

# Load Bearing Decorative Capitals / Installation Instructions

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## A. PARTS AND SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR INSTALLATION

### Hardware not included:

The following will need to be purchased before beginning installation.

- Standard construction adhesive
- Mineral spirits - for cleaning
- High quality primer and topcoat paint

## B. PREPARATION

1. General – Good industrial / construction hygiene practices demand that when grinding, cutting, or sanding our products, you must work in a well-ventilated area and wear protective safety equipment, such as gloves, safety glasses and a MSHA/NIOSH approved respirator.

**NOTE: Decorative Capitals are load bearing to meet the level of load bearing capacity of the column.**

## C. INSTALLATION OF DECORATIVE CAPITALS

**NOTE: Steel and wooden plugs are not needed for installation of Decorative Capitals – except where noted in product specifications. See separate installation instructions for Non-Load Bearing Capitals.**

1. Before installing the decorative capital, cut the column at the top of the shaft just above the neck ring. Cut within 1/8" from the neck ring and belt sand flush to finish (see Fig. A).
2. **Before cutting the bottom of the column shaft** – measure the opening where the column will be installed. When calculating the overall height required be sure to include the height of the capital. Trim the column shaft bottom to fit the height of the opening.

**NOTE: Column may be trimmed using an abrasive saw blade or a fine-toothed hand saw. The capital may be trimmed using a Sawzall® with a 10" / 14" tooth saw blade.**

3. Apply a good grade of construction adhesive between the top of the column shaft and the bottom of the capital (see Fig. B).
4. Center the capital on the top of the column. Remove any excess adhesive.
5. Countersink three [3] screw holes below the neck ring up through the base of the capital. Screws should be long enough to penetrate the base of the capital (see Fig. B).
6. Secure the capital with three galvanized or stainless steel [rust-proof] screws. Do not over tighten.
7. Raise soffit and slide assembled column with attached capital into place. Follow the column manufacturer's installation instructions.

## D. INSTALLATION OF SPLIT COLUMNS AND CAPITALS

**NOTE: Split columns and split capitals are not load bearing.**

1. Join the two capital half's using a good grade of construction adhesive. Caulk all seems and finish as described below.

## E. FINISHING

1. Finish by caulking all seams and drill holes.
2. Repairs to the capital may be made using automotive adhesive such as Bondo®.
3. Apply a high quality primer to both the column and capital.
4. Finish with a premium grade of topcoat paint (see Fig. C).

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## OTHER INFORMATION

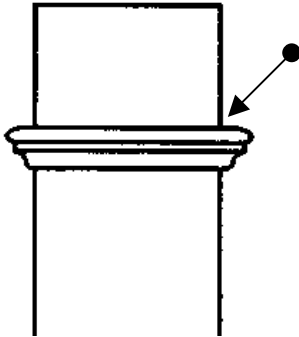
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It is always advisable to check your local building codes before starting construction. If you have any questions regarding these installation instructions and your local building code requirements, please contact Timeless before starting installation.

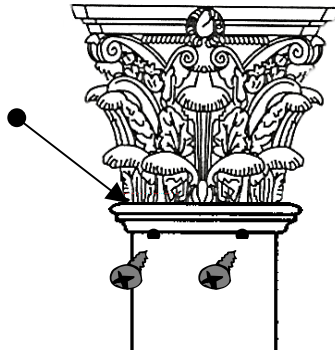
It is recommended that safety gloves, hats and goggles, as well as other specified safety equipment be used during installation and construction.

Pacific Columns, shall not be responsible if any failure to comply with these instructions results in the product failing to perform the purpose intended. Failure to comply with the above instructions shall result in voiding the terms and conditions as stated in the warranty.

**Fig. A – Cut**  
Column at neck  
ring when installing  
decorative capitals.



Adhesive



**Fig. B – Apply adhesive**  
between the top and bottom  
of capital. Countersink 3  
screw holes below the neck  
of the ring through the base  
of the capital.

**Fig. C – Apply a high**  
quality primer before  
painting.

