) above nose of stair tread.

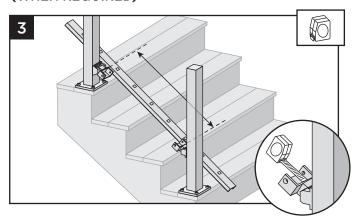
**Tip:** Use a 1" (2.5 cm) deck board as a spacer board and clamp rails to post. Mark where lower brackets are to be attached to both posts. Mark at underside of railing location.

### Installing Lower Stair Swivel and Compound Swivel Brackets



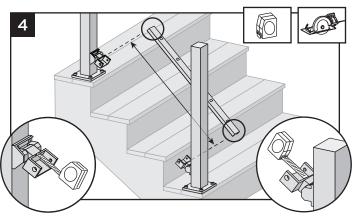
 Center lower stair swivel bracket on post above the marked line and attach using four self-tapping screws (provided). In some cases it may be difficult to attach the stair bracket on the lower stair post.
 A 90° cordless drill is recommended to attach screws in this area.

### How to Measure Bottom Stair Railings (WHEN REQUIRED)



3. With brackets in correct swivel locations, measure distance from inside of swivel bracket to inside of swivel bracket. Ensure that before cutting, balusters holes are parallel and centered in between the posts and also allow for clearance for attachment to brackets. Mark bottom stair rail at each intersection.

# Cutting Bottom Stair Rail, Bottom Stair Rail Cover, and Attachment of Bottom Stair Rail Cover



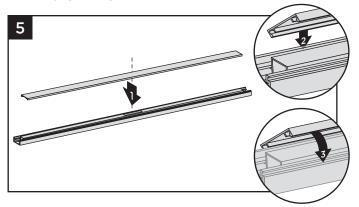
4. Cut each end of the bottom rail, rail insert, and bottom rail cover at the mark on each end to allow for fit into bottom stair rail brackets.

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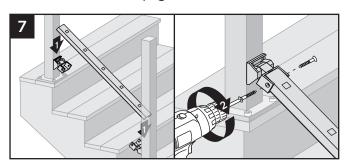
#### TREX SIGNATURE STAIR RAILING

Installation Instructions

#### ATTACHING STAIR SWIVEL/COMPOUND SWIVEL BRACKETS AND RAILS TO POSTS AND PRESSURE-TREATED POST AND POST SLEEVES/CONTINUED TREX SIGNATURE



- 5. Attach "flat" bottom stair rail cover to bottom stair rail. Align cover on one side of the bottom rail in slot on side of rail. Then starting from one end of rail snap cover onto opposing slot working down the length of the rail. In some cases, GENTLE tapping with a rubber mallet may facilitate fastening.
- 6. Attaching Foot Block (where recommended) See instructions on page 4.

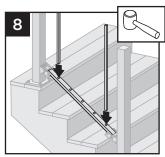


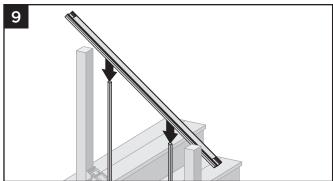
7. Set bottom stair rail into bottom stair rail brackets. Attach bottom stair rail to bottom stair bracket using two self-tapping screws (provided) on each side of bracket.

**Installing Upper Brackets and Measuring Upper** Stair Rail-Stair Swivel and Compound Swivel

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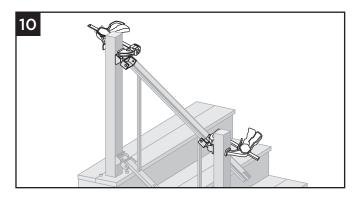
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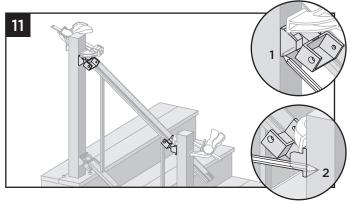


9. Position top stair rail onto balusters ensuring balusters are fully seated in top rail (position to side of post) and ENSURE that balusters are parallel with

#### **Installing Upper Stair Swivel and Compound Swivel Brackets**



10. Clamp brackets to side of rail with brackets in correct swivel location/angle (this is important to ensure correct location of swivel brackets).

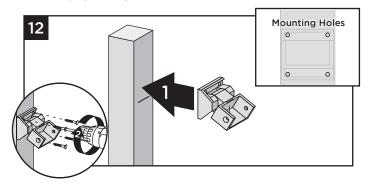


11. Mark a light line on posts at UNDERSIDE of where swivel bases (positioned correctly) meets the posts.

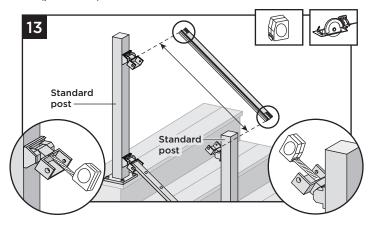
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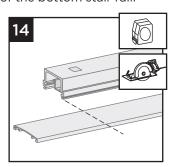
# ATTACHING STAIR SWIVEL/COMPOUND SWIVEL BRACKETS AND RAILS TO POSTS AND PRESSURE-TREATED POST AND POST SLEEVES/CONTINUED TREX SIGNATURE

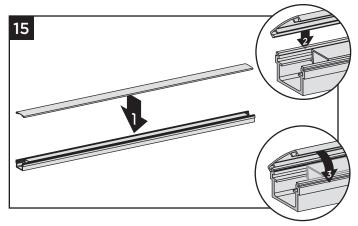


 Remove upper stair rail from balusters and center upper stair swivel bracket on post above the marked line and attach using four self-tapping screws (provided).



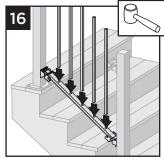
- 13. Cut top rail along with rail insert to the measurement between the top stair swivel brackets. For standard post to standard post configurations this would be same dimensions as that of the bottom stair rail.
- 14. Mark and cut top rail cover same length as top rail for all top rail configurations.

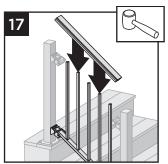




15. Attach "crowned" upper stair rail cover to upper stair rail by aligning cover on one side of rail. Then starting from one end of stair rail, snap cover onto opposing slot working down length of stair rail. GENTLE tapping with a rubber mallet may facilitate fastening.

#### Installing Balusters into Bottom Stair Rail

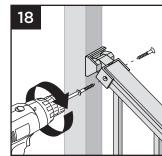




16. Place balusters into holes in lower stair rail by snapping fully into place. In some cases, **GENTLE** tapping with a **rubber mallet** may facilitate fastening.

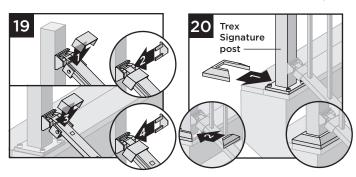
#### **Attaching Upper Stair Rails**

- 17. Working from one end of upper stair rail, snap balusters into upper stair rail working down length of rail.
- 18. Attach top stair rail to top stair bracket (all types) using two self-tapping screws (provided) on each side of stair bracket.

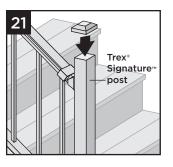


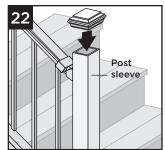
# ATTACHING STAIR SWIVEL/COMPOUND SWIVEL BRACKETS AND RAILS TO POSTS AND PRESSURE-TREATED POST AND POST SLEEVES/CONTINUED TREX SIGNATURE

Attachment of Stair Bracket Covers, Skirts, and Caps



- 19. Attach corresponding bracket covers over opening in upper and bottom rails.
- 20. Attach provided post skirt to bottom of posts when using Trex Signature posts.

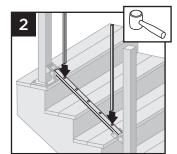


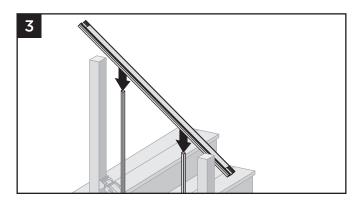


- 21. Attach post caps to Trex Signature posts (use of **rubber mallet** may be required for secure attachment).
- 22. Attach post caps to post sleeves using external grade PVC construction adhesive (apply adhesive on the inside self-centering/corner tabs).

# ATTACHING CROSSOVER SWIVEL BRACKETS ON SIGNATURE POSTS TREX SIGNATURE

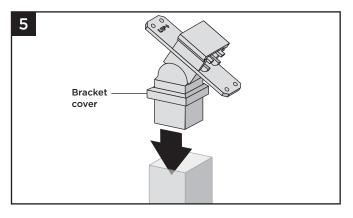
- Follow previous instructions for installation of lower stair rail into either fixed or swivel brackets.
- 2. Place two balusters into lower stair rail at each end of post.





Position top stair rail onto balusters ensuring balusters are fully seated in top rail (position to side of post) and ENSURE that balusters are parallel with post. 4. Follow previous instructions marking and installation of either fixed or swivel bracket where this is required.

#### **Attaching Stair Crossover Swivel Bracket to Post**

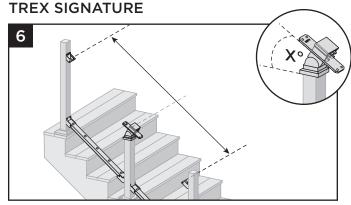


5. Insert stair crossover swivel bracket into post.

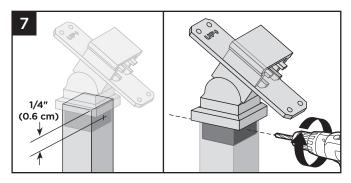
NOTE: Keep the bracket cover on when inserting this into post, this will cover the screw attachment area.



# ATTACHING CROSSOVER SWIVEL BRACKETS TO POSTS/CONTINUED

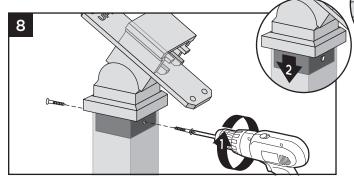


 Determine location/height of the stair crossover swivel bracket by aligning the angle of this with the fixed brackets (or compound swivel brackets) already installed (posts can be cut if necessary).



7. Once location/height is determined, center and predrill two holes (using a drill bit slightly smaller than that of self-tapping screw diameter) on opposite sides of post, approx. 1/4" (0.6 cm) from top of post. Drill through the post and into the stair crossover swivel bracket on each side.

NOTE: Slightly countersink pre-drilled holes to allow for flat head screw to seat flush on the post. This will allow cover to fit over screw heads.

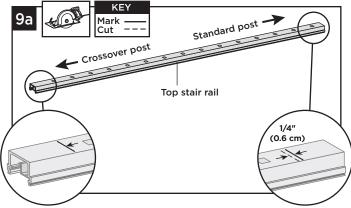


8. Attach stair crossover swivel bracket to post with two self-tapping screws (*provided*). Slide cover over post to hide screws.

# ATTACHING RAILS IN CROSSOVER POST APPLICATIONS TREX SIGNATURE

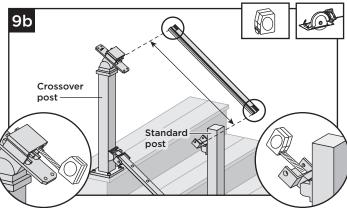
Cutting Top Stair Rail and Insert For Stair Post-to-Stair Crossover Post Configuration

When Using Fixed Stair Brackets:



9a. Top stair rail along with rail insert must be cut differently on each side of the rail. Railing side that attaches to standard post should be cut 1/4" (0.6 cm) shorter than the mark to allow for fit into top rail bracket. Railing side that attaches to the crossover post should be cut directly on the mark to allow for fit into the crossover post bracket.

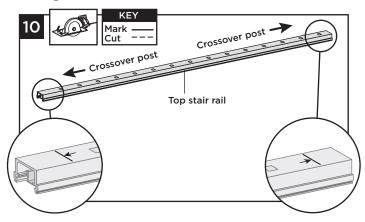
When using Upper Stair Swivel and Stair Crossover Swivel Brackets:



9b. When going from standard stair post to stair crossover post, measurement must be taken from inside of top horizontal stair swivel bracket to inside lip of stair crossover bracket. Crossover post will need to be modified to have swivel crossover bracket installed.

# ATTACHING RAILS IN CROSSOVER POST APPLICATIONS CONTINUED TREX SIGNATURE

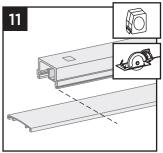
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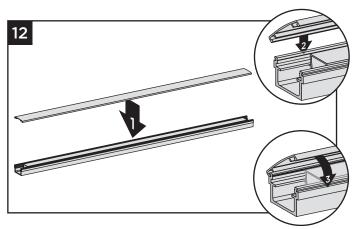


10. Cut each end of the top stair rail along with rail insert on the mark line to allow for fit into the crossover post bracket on each side.

Cutting Top Stair Rail Cover, and Attachment of Top Stair Rail Cover

11. Mark and cut top rail cover same length as top rail for all top rail configurations.



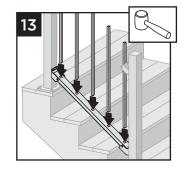


12. Attach "crowned" upper stair rail cover to upper stair rail by aligning cover on one side of rail. Then, starting from one end of stair rail, snap cover onto opposing slot working down length of stair rail.

GENTLY tapping with a rubber mallet may facilitate fastening.

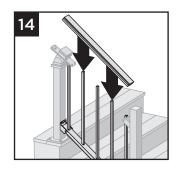
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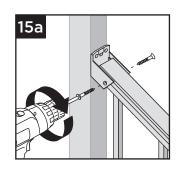


**Attaching Upper Stair Rails** 

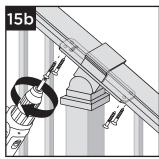
14. Working from one end of upper stair rail, snap balusters into upper stair rail working down length of rail.



15a. For stair post-to-post configuration, attach top stair rail to top stair bracket (all types) using two self-tapping screws (provided) on each side of stair bracket.



15b. For stair crossover post configuration, fasten upper stair rail to swivel crossover post bracket by installing screws diagonally through crossover stair bracket into upper rail using two self-tapping screws (provided) on each side.

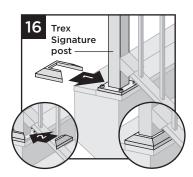


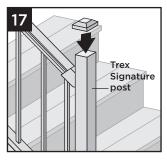


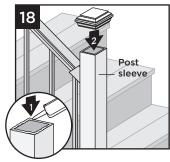
# ATTACHING RAILS IN CROSSOVER POST APPLICATIONS/CONTINUED TREX SIGNATURE

# Attachment of Skirts and Caps

16. Attach provided post skirt to bottom of posts when using Trex Signature posts.

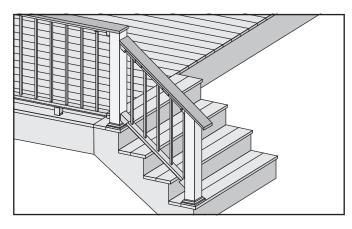






- 17. Attach post caps to Trex Signature posts (use of rubber mallet may be required for secure attachment).
- 18. Attach post caps to post sleeves using external grade PVC construction adhesive (apply adhesive on the inside self-centering/corner tabs).

# HOW TO INSTALL COCKTAIL STAIR RAILING TREX SIGNATURE



#### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- » Only for use with pressure-treated 4 x 4 post (3.5" nominal square) and 4" x 4" (102 mm x 102 mm) post sleeve. Trex Signature posts, Trex post mounts or joist mount posts cannot be used with Trex Signature Cocktail stair railing. Cutting post and post sleeve only apply to the Cocktail style railing.
- » DO NOT CUT POST/POST SLEEVES UNTIL TOP RAILING AND COVER IS FULLY INSTALLED.
- » When referring to previous instructions referenced, disregard all crossover post instructions as these cannot be used with Cocktail railing.

- » THE DECK BOARD USED IN TREX SIGNATURE COCKTAIL RAILING WILL NEED TO TERMINATE AT THE TOP OF THE POST AS SHOWN ABOVE. THE DECK BOARD WILL HAVE TO BE TOENAILED INTO THE SIDE OF THE POST IN THESE AREAS USING 2 APPROPRIATE COMPOSITE DECKING SCREWS PRE-DRILLING IS RECOMMENDED.
- » Do Not use Enhance for top board.

# Installing Pressure-treated Posts, Post Sleeves, and Skirts to Use with Trex Signature Railing

1. See instructions on page 2.

#### **Installing Brackets**

 Follow previous stair instructions for the installation of desired brackets, making sure that all dimensions are calculated before installation, and ensuring deck board is placed in correct location.
 See instructions on pages 3 and 4 for fixed stair brackets and 7-10 for swivel stair brackets.

#### **Cutting Bottom Stair Rail and Cover**

3. See instructions on page 3 for fixed stair brackets and pages 7-9 for swivel stair brackets.

#### Installing Foot Block (where recommended)

4. See instructions on page 4.

#### Attachment of Bottom Stair Rail

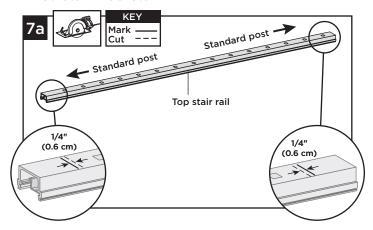
5. See instructions on page 4 for fixed stair brackets and page 8 for swivel stair brackets.

#### How to Measure Top Stair Railings (WHEN REQUIRED)

6. See instructions on page 4 for fixed stair brackets and page 8 for swivel stair brackets.

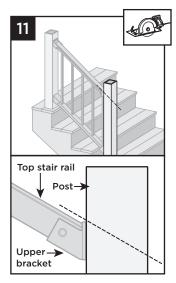
# HOW TO INSTALL COCKTAIL STAIR RAILING/CONTINUED TREX SIGNATURE

Cutting Top Stair Rail and Rail Insert When using Fixed Stair Brackets



Cutting Post and Post Sleeve and Attaching Deck Board to Top Rail

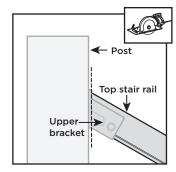
 Cut post and post sleeves at proper angle so these are flush with the top of the top brackets and/or top rail cover. BE CAREFUL NOT to CUT brackets.



7a. Cut each end of top stair rail along with rail insert 1/4" (0.6 cm) shorter than mark to allow for fit into top stair rail bracket.

NOTE: THE TOP RAIL WILL NEED TO BE CUT AT

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ON THE END OF THE
RAIL THAT CONNECTS
TO THE UPPER FIXED
BRACKET, SO THAT
WHEN THE RAIL IS
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SHOWN.



12. Place deck boards
over top rails. PLACE
DECK BOARD ON
TOP RAIL TO CHECK
FOR PROPER FIT AND
RAIL CLEARANCE AT
BRACKET LOCATIONS.
DECK BOARD MAY
REQUIRE EITHER A
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UNDERSIDE TO ALLOW DECK BOARD TO CLEAR TOPS OF BRACKETS AND SIT FLUSH ON TOP OF POSTS AND RAILS. Attach boards on each post with Trex-recommended composite screws (quantity of 2 per each board end).

Cutting Top Stair Rail and Rail Insert When using Upper Stair Swivel and Compound Swivel Brackets 7b. See instructions on page 9.

Cutting Top Stair Rail Cover, and Attachment of Top Stair Rail Cover

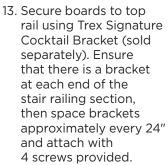
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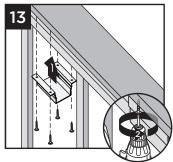
Installing Balusters into Bottom Stair Rail 9. See instructions on page 9.

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Attaching Upper Stair Rails

10. See instructions on page 9.





NOTE: Pre-drilling before attachment is recommended.

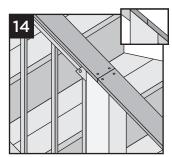


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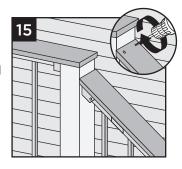
14. Use scarf cut for posts where two deck boards meet.

#### **NOTES:**

- » Leave 1/8" (3 mm) gap between deck boards.
- » Deck boards can overhang end of last post maximum 1/2" (13 mm).



15. Where deck board terminates at top of post horizontal deck board, PREDRILL and toenail two approved composite deck screws as shown into post, being careful to avoid hitting stair bracket.

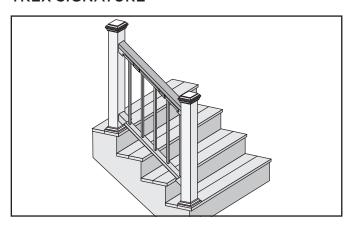


#### **Attachment of Bracket Covers and Skirts**

16. See instructions on page 10.

**NOTE:** Top Bracket Covers are not attached in this configuration.

# HOW TO INSTALL TRADITIONAL STAIR RAILING TREX SIGNATURE



#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

» Only for use with pressure-treated 4 x 4 post (3.5" nominal square) and 4" x 4" (102 mm x 102 mm) or 6" x 6" post sleeve. Trex Signature Posts, Trex Post Mounts or Joist Mount Posts cannot be used with Trex Signature Traditional railing.

# Installing Standard Trex Signature Stair Posts, or Pressure-treated Post

1. See instructions on page 2.

#### **Installing Lower Fixed Stair Brackets**

2a. See instructions on pages 3 and 4.

### Installing Lower Stair Swivel and Compound Swivel Brackets

2b. See instructions on page 7.

### How to Measure Bottom Stair Railings Fixed Stair Brackets

3a. See instructions on page 3.

# How to Measure Bottom Stair Railings When using Stair Swivel and Compound Swivel Brackets

3b. See instructions on page 7.

#### Cutting Bottom Stair Rail, Bottom Stair Rail Cover When Using Fixed Stair Brackets

4a. See instructions on page 3.

#### Cutting Bottom Stair Rail, Bottom Stair Rail Cover When Using Stair Swivel and Compound Swivel Brackets

4b. See instructions on page 7.

#### Attaching Foot Block (where recommended)

5. See instructions on page 4.

# Attachment of Bottom Stair Rail Cover and Bottom Stair Rail to Fixed Brackets

6a. See instructions on page 4.

# Attachment of Bottom Stair Rail Cover and Bottom Stair Rail to Swivel and Compound Swivel Brackets 6b. See instructions on page 8.

### Installing Upper Fixed Stair Brackets and Measuring Upper Rail

7a. See instructions on pages 4.

# Installing Upper Swivel and Swivel Compound Stair Brackets and Measuring Upper Rail

7b. See instructions on pages 8-9.



#### HOW TO INSTALL TRADITIONAL STAIR RAILING/CONTINUED

TREX SIGNATURE

Cutting Top Stair Rail and Rail Insert When Using Fixed Stair Brackets

8a. See instructions on page 5.

Cutting Top Stair Rail and Rail Insert When Using Swivel Compound Stair Brackets and Measuring Upper Rail

8b. See instructions on page 9.

Installing Balusters into Bottom Stair Rail When Using Fixed Stair

9a. See instructions on page 5.

Installing Balusters into Bottom Stair Rail When Using Swivel and Compound Swivel Brackets 9b. See instructions on page 9.

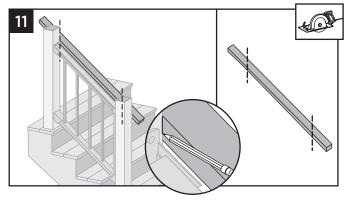
Attaching Upper Stair Rails When Using Fixed Stair Brackets

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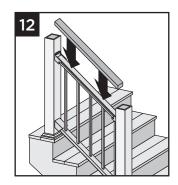
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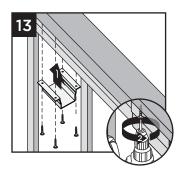
#### Attaching 2 x 4 to Top Rail



- 11. Place 2 x 4 beside top rail. Mark and cut (both ends need to be cut on an angle for proper fit).
- 12. Place 2 x 4 on Trex Signature top stair rail.

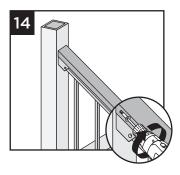


13. Secure 2 x 4 to top rail using Trex Signature Cocktail Bracket (sold separately). Ensure that there is a bracket at each end of the railing section, then space brackets approximately every 24" and attach with 4 screws provided.



NOTE: Pre-drilling before attachment is recommended.

14. Pre-drill a pilot hole and toenail 2-1/2" (6.4 cm) screw at each end of 2 x 4 into post on back side of rail (side not facing decking).



Attachment of Lower Stair Bracket Covers, Skirts, and Caps Fixed Bracket

15a. See instructions on page 6.

Attachment of Lower Stair Bracket Covers, Skirts, and Caps Swivel or Compound Swivel Bracket 15b. See instructions on page 10.

**NOTE:** Top Bracket Covers are not attached in this configuration.