



# COLUMN & POST™

## *Split-Fit™ Columns* *“Eliminate Your Splitting Headaches™”* *Round & Square Reassembly Instructions*

1. Use Polyurethane Structural Adhesive available from your distributor or local hardware store. Alternately you may use a 15-20 minute epoxy for reassembling column/post halves.  
**CAUTION:** SPLIT-FIT™ COLUMNS/POSTS ARE NO LONGER LOAD BEARING.
2. **DO NOT CUT THE WRAPPING AROUND THE SPLIT-FIT™ COLUMN/POST UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED STEP #3.**
3. Measure the opening from floor to ceiling. Cut column/post ¼” shorter to ensure there is no weight resting on the finished installation of the column/post. **TIP:** CUT ONLY FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE SPLIT-FIT™ COLUMN/POST TO DESIRED LENGTH USING AN ABRASIVE SAW BLADE.
4. If using 15-20 minute epoxy, dry fit column/post in the location to be installed to ensure adequate space is available.
5. Lay a bead of polyurethane structural adhesive to all edges to be joined. If using 15-20 epoxy, mix epoxy/adhesive to manufacturer’s instructions and apply to all edges to be joined. **TIP:** DO NOT APPLY EPOXY OR ADHESIVE TO ALIGNMENT KEYS ON EITHER HALF.
6. Use tape to pull halves of column/post together and wrap 4 times at several locations. The epoxy or adhesive will be squeezed out but do not remove until it is cured. **TIP:** DO NOT USE CLAMPS.
7. Do not remove any excess epoxy or adhesive until it has gelled. Once material has gelled, remove excess with a putty knife or chisel and sand until smooth and flush to column/post.
8. Bondo® can be used to smooth out the seam as necessary.
9. Use Steps 4 - 7 to assemble caps and bases, taking care to avoid epoxy or adhesive on the pins and in the receiver holes. **TIP:** INSTALL THE CAP & BASE AFTER THE SPLIT-FIT™ COLUMN/POST HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND SANDING COMPLETED.

### TOOLS REQUIRED

Safety Glasses	Tape Measure
Dust Mask	Putty Knife
Gloves	C&P Split Kit
Sandpaper	Saw with Abrasive Blade

### **CAUTIONS:**

1. DO NOT CAULK BASE TO SUBSTRATE. THIS MAY CAUSE MOISTURE TO BE COLLECTED AND FREEZE.
2. ALL HOLES MUST BE PRE-DRILLED.
3. DO NOT PUT CONCRETE OR ANY OTHER FILLER INSIDE THE COLUMN OR POST.
4. INSTALL FLASHING TO PREVENT WATER FROM ENTERING AT THE TOP OF THE SPLIT-FIT™ COLUMN OR POST. THIS ONLY APPLIES IF THE TOP OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS OUT FROM THE SOFFIT AND IS EXPOSED TO WEATHER.

### **PAINTING TIPS:**

1. Do not paint using dark colors with L values of 56 to 0.
2. Sand column with 100 grit sandpaper or a sanding sponge to prepare surface for a high quality latex or oil primer. Finish with the proper finish coat.

**Failure to follow Installation Instructions immediately voids Lifetime Limited Warranty.**