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FENCE

Installation Instructions

Includes 3-Rail, 4-Rail, & 5-Rail Applications



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Priefert Fencing is an attractive and durable option for any fencing job. By paring our rail-in-rail swedge tubing with heavy duty posts, we've created beautiful fencing that can withstand almost any challenge. Priefert products are used and tested in our manufacturing facility and on the Priefert Ranch. The Priefert family personally tests and uses every product they build before sharing it with their friends around the world.

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Be Alert - Eliminate unsafe habits and risky behavior, recognize hazards as they exist and read and follow these Assembly Instructions to successfully install & construct Priefert Ponderosa or Priefert Estate Fence.



READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING.
Follow all safety warnings and recommendations.

Using these Assembly Instructions

These Assembly Instructions are a compilation of engineering data and field experience, and are designed to help you with proper safety, correct installation and adjustments. Read these instructions completely prior to beginning installation, and follow the recommendations to help ensure a safe, durable and quality fencing project.

The information contained herein was current at the time of printing. Your model may vary in design and configuration from those shown in this manual. There is a possibility that some illustrations in our manuals were of prototype models. Design of production models may vary in detail from those shown in our manuals.

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These instructions have been designed to assist you in achieving optimal results with your installation.

Terminology

"Right" or "Left" as used in this manual is determined by facing from the outside of the fence rails unless otherwise stated.

"NOTE:" provides the installer a brief summary of information that will provide assistance during the installation process..

"IMPORTANT:" denotes that the following content has significance in the installation or maintenance of the product.

"REMINDER:" provides information previously addressed, but important enough to address again for product or assembly familiarization.

Owner Assistance

If customer service or repair parts are required, contact Priefert Manufacturing to reach our trained personnel who will assist you with repair parts and product needed to maintain or replace your fence. The parts of your fence have been specifically designed and should only be replaced with genuine Priefert parts. Therefore, should your Priefert Estate Fence require replacement parts, contact our Support Center.

Customer Service

Priefert Manufacturing wants you to be satisfied with your Estate Fence. If for any reason you are not satisfied with the product, the following actions are suggested:

Contact your Priefert dealer and discuss any problems that you may be experiencing. Allow them the opportunity to assist in correcting any problems that you may be experiencing.

For further assistance contact:
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Safety Alert Symbols

The **SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL** indicates there is a potential hazard to personal safety involved and extra safety precaution must be taken. When you see this symbol, be alert and carefully read the message that follows it. In addition to design and configuration of equipment, hazard control and accident prevention are dependent upon the awareness, concern, prudence and proper training of personnel involved in the handling, location, installation, and maintenance of this product.

Owner/installer can prevent, and may be responsible for, accidents or injuries occurring to other people, themselves, and/or property and equipment used during installation.

Thoroughly read and understand the installation instructions, references and other material supplied with this Priefert Fencing. If the installer or handler cannot read English, it is the owner's responsibility to explain this material to them.

We strongly recommend that children are <u>not allowed</u> to operate power tools or equipment during installation of this product. Do not allow untrained people to operate power tools or service equipment.



Priefert advises that individuals installing this product have knowledge of, and experience using any power tools and equipment used during the installation process.



Installation / Operation Safety

- Read and understand the installation instructions completely before installing this product.
- Make sure any individuals installing this product understand the instructions as well.
- Priefert also recommends wearing personal protective clothing while installing this fence, including gloves and safety glasses, as well as, arm, leg, head and foot protection.
- Allow only trained, qualified individuals to operate forklifts, tractors, loaders or other vehicles used during installations; and that those individuals are familiar with the operation of the specific vehicle used during installations.
- Operate electric tools and power equipment only during fair weather conditions.
- Disconnect electric connections when not in use and after installation. Remove all power tools and equipment used during installation upon completion of installation.

BE AWARE OF SIGNAL WORDS: A signal word designates a degree of level of hazard seriousness.

NOTE: Provides helpful information to the operator.

IMPORTANT: Indicates failure to observe may cause damage to equipment.

WARNING: Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury, and includes hazards that are exposed when guards are removed. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.[1]

CAUTION: Indicates an imminently hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices. [1]

DANGER: Indicates an imminently hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. This signal word is limited to the most extreme situations, typically for machine components that, for functional purposes cannot be guarded. [1]

Before You Begin:

1. Obtain any necessary zoning and building permits. There may be local zoning or deed restrictions pertaining to height and type of fence.
2. Determine your property line setback requirements or easements. Verify planned installation meets local regulations.
3. Find surveyors pins or property markers if the fence is to be located on, or near property lines, or have the lot surveyed.
4. Measure fence footage and determine all gate placements.
5. Call 811. 811 is the national “call-before-you-dig” phone number. There is no charge to locate, only a charge for repairing buried utilities, not to mention a potential of personal injury.
6. Be sure to have all the necessary tools, equipment, and supplies required to properly perform the installation.

Tools Required

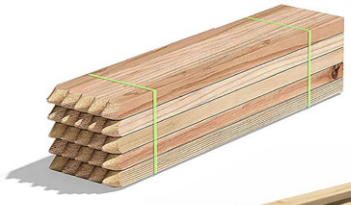


Other Materials you may need

1. Concrete Mix to set Posts
2. Additional Concrete Mix for Gate Posts
3. 1”x 3” Batter Boards and Grade Stakes



Concrete Mix



Grade Stakes



Batter Boards

You may also consider

1. Skidloader or Tractor with an Auger Attachment
2. Cement Mixer for larger concrete batches





Skidloader

Pre-Planning

A Priefert Sales Representative will have gone over the Fence plan to provide all the necessary components for the installation of Priefert Fence. Review all parts and connectors to assure the inclusion of everything needed to properly complete the project. This will consist of Round Wooden or Octagonal Steel Posts, Fence Rail, Assorted End-of-Run Post Connector Inserts (where needed), Gate Clamps (as needed), H-Braces (as needed), Hardware, and Gate Post Bolt-Down Kits.
The following pages contain diagrams of components and usages to assist in the assembly of Priefert Fence.
Study these diagrams prior to beginning installation, being familiar with their usage during layout and assembly.

End-of-Run Post Connector Inserts

Define specific locations of/and need for use of Post Connector Inserts at Gates and corner connections, and note any need at cross-fencing connections where End-of-Run occurs.

RRI190K



Post Connector Insert for use on 3-Rail & 4-Rail Estate or Ponderosa Fence where 45º, 90º, End-of-Run, Intersection, or Gate connection will occur.

RRI190VEK



Post Connector Insert for use on 3, 4, or 5-Rail Estate Fence only, where ±22.5º End-of-Run, Intersection, or Gate connection will occur.

RRI190CEK

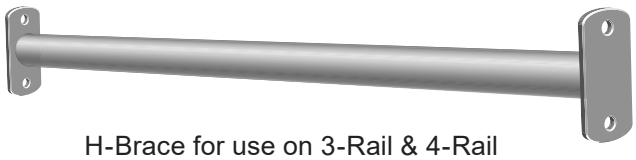


Post Connector Insert for 5-Rail Estate Fence only, where 45º, 90º, End-of-Run, Intersection, or Gate connection will occur.

H-Braces

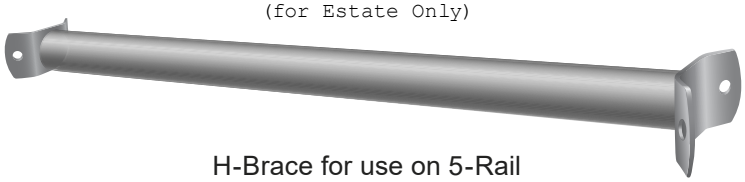
Determine number of Gate locations and sizes. Use to increase strength and prevent gate sag on hinge side.

HBPIPE190EK (for Estate) HBPIPE190K (for Ponderosa)



H-Brace for use on 3-Rail & 4-Rail Estate or Ponderosa Fence where Gate connection will occur. For 10', 12', 14' & 16' Gates Only.

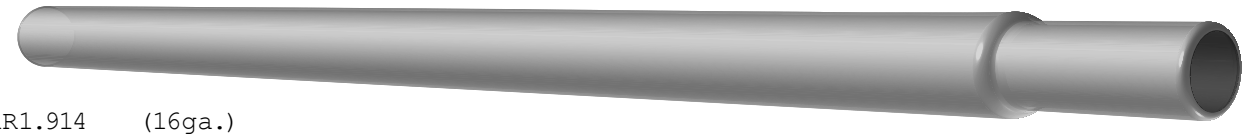
HBPIPE190CEK (for Estate Only)



H-Brace for use on 5-Rail Estate Fence Only where Gate connection will occur. For 10', 12', 14' & 16' Gates Only.

Swedged Fence Rail

Estate or Ponderosa Fence. Calculate fence perimeter by number of rails to determine quantity needed.



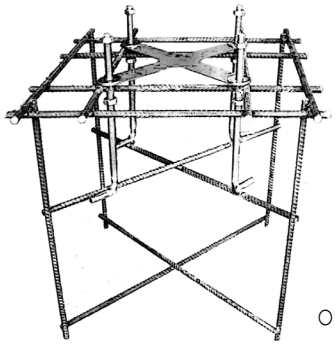
RR1.914 (16ga.)

RRH1.916 (13ga.)

Pre-Planning (cont.)

Estate Fence Gate Post Footing

Determine whether Bolt-down Gate Posts are to be used instead of holed & poured, locations and number of Gates. This may not be necessary for all Gates but should be considered for longer single Gates.



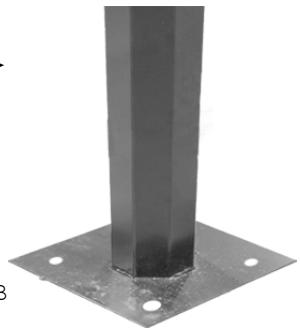
OTGPABW

Full Kit which includes rebar cage with mounting bolts & solid Gate Post with base plate

OTGPBK (54" 3&4-Rail) OTGP5K (67" 5-Rail)

Bolt-Down Gate Post for use with concrete pad and rebar in place of holed & poured Posts.

See Important Information in the Appendix, page 10 for Concrete Pad Grade Elevations



OTGPB

NOTE: Additional information for installation and requirements of Gate Posts follow later in this manual. Please review and be familiar with these procedures before beginning installation.

Post Gate Clamps

Needed at each Gate location for Hinge Post – Specific to Estate or Ponderosa Fence

OTAGHCK



2-Piece Gate Clamp for use on Estate Fence Gate installations.

RRGPC06RK



Gate Bracket for use on Ponderosa Fence Gate installations.

Fence Post Options

Ponderosa Wood Posts, or Octagonal Steel Estate Fence Posts should be on 10’ centers for 3, 4, or 5-Rail installations. Solid Posts are used for corners, End-of-run, Gate Posts, and some cross fencing junctions.

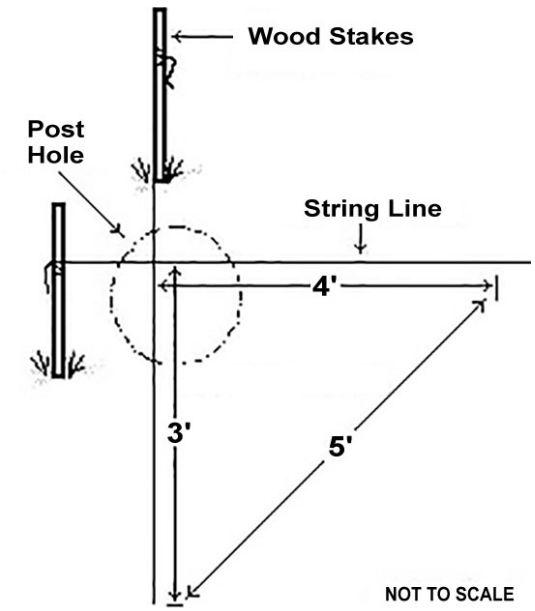
RP090WOODT Solid | RP090WOOD3PT 3-Hole | RP090WOOD4PT 4-Hole | OTPB Solid | OTPI3 3-Hole | OTPI4 4-Hole | OTPI5 5-Hole



Fence Installation 101

This information provides general information to fence installation. Your installation may vary from this information, but the guidelines will be valid for all situations you may encounter during installation. Read and understand this information to know how it will apply to your fence project. (See Appendix for additional information on corners.)

General Guidelines for Straight Line fence construction



Three-Four-Five Triangulation Method to Square Corners

1. Stretch string down two perpendicular sides as shown in drawing.
2. Measure 3' down first run and mark.
3. Measure 4' down second run and mark.
4. Measure diagonally between two marks and adjust end stakes to achieve 5'.

Note: To improve accuracy, use measurements in multiples of 3-4-5, such as 6-8-10, etc.

If a round corner is preferred, see the Appendix section on "How to Calculate a Sweeping Radius." This covers the information needed to properly create a rounded corner.

Determine fence corner and length of first run. Keep initial run to within 100'. Rough-in wood stakes at approximate ends of run. Determine perpendicular run and rough-in stakes at ends of run.

Use "3-4-5 method" above to achieve any desired square corners.

Drive stakes one or two feet beyond where you want the corner post to be located. This will allow you to bore/dig holes without obstructions. It may also allow you to move the string while digging post holes. Be careful not to bump or move stakes. If you remove the stringline to excavate holes, be sure to re-stretch the stringline back to where it was prior to removing it. You may prefer to use Batter Boards to set-up stringlines for centerlines and offsets. (See example at right)

Stretch stringline tight between the stakes. This string will represent the outer location of the fence and serve as a guide as you set posts. Posts will be set in concrete approximately 5" inside stringline.

Intermediate stakes for stringline may be required for longer stretches of fence. Be sure to pull stringline taunt to prevent sagging. A taunt stringline prevents the run from varying.

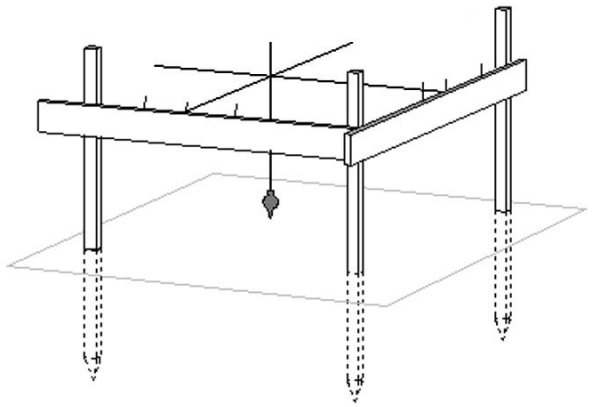
Determine location of gate posts along the first run, and mark their location with spray paint. Attempt to locate gates at a multiple of 10' from corners. Posts should be spaced 10 feet apart. Next measure each run of fence. Mark 10' spacings from corner post on stringline.
If necessary for visual appeal, you may want to adjust posts to space them evenly between gates and corners, but attempt to maintain 10' spacing.

See Appendix for additional information on Gate Posts

Using Batter Boards for multiple Stringlines

Use a plumb bob to locate point below stringline

**Clearly mark what various nails are for.
i.e. Posthole centers, Rail Offset, etc.**



Fence Assembly Guidelines

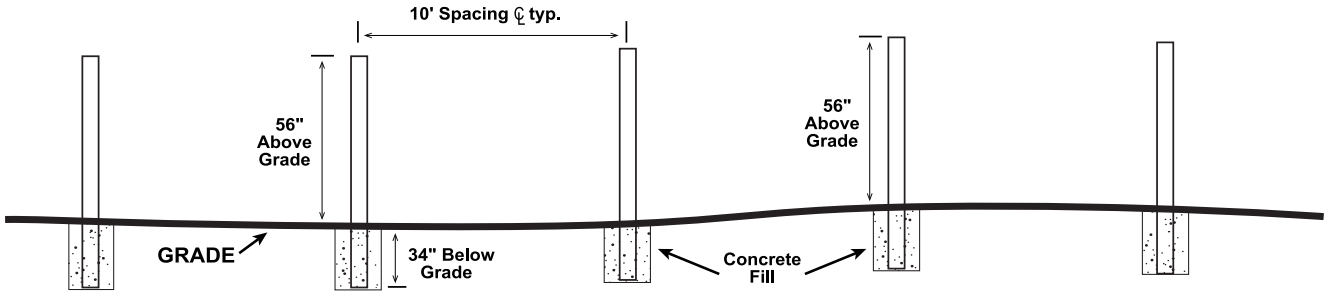
Unless the area you are fencing is flat and level, your fence should follow the contour of the land. The following information will provide guidelines on setting posts so the fence will follow the variations in the ground elevations.

Guidelines for Setting Fence Posts

1. Depending on the geographical location & varying ground elevation, hole sizes may vary. In general, for a level run, bore/dig holes 12" in diameter by at least 34" deep to maintain 56" of post above ground level (66" on 5-Rail). On steeper inclines, it may be necessary to adjust the height of posts in a run to account for the increased angle to prevent "stair-stepping".
Note: Typically, gate post holes are dug larger in diameter and somewhat deeper, to withstand the additional stress of a moving gate. This would require twice the hole diameter to allow additional concrete. A footer may be used instead to anchor gate posts for increased stability. ***See Appendix for additional information to calculate Gate Post installation.***

2. The stringline should be moved temporarily, or moved to offset nail on Batter Boards, prior to digging post holes to prevent cutting it. Be sure to replace it as it was originally stretched.

3. Re-stretch stringline and check hole location. Add or remove dirt to at least a 34" depth. Adjust hole location if necessary. Move the hole slightly to miss any obstructions. This will change your post spacing. If you must move it more than a few feet, consider installing an extra post midway in the enlarged space. Other ways of dealing with obstructions include cutting or altering posts below ground level, or welding plates onto the posts to anchor to large rocks.



POSTS FOLLOWING GROUND CONTOUR

4. Set Posts

Method 1 (Best for Ponderosa Posts)

Stick Posts. Push the post into the loose dirt in the center of the hole. Tamp or add dirt to set the post to the proper height of 56" above grade.

Empty bag of concrete mix into each hole, add water and mix with sharp-shooter shovel. Backfill with dirt and step on the backfill to hold the post to height. Plumb in all directions. Sight align all posts as you go, or match offset stringline. If necessary, use a stick of Fence Rail to align holes in Posts. Repeat for all posts in this run.

Method 2 (Easier for Estate Posts)

Mix concrete and pour into holes, leave the concrete down 3-4" below ground level. Mix and pour only as many holes as you can stick posts before concrete begins to set.

Stick Posts. Simply push the post into the cement mix in the center of the hole. This is actually easier than pouring around the post, and assures there is concrete in the post as well as around it.

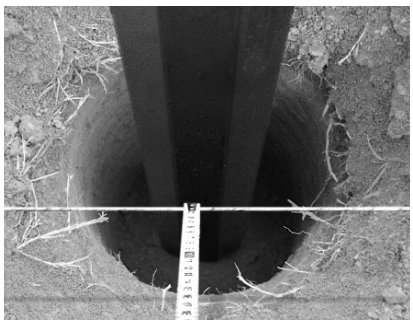
Adjust to proper 56" height above grade. Backfill with dirt and step on the backfill to hold the post to height. Plumb in all directions. Sight align all posts as you go, or match offset stringline. If necessary, use a stick of Fence Rail to align holes in Posts. Repeat for all posts in this run.

5. Let concrete set for at least 24 hours before continuing installation.

IMPORTANT
Prior to digging/boring any postholes, measure along stringline, plumb down, & spray the ground with marking paint. Check hole location prior to filling with concrete mix.

If Grade stakes were used, the hole should be directly under the stringline. If using Batter Boards, move the stringline to the offset after marking hole location (Pg 5).

After digging the hole, the post should be centered in the concrete footing. If necessary put post in empty hole and check with a level. The post should be plumb to the string within 1/8"-1/4" clearance.



Fence Assembly Guidelines

Select the starting location to begin the first run, usually where the first Posts were set. The following information provides guidance through assembling Rails through Posts, and connecting Rails to one another at End-of-Run Posts.

Guidelines for 3-Rail & 4-Rail Fence Assembly

1. Use a framing square across the top of the first post in the run, measure down & mark 5" (Fig. 1). This is the relative centerline of the top Post Connector for 3-Rail & 4-Rail Fence Posts. Measure an additional 12" down for each of the remaining Post Connectors in this run of fence. Do this for all Posts at the beginning and end-of-runs.
2. Locate top Post Connector (RRI190) and attach with 2 self-tapping screws. Repeat for remaining Connectors on this Post. It may be necessary to slide Rails through the second Post in the run to get the proper alignment on the first Post due to odd angles or changes in ground elevation (Fig. 2).

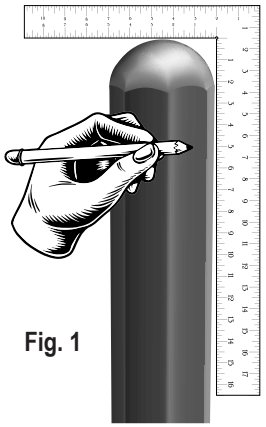


Fig. 1

NOTE: For 5-Rail Fence, the centerline of the top Post Connector will locate at 2½" down from top, and use RRI1905ETK. (See Appendix, page 11 for Connectors on various angles).

3. Slide Rails through second Post in run, onto Post connectors of first Post, Swedge end out (Fig.2). Then slide Rails through third Post and onto Swedge end of previous Rail. Bump end with rubber mallet to fit snugly (Fig. 3). Continue this throughout the entire run.

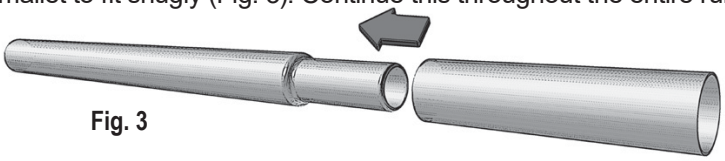


Fig. 3

4. The last set of Rails in the run will have to be cut to fit the last Post of the run (Fig. 4). Measure from the flaired edge of the Swedge to the inside edge of the last post. Cut Rails with enough space (approx. ½") to allow the Post Connector to slide into the Rail and onto the edge of the Post. Be sure to leave enough room to move connectors into place with Octagonal Posts at odd angles. (See Appendix Pg. 11) Slide Post Connector into the end of Rail, move Rail into position, and fasten with self-tapping screws (Fig. 5). Repeat with remaining Rails in the run.



Fig. 2
First Post in Run

Measure, Mark & Cut Rail ½" short of Post

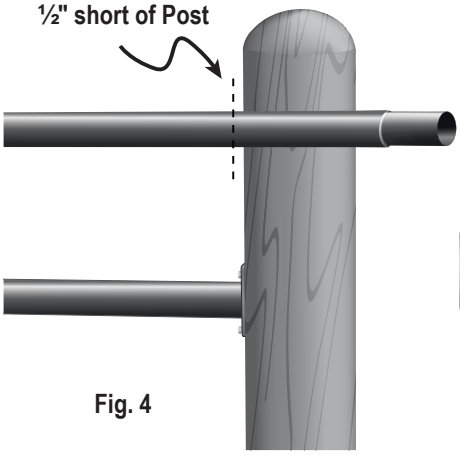


Fig. 4

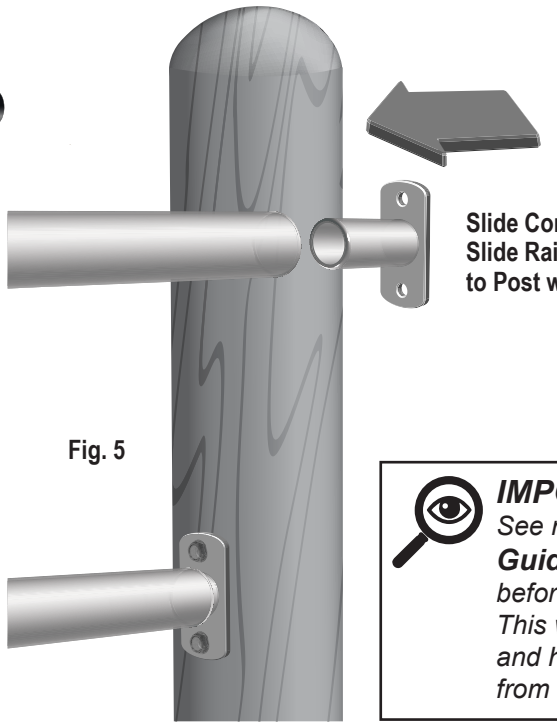


Fig. 5

Slide Connector into end of Rail. Slide Rail into place and attach to Post with self-tapping screws.

NOTE
Additional stability can be achieved by using self-tapping screws to connect rails at swedge and Post Connectors, especially by cross-fencing and corners.

IMPORTANT
See next section,
Guidelines for Gate Installation*, before completing runs by Gate Posts. This will describe the use of H-Braces and how to prevent tight angled rails from interfering with gate swing.*

Fence Assembly Guidelines (cont.)

Gates and entries should be determined during the initial fence layout. Gate posts usually require additional preparation, different foundational requirements or fence offsets. See the Appendix for information crucial to gate post and entryways.

Guidelines for Gate Installation

From the information on pg. 7 and guidelines in the Appendix pg. 9, locations for gates and entryways has been determined. This section will provide information on the installation of gate clamps and hinges. Be sure that concrete has fully cured before beginning any gate installation.

IMPORTANT
Fence rails must be installed so they do not interfere with swing of the gate. Make sure guidelines in the Appendix meet the intended installation of Posts.

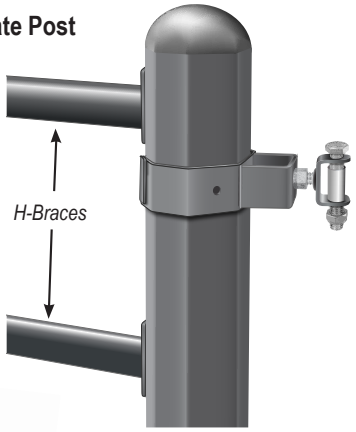
Rails that tie into gate posts must attach to the side opposite of the gate. Any angle of intersection less than 22.5° can interfere with gate swing. Measure & cut rails to the run-side of the post. Use appropriate Post Connector for the angle of intersection with the gate Post. H-Braces ***should*** be used for the hinge-side Gate Post (Pg. 9). This will improve the stability of the Gate, regardless of whether the Post is bolt-anchored or simply concreted. **This applies for both Estate & Ponderosa Gates.**
See the following for installing Gate Clamps & Hinges.

1. Use the 2-piece Gate Clamp to install Estate Gates (See Fig. 6 & 7). Use the Gate Hinge Bracket to install Ponderosa Gates. (See Fig. 6 & 9) Do not use the threaded J-bolt which came with the gate.

2a. On **Estate Fence**, locate Gate Clamp between the upper two (2) rails and around gate post, then tighten with Clamp Retaining Bolt (Fig. 7). Repeat for bottom clamp. Hang gate using Gate Clamp Hinge Bolt. Be sure to use plastic bushing and insert bolt. Snug, but do not tighten.

When hanging gate, loosen the retaining bolt and adjust the gate height, up or down, to align with the top fence rail (Fig. 8). Once aligned, retighten to hold the gate in place. Repeat for bottom clamp. Fasten clamps to post with self-tapping screw. Level gate alignment using adjusting bolt.

Fig. 6 Gate Post



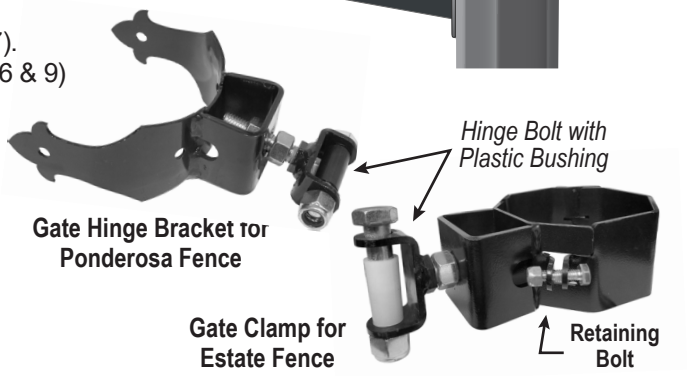


Fig. 7 Gate Hinge Bracket & Clamp

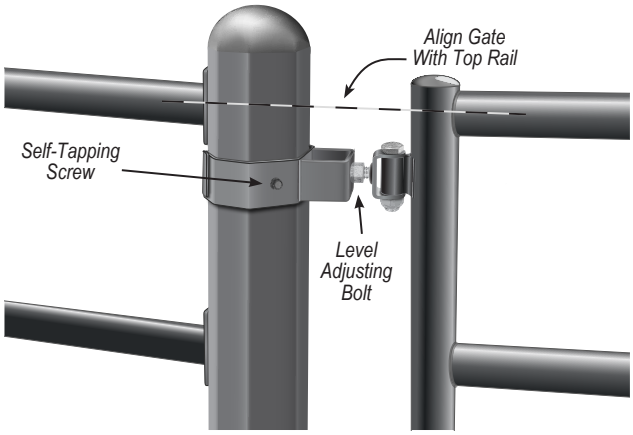


Fig. 8 Estate Fence Gate Adjustments

2b. On **Ponderosa Fence**, Gate Hinge Bracket should locate approximately 9" below top of Gate Post (Fig. 9). This distance should be 4" below centerline of Top Rail. Attach to Post with one (1) inner Lag Bolt and check alignment. Be sure to use plastic bushing and insert bolt. When aligned, attach other three (3) Lag Bolts. Level gate alignment using adjusting bolt.

With assistance of another person, it may be helpful to attach the Hinge Bracket to the gate first, then hold the Gate to the proper alignment and mark the Lag Bolt positions. Drill pilot holes for Lag Bolts to attach Hinge Bracket.

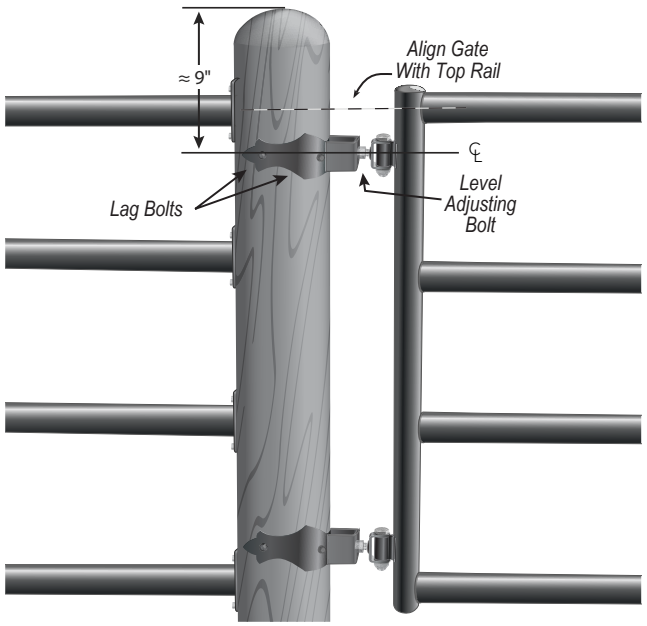


Fig. 9 Ponderosa Fence Gate Adjustments

NOTE: Gate Installation is easier with assistance of another person.

Appendix

Various illustrations to assist with your fence project.

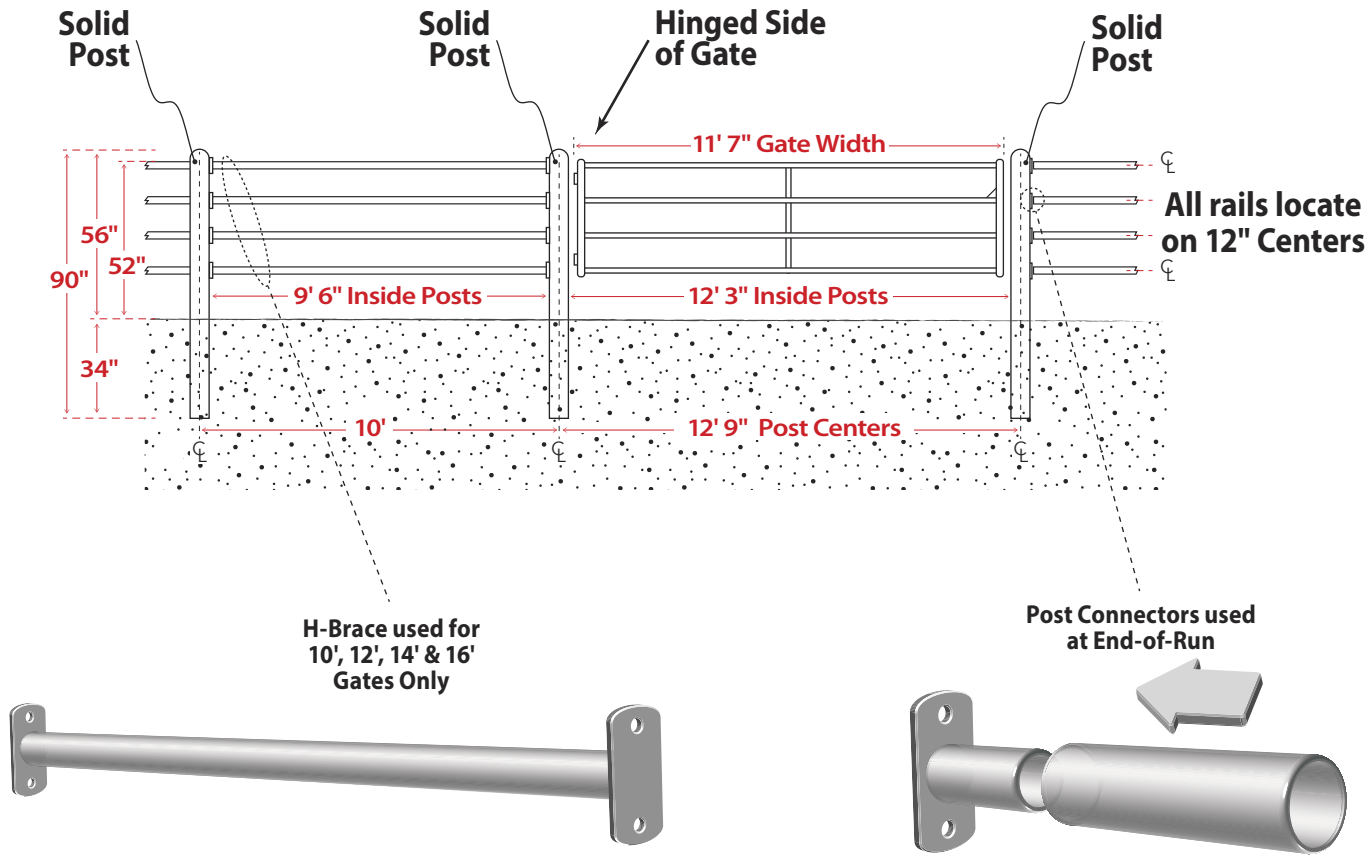
Gate Installation Variations

Dimensions for Gate Spacing on this page will apply for Ponderosa Fence with 6" or 12" diameter Posts, and Estate Fence with "Bolt-down" Gate Posts & reinforced footings, or simple oversized concrete footings. This diagram shows dimensions for 12' Gates. Allow 3" extra between Posts at Gates. (i.e. 14' Gate, allow 14' 3".)

> ***Calculate all Gate installations prior to digging holes and setting Posts.***

IMPORTANT
It is generally understood that gate posts require a considerably greater footing to support the extra stress of a swinging gate. This can be a larger/deeper hole around the post, or a reinforced footing with rebar.
See page 4 and the following Appendix (Pg.10) for setting rebar footings.

Example of 4-Rail Gate Layout w/H-Braces



NOTE: H-Braces and Post Connectors may vary depending on installation. See pgs. 3 & 4 for explanations.

GATE POST SPACING

When setting Gate Posts, be sure to allow the proper spacing between posts for gates to swing correctly. Extra spacing is required to allow for Hinge Clamps, latches, etc.

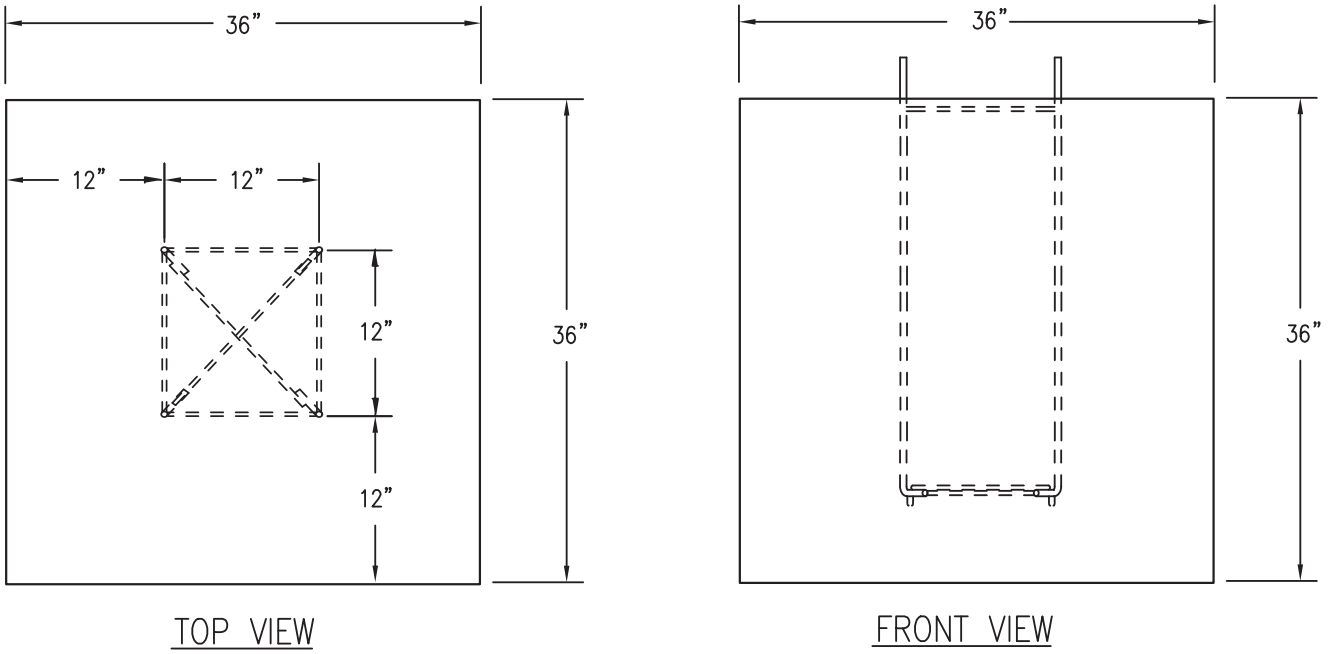
For Ponderosa/Estate Gate, allow an extra 3" between Gate Posts.
For example, a 10' Gate will require 10'-3" between posts. 16' Gates will require 16'-3" between posts.

Appendix

Various illustrations to assist with your fence project.

Dimensions for Gate Post Footing with Estate Fence

Use these diagrams if a footing and "Bolt-down" Gate Post is to be used for installation.



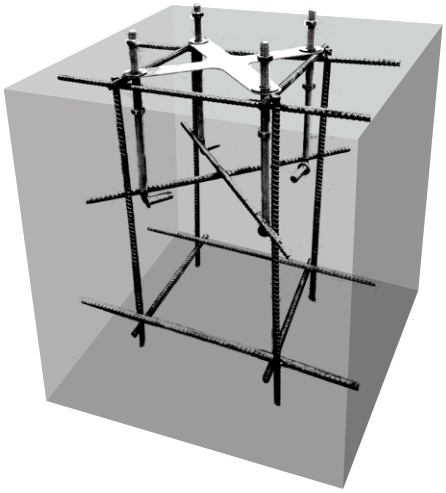
GATE POST FOOTING DIMENSIONS

NOT TO SCALE

IMPORTANT

For 3-Rail and 4-Rail applications (54" Gate Post), Concrete Footing should be 2" above grade elevation. (See image below)

For 5-Rail applications (67" Gate Post) Concrete Footing should be 1" BELOW grade elevation, especially when used in arena situations.

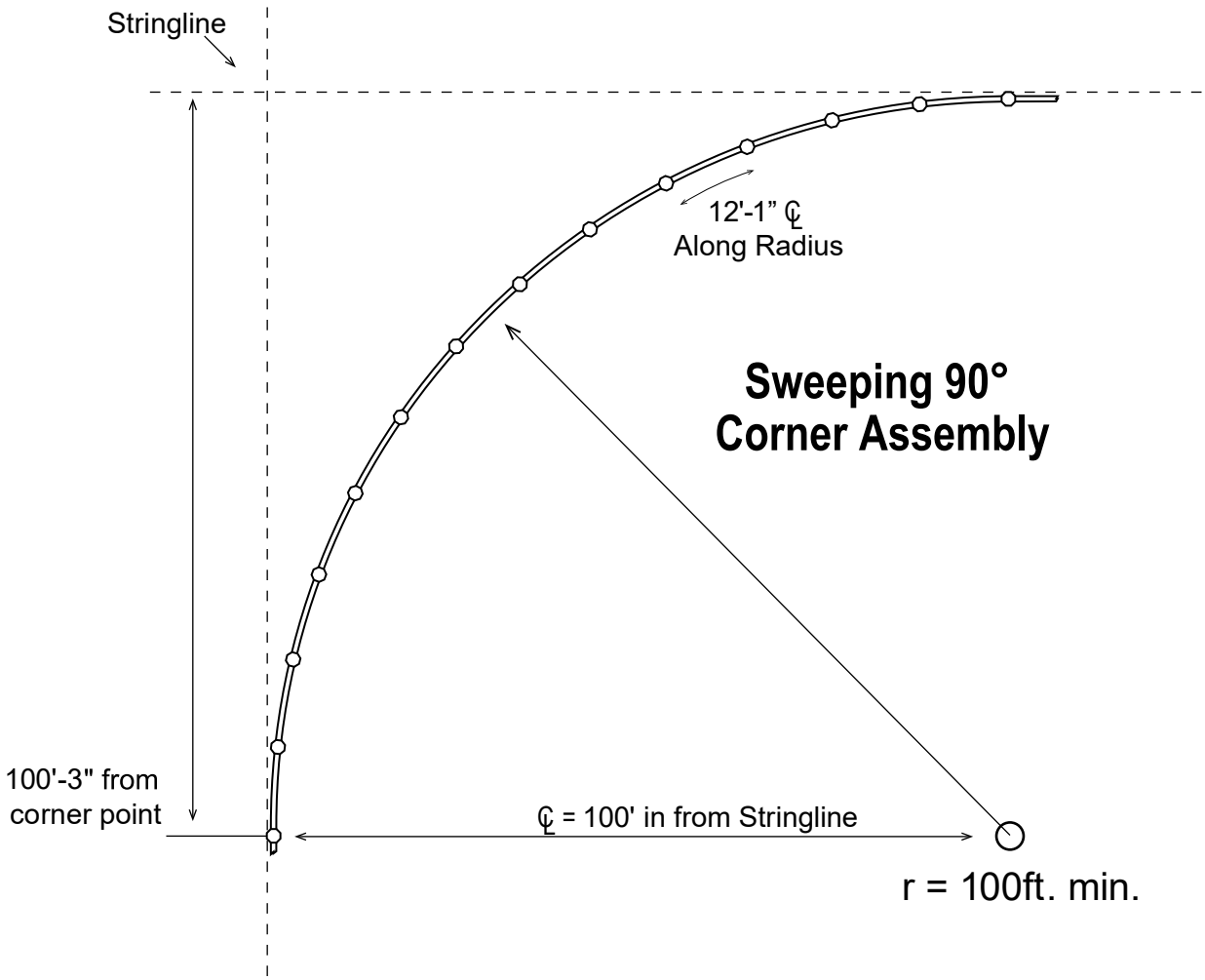


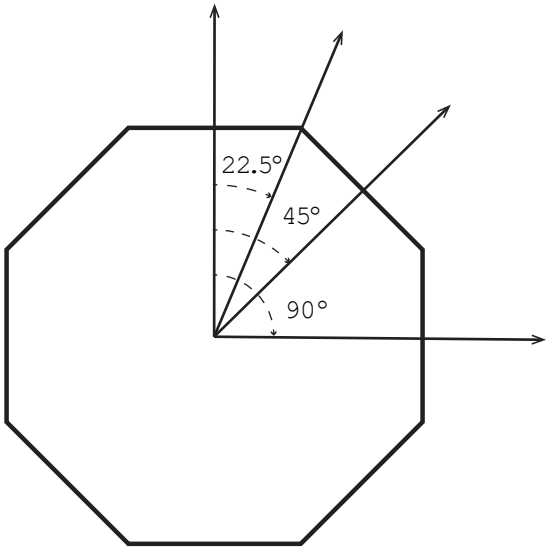


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Various illustrations to assist with your fence project.

Calculating a Corner Radius





Octagonal Steel Posts can be used for multiple angle connections. Be aware prior to installation any odd angles other than 90° and plan accordingly.

Page 3 shows three options of Post Connector to allow connections in various directions. This is useful especially with cross fencing at different angles.

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