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Model

VistaWall Horizontal Slat  
 Panel 1200mm  
 FVHLFP1218

For use on Swimming Pools, External Balconies or Retaining Walls, please refer to our Producer Statments for further specifications.

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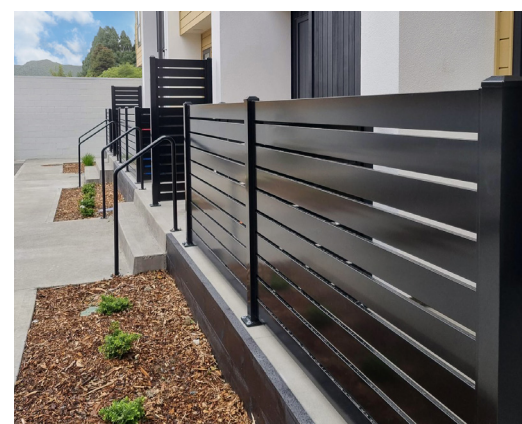
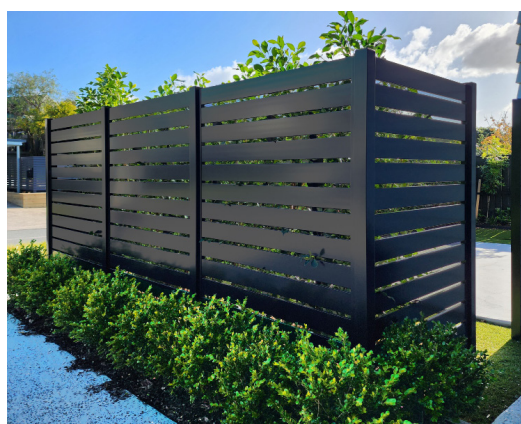
<b>Channel profile</b>	30x30x1160mm channel	<b>Channel fixing</b>	Aluminium end channel fixed with tek screws hidden under channel cover
<b>Slat profile</b>	100x16x1780mm slat	<b>Post caps</b>	Internal plastic caps for end channel 65x65mm posts have either internal or external cap option
<b>Panel length</b>	1800x1160mm	<b>Flanged post</b>	65x65x1300mm (125mm square flange) M12 fixings
		<b>Inground post</b>	65x65x1800mm

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# VISTAWALL INSTALLATION GUIDE - SLAT

A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO INSTALLING YOUR FENCE





# INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing Fentec Aluminium range. This product will provide you with many years of trouble free protection if installed in accordance with the directions outlined in this document.

The recommendations detailed in this guide are formulated along the lines of good building practice. They are not intended to be an exhaustive statement of all the relevant data.

If you have any questions, please contact our Technical Team on 0800 002 725. We are always happy to help in any way we can.

## BEFORE YOU START, READ THIS

- ✓ This guide does not apply to any fences over 1.8m in height. If your fence is greater than 1.8m, please seek further advice from Fentec.
- ✓ Describe your site details when ordering materials.
- ✓ Identify your soil type/ground conditions. Refer to the table in Step 2. This will determine the concrete and footing details required.
- ✓ Make sure you are aware of underground services before you start digging! These could be gas, electricity, or water mains. Call your local council for more information.
- ✓ Check your local council regulations on boundary fencing.
- ✓ Check the delivered material for the correct number of components and general condition before beginning your installation.

## TOOLS LIST

- Make sure you choose the right tools before start installing your fence.

### TOOLS

- Tape Measure
- Spade
- Shovel
- Level
- String Line
- Concrete

### OPTIONAL

- Powered Auger - 300mm diameter
- Hacksaw or powered metal cutting saw
- Laser-level

### SAFETY GEAR

minimum required

- Safety Boots
- Gloves
- Helmet
- Eye Protection
- Hearing Protection
- Sun Protection



It is recommended that the reader pays particular attention to those items identified as IMPORTANT in this manual to ensure satisfactory long-term performance.

# COMPONENTS LIST

Required for this product

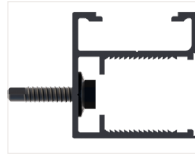
These items below are not included but one type of post and cap are required for installation.



100 X 16 x 1780mm Slat



18mm Slat spacer



30 X 30 Slat channel



Tek screws



Channel cover clip



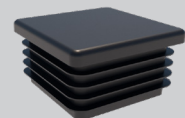
Channel ends caps, left & right



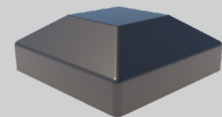
65 X 65 in-ground post



65 X 65 flanged post



Plastic knock in cap



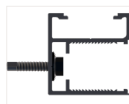
Aluminium post cap

## Conversion kit components

To change the orientation of your fence



100 X 16 x 1780mm Slat



30 X 30 Slat channel



Tek screws

# A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO INSTALLATION

## STEP 1 - LAYOUT YOUR FENCE-LINE

- ✓ Determine and mark any legal boundaries and/or underground services.
- ✓ Measure out each fence-line and mark the post positions.
- ✓ Determine post centres as follows:
- ✓ If the fenceline length does not work out as multiples of the standard panel length - adjust the length of the last section, or the last few sections, to suit and cut panels to fit.
- ✓ Use a string line or laser-level to make sure any straight lines are aligned.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Panel Length} \\ + \\ \text{Post Size} \\ \hline = \\ \text{POST CENTRE} \end{array}$$

e.g. 1800mm + 65mm = 1865mm

## STEP 2 - DIG POST HOLES

Dig post holes using hand tools and/or a powered auger. See Tables A & B for required post-hole dimensions and depths

Required post-hole depth into firm earth or clay

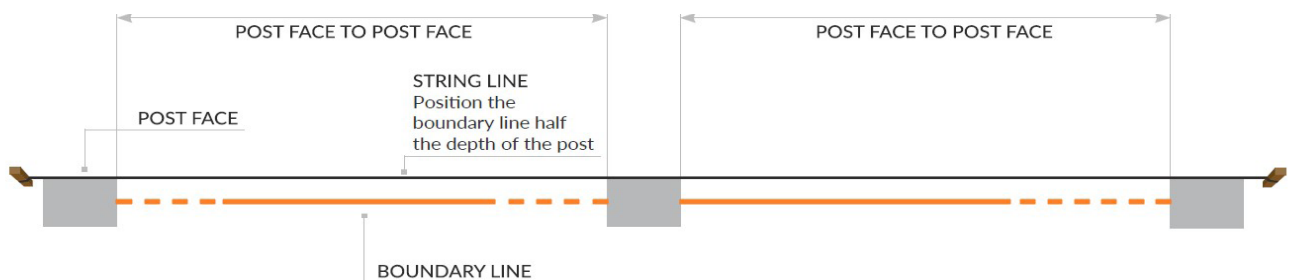
Wall Height	Post hole depth
900mm	450mm
1200mm	550mm
1500mm	600mm
1800mm	600mm

### Notes:

For higher walls, you will need engineering advice beyond the scope of this publication  
The diameter of your holes should be large enough to have a minimum of 75mm clearance around the post  
Please note that 1800mm is the standard height. Heights lower than 1800mm can be done using these components, with wastage.

Recommended footing depths listed in this table are for wind regions A & B, plus terrain categories 2.0, 2.5 & 3. If you are building your fence in a cyclonic wind area, on top of a hill, adjacent to an escarpment, on a ridge or in terrain category 1, you will need engineering advice beyond the scope of this publication

## MARKING OUT YOUR POST HOLES



### Standard 'post centre to post centre' guide

The table above allows you to work out what your post centres will be. If you have 1780mm slat [allowing for 10mm either side of the channel] and you are using 65x65mm posts, then you will have an 1865mm post centre to post centre. This also shows the in-between measurements, should you be fitting your slat between posts other than a 65x65mm profile, i.e., timber posts or concrete blocks

## STEP 3 - INSTALLING THE POSTS IN GROUND

**3.1** Place the post into the hole and set the height carefully using a tape measure, or preferably a laser level.

**CAUTION:** Ensure you allow enough height on the post to allow for: panel height + ground clearance (suggest 50-100mm) + additional 10mm clearance for the external cap.

**3.2** Fill the hole with concrete around the post taking care to keep the post in the correct position.

**3.3** Check with a spirit-level regularly to ensure the post is plumb.

**3.4** Ensure the post remains square to the fenceline and does not turn as you lace concrete around it.

**3.5** Repeat Steps 3.1 to 3.4 for all posts.

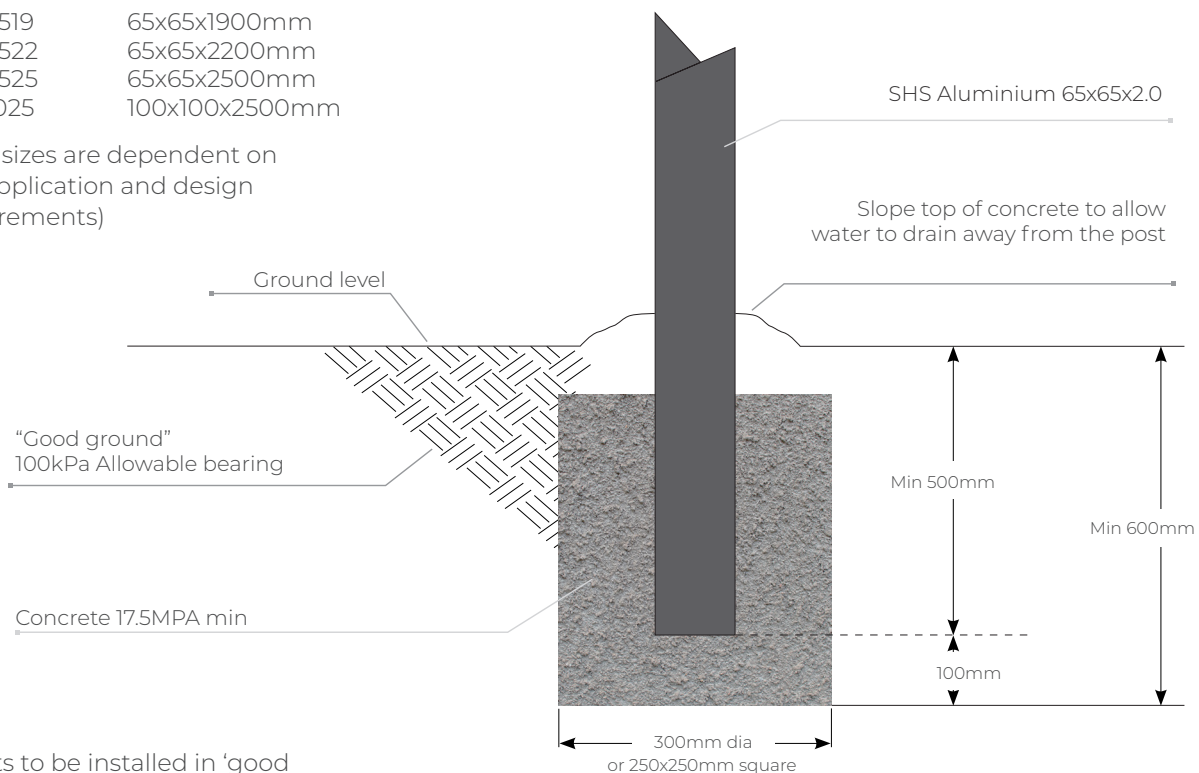
**3.6** Set the spacing of the posts at the length of the panel, plus approx 5mm clearance (as per STEP 1).

**TIP:** cut a spacer-stick out of timber at the correct length between posts.

### IN-GROUND POST:

FAP6519	65x65x1900mm
FAP6522	65x65x2200mm
FAP6525	65x65x2500mm
FAP1025	100x100x2500mm

(Post sizes are dependent on the application and design requirements)



\*Posts to be installed in 'good ground' as defined by NZS3604

### NOTES:

✓ For standard 65x65 aluminium posts, a fairly dry concrete mix can be used which will hold the post in place without any bracing while the concrete dries. However, the site must be re-visited before concrete sets firm to recheck post alignment and correct if required.

✓ Any heavier posts (e.g. gate posts) should be concreted in place and braced until the concrete is dry.

✓ If the fenceline follows any contours in the land or the fenceline is curved, regularly check the height of the posts as you work down the line to ensure a good visual line along the top of the fence.

## STEP 4 - INSTALLING POSTS, BOLT-DOWN OPTION

**4.1** Ensure the surface you are bolting the post to is firm, level, and clean. (See Figure below)

### BOLT-DOWN POST:

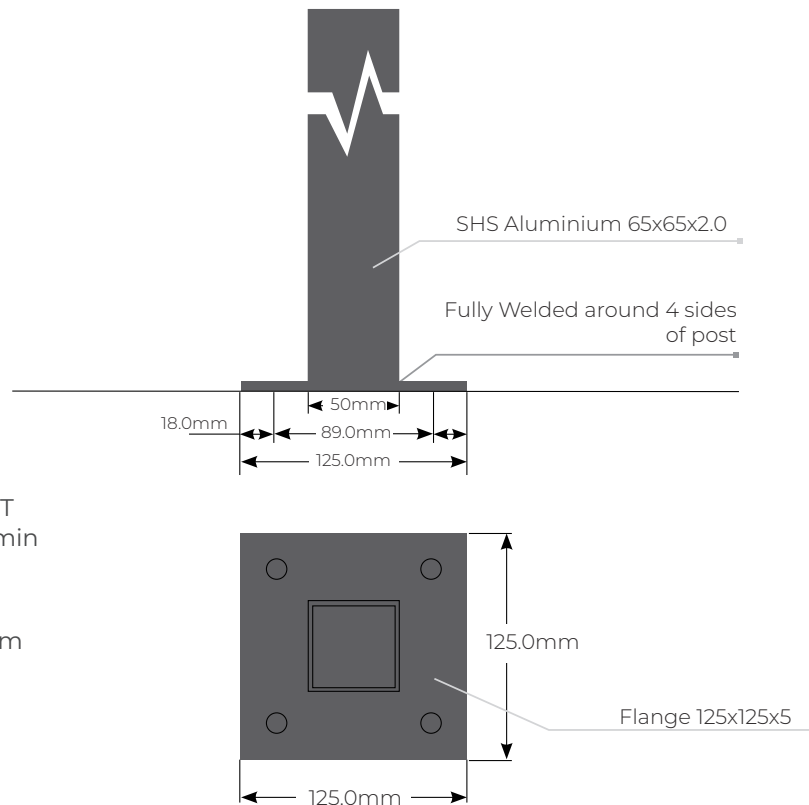
FAF6513 65x65x1300mm  
FAF6519 65x65x1900mm

(Post sizes are dependent on the application and design requirements)

### Fixings: (indicative)

In concrete: 4 x M12 HILTI HST stud anchors or similar with min 70mm embedment.

In timber: 4 x 12mm coachscrews with min 120mm embedment.



**4.2** Fix the posts in place with four fixings of the correct type for the situation.

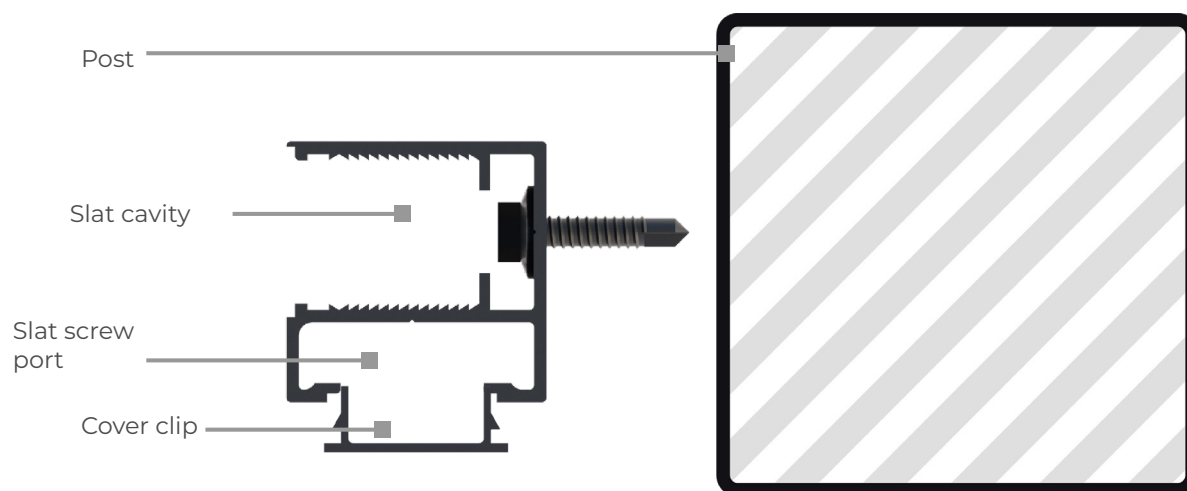
## STEP 5 - SLAT CHANNEL INSTALLATION

**5.1** If your channels are not the desired length then these will need to be cut, ideally, with a dropsaw to obtain a clean cut without heating the aluminium to a point that it burns the powdercoating.

With the use of a tape measure, string line/chalk line, or if you have access to a laser level, you can mark the heights of the top of your slat channel on your posts.

**Note:** If your site has sloping ground it may be required to step your fence from bay to bay. Once a height has been established for all of your channels, with the tek screws supplied, screw your channel directly to your post whilst keeping the top of your channel at the marks you have made on your post.

Your screws should be approximately 300-400mm apart down the length of your channel.



**Note:**

Make sure the post is elevated 10mm higher than the channel to allow for a post cap the slat channel is asymmetrical.

To ensure your fence aesthetically looks correct, make sure the 'screw port side' is all facing the same direction (generally on the inside of your property looks best).



## STEP 5 - SLAT CHANNEL INSTALLATION CONT.

### 5.2 Fitting Slats

See *vertical conversion guide on pg 10* to change the orientation of your fence.

Depending on the height of your slat wall and the number of slats you have, these factors will determine the slat spacings required for your fence. Typically with the full use of this fence, the 100mm x 16mm slat we would work on 1 slat per 118mm, thus giving you a 18mm gap between each slat.

If you are doing a lower height than 1800mm or using custom spacings, you will need to divide the height of your wall into the number of slats you have to obtain the spacings for each slat.  
E.g. 1500mm high wall with 12 slats = 125mm spacings (25mm between each slat)

Two methods can be used to set your slats out.

- The first is to use the spacer provided which is fixed at 18mm and clips into the channel between each slat and fix each slat individually through the side of the slat channel every 118mm.
- The second is to cut your own spacer blocks (can be from anything, Wood or Plastic) and once the first slat has been screwed in place the spacers will be used to separate the slats from one to the next, at your own custom spacings.

**Note:** It is important to maintain both parallel and level within each bay. This will ensure a straight looking fence. This can be achieved by using a tape measure to check for the 'parallel' with either the top of the channel or your starting point.



**Important:** We do not recommend the slats be fitted with less than 5mm gaps between each slat. This may cause capillary action and cause corrosion to the slat system.

## STEP 6 - COVER CLIP INSTALLATION

### 6.1 Insert channel cover clip and channel caps

Once all your slats have been assembled you can now install the "Cover Clip" to the channel to hide all visible fixings.

Make sure the cover clip is the same length as your "Slat Channel" then you are ready to go.

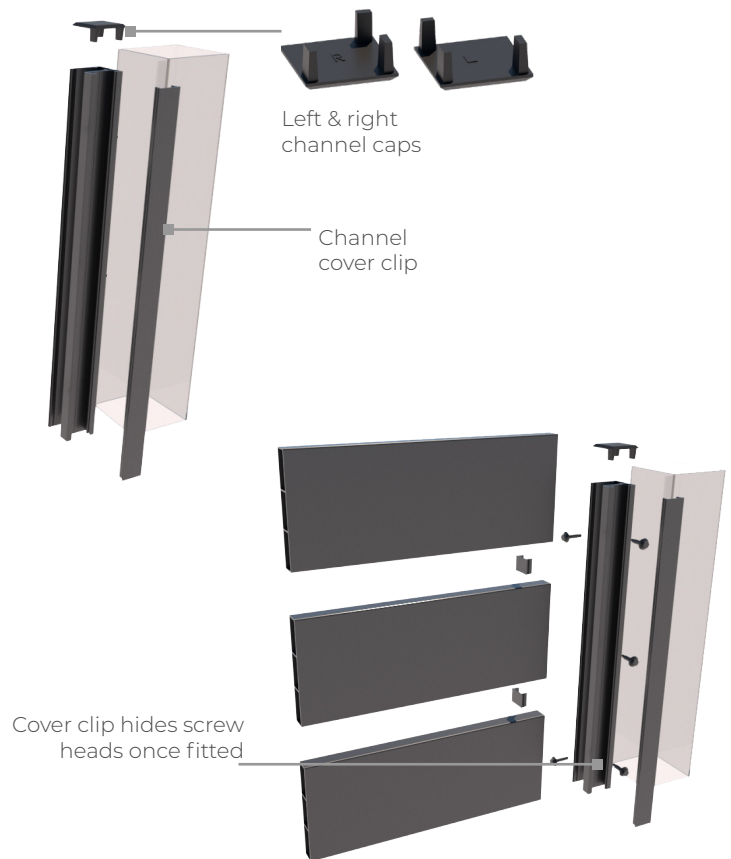
The easiest way to do this is to use either a rubber mallet or the rubber handle of your hammer. Insert one edge of the cover clip into the channel then with the rubber mallet/hammer handle from either the top or bottom, Tap the other edge firmly, this will clip it into place. Work your way to the other end until it is all secured in place.

Once all the slats have been installed, we have an optional cap to cover the profile of the slat channel. These consist of a left and right hand cap.

Caps are just inserted onto the top of the channel.

**Important:** It is important that the object you use to tap the cover clip in with won't damage the powder coating.

Do not use the metal part of your hammer, this will cause scratches or dents.



# VERTICAL CONVERSION GUIDE

## How to Convert the orientation of your VistaWall Slat fence

### Important:

Please read thoroughly before commencing with installation

#### Cutting of components prior to install - this will need to be done on-site with a drop saw

The maximum panel height is 1755mm.

All vertical slats will need to be cut to achieve your desired fence height.

This is based on your vertical channel minus bottom horizontal slat of 100mm minus top/bottom channel (allow 20mm).

**Note:** This is critical to avoid any excess cutting

See table below as an example for 1755mm high panel

Panel Height	=	Bottom Slat	+	Top/Bottom channels	+	Slat Length
e.g. 1755mm	=	100mm	+	allow 20mm	+	1630mm

The bottom slat length is determined by post-to-post measurement minus 20mm for vertical channels.

e.g., final measurement of bottom slat will be 1755mm for a 1775mm panel width.

Trim the bottom channel to the total length of the exposed slat between posts.

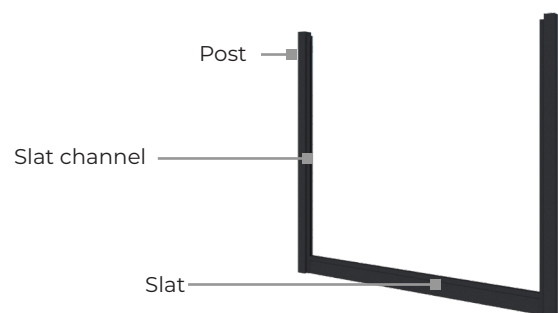
## Installation

### Fitting bottom slat

Depending on the total width of the bay, the maximum post width face to face is 1775mm with 18mm spacers between slats.

Once posts are installed, and vertical channels are fixed off, the horizontal slat will need to be screw fixed on either end.

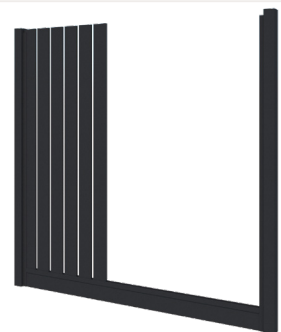
Screw fix the channel to the top of the slat, this will become the base of the vertical slats.



### Fitting vertical slats

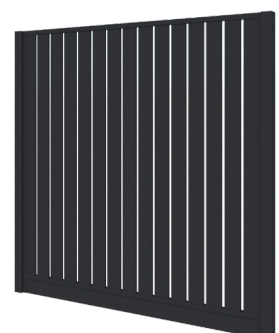
Starting from one side, fix one slat against one side and work across using the 18mm spacers provided.

Tip: use a strap or similar close to the top of the post to secure the slats prior to fitting the top cap



### Fitting top cap

After fitting all the slats, place the top cap across and screw fit to secure the fence



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is the best method to cut aluminium?

For the best results, use a drop saw with an aluminium cutting blade. This will create a clean, square cut. A grinder is acceptable, provided you use a thin metal cutting blade to reduce the risk of burning the powdercoat.

## Can this be installed in coastal areas?

Yes, we have a 5 year warranty on our products. If you are in a coastal zone then an increase of cleaning and maintenance will be required.

We do not recommend the product to be in direct contact with salt water.

## What do I do if I have hard water?

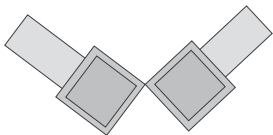
Regular cleaning of your fence will be required to help prevent water spots from appearing. Hard water is corrosive to the powder coating, therefore neglect will cause deterioration to your fence.

## Can this be used for a balustrade?

No, currently, this has not been tested for balustrade purposes.

## How do I set up my posts around angles?

You will need two posts for this. The channel system is required to be square to the posts and slats. This can only be done with two posts side by side.



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