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Axxys® II
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Important Information

The following instructions are for installing the Cheshire Mouldings **Axxys®II Range**.

Cheshire Mouldings **Axxys®II Range** has been designed to suit stair pitches between **38° and 45°**.

Cheshire Mouldings Clarity Range has been independently tested by FIRA and when installed in accordance with these instructions, conforms with Building Regulations for balustrades at 900mm high and 0.36KN/m domestic loadings.

For balustrade runs greater than 2400mm long, an intermediate newel is required

As only official Cheshire Mouldings parts have been tested, the use of non Cheshire Mouldings products used in conjunction with this system cannot be guaranteed to conform

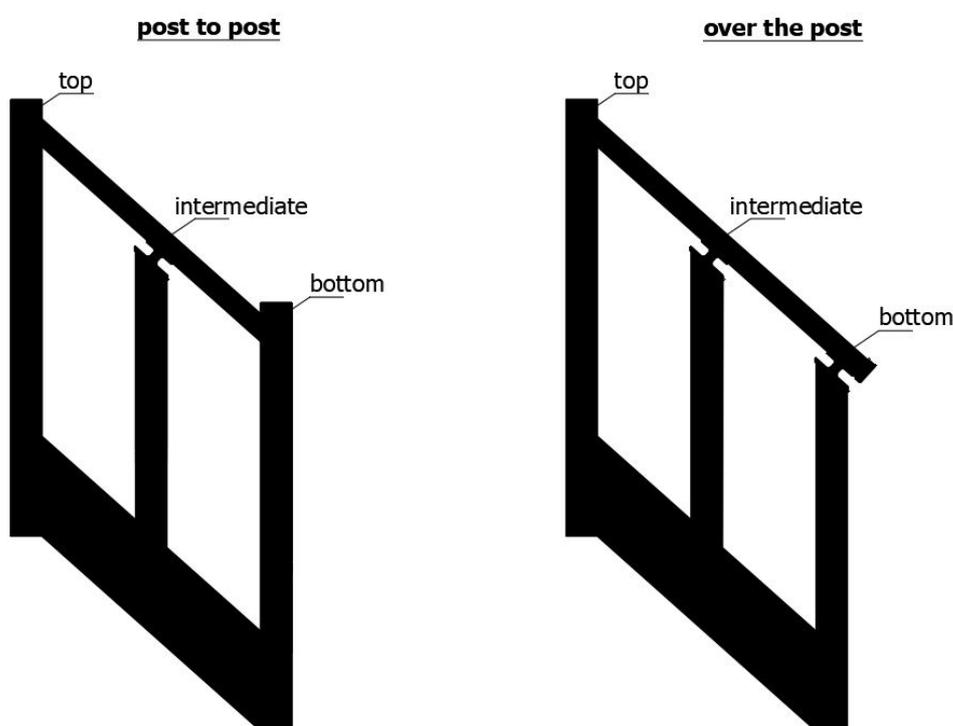
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Please note:

All components should be inspected BEFORE installation commences for any damage, as Cheshire Mouldings cannot be held responsible for any damage caused during installation

Tools required:

Saw, Battery drill, Drill bits - $\varnothing 4\text{mm}$, $\varnothing 7.5\text{mm}$, $\varnothing 12\text{mm}$, $\varnothing 25\text{mm}$, 7mm spanner, 5mm allen key, adjustable bevel/protractor, square, tape measure/1m steel ruler, PVA glue, Multi Purpose Adhesive i.e No Nails, clear silicone sealant.



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Post To Post Installation

Newel Posts

For Over the Post installation, fit top newel post as illustrated in Fig.4, then proceed to Fig.32

Note: for stair runs longer than **2400mm** an **intermediate newel** is required for both Post to Post and Over the Post options

To establish **bottom newel** post height, draw centre line down bottom half of newel.

Measure down **220mm** from bottom of newel groove and mark. Using adjustable bevel which has been set to pitch of stairs, strike line through intersecting lines - this represents top of baserail.

Measure down 28mm parallel to line and strike line through. Measure and mark string margin then add step profile (**Fig.1 & 2**). Cut and temporarily fit to stairs.

For top **newel post**, draw centre line down bottom half of newel. Measure down **160mm** from bottom of newel groove and mark. Add baserail, string and step profile detail as previous (**Fig.3 & 4**). Cut and fit to stairs.

The **Intermediate newel** post is positioned at the mid point of the stairs (**Fig.5**). To mark, use same measurements as used on bottom newel i.e **220mm** down from newel groove and mark. Add baserail, string margin and step profile (**Fig.6**). To cut the top of the newel, refer to table in **Fig.6** to establish correct measurement for "X". Once established, measure up from location shown in **Fig.6** and mark. Using an adjustable bevel set at **48°** (to accommodate the newel connector), mark a line down across face of newel and cut. Fit to stairs, checking it is perpendicular with spirit level.

Handrail & Baserail

Place the baserail onto the stair nosing and offer up against sides of newel posts. Mark baserail and cut to length. Check fit between newels then temporarily attach to string using tape to hold in place (**Fig.7**).

The baserail will be securely fixed when glass panel bracket locations have been marked in order to hide the screw heads under the brackets.

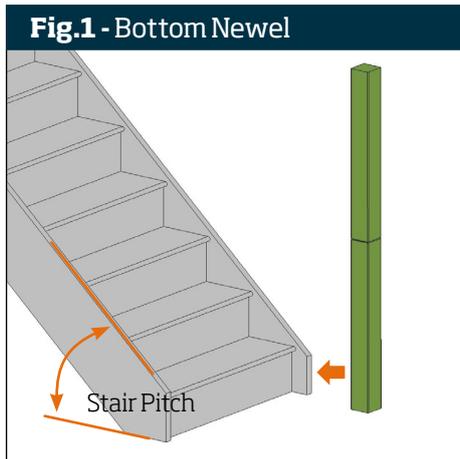


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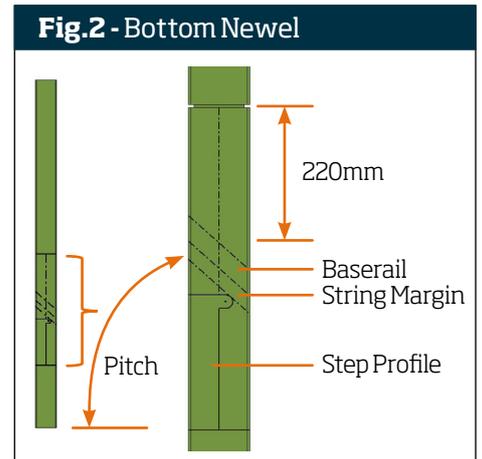


Fig.2 - Bottom Newel

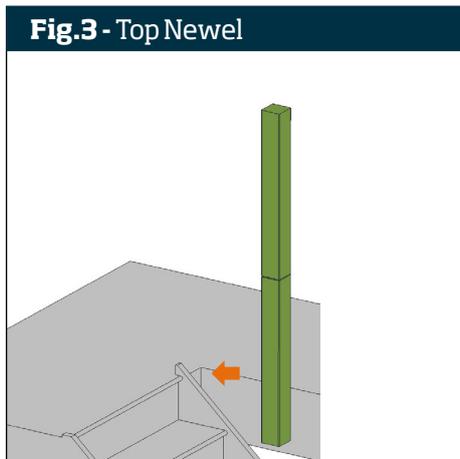


Fig.3 - Top Newel

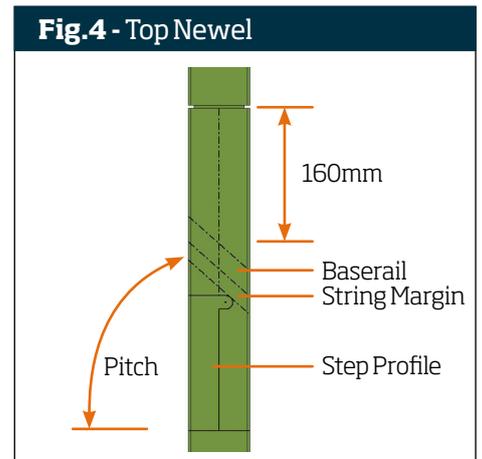


Fig.4 - Top Newel

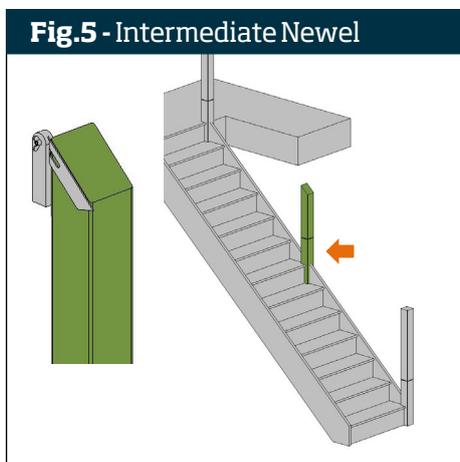


Fig.5 - Intermediate Newel

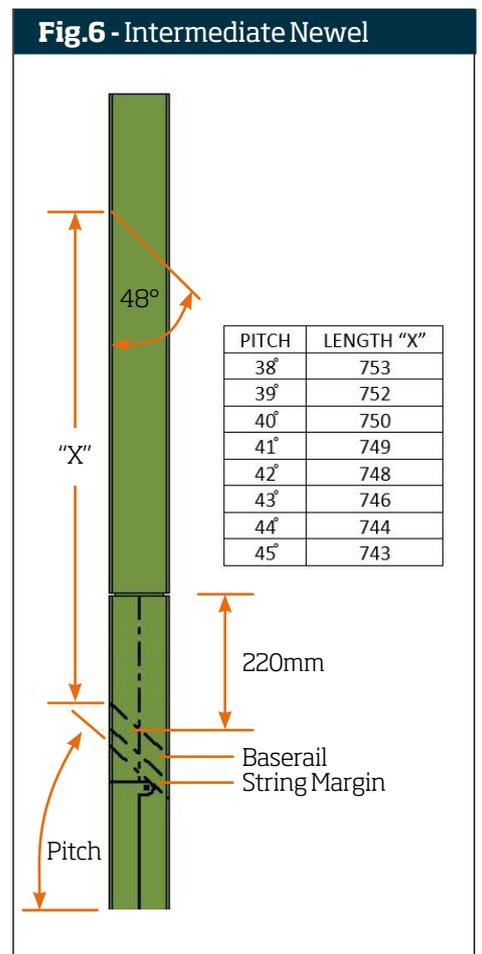


Fig.6 - Intermediate Newel

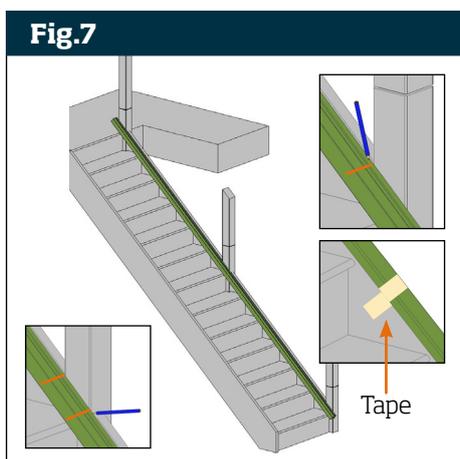


Fig.7

To cut handrail to length, place handrail onto stair nosing and offer up against sides of newel posts. Mark handrail at bottom and top newel posts and cut to size (**Fig.8**).

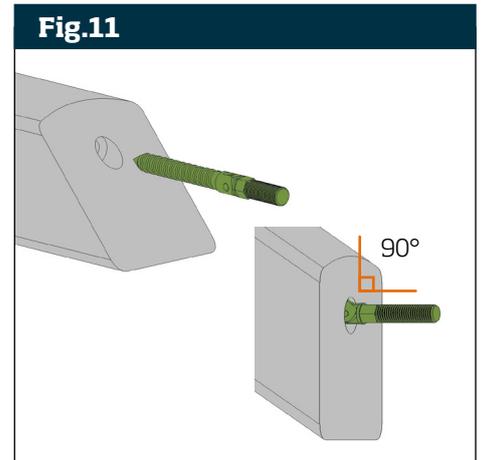
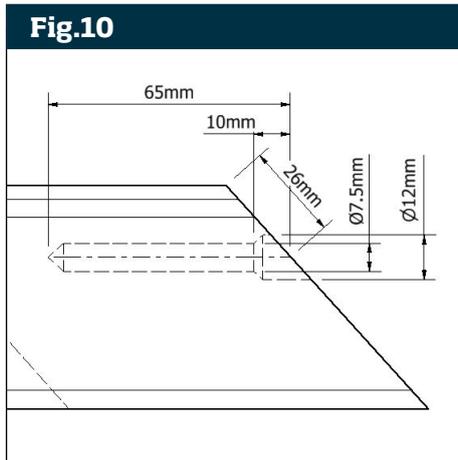
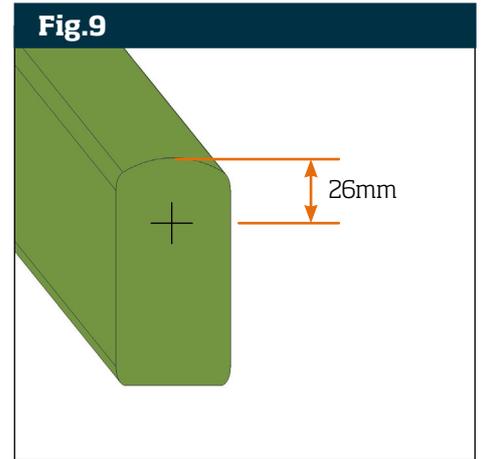
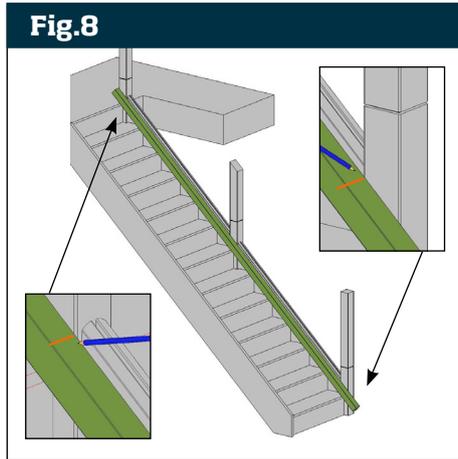
On the rake handrail, mark centre line on cut face and measure down 26mm and mark (**Fig.9**).

Using a 12mm dia drill bit, drill a hole to a depth of 10mm. Then, using a 7.5mm dia drill bit drill a hole 65mm deep (**Fig.10**). Repeat for other cut end of rail

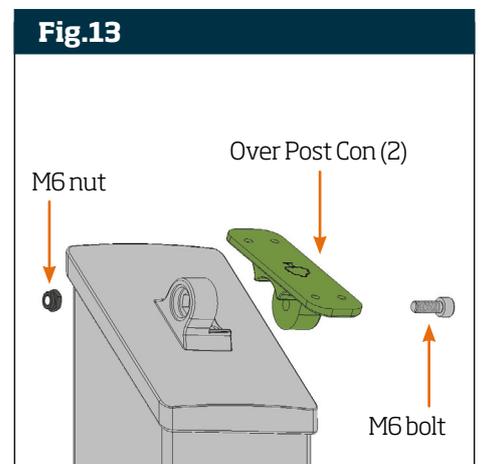
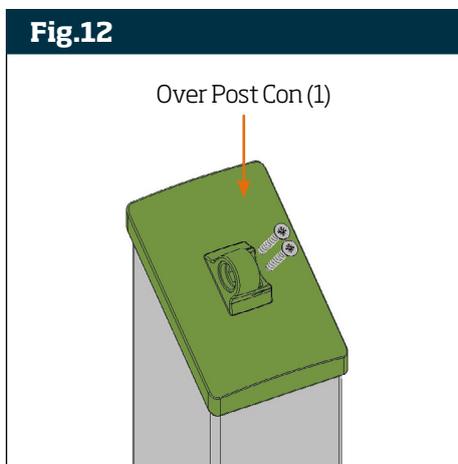
Take rail bolt fastener and insert woodscrew end into hole and wind into rail using 7mm spanner or drive it in using cordless drill on slow speed (**Fig.11**).

Insert until hinge joint is halfway in.

Once inserted, align so that threaded end is rotated 90 degrees to rail face, at both ends.

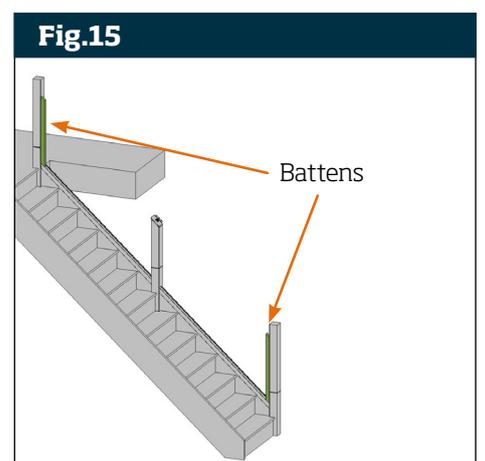
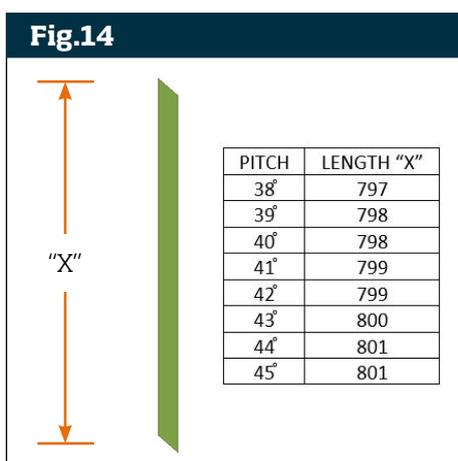


To fix over post connector to top of intermediate newel post, apply bead of multi purpose adhesive to top of newel. Offer over post connector P1 (1) onto top of newel post. Pilot drill through 2 x screw holes using 3.5mm dia bit. Secure connector to top of post using 2 off, 4.8mm x 40mm screws supplied (**Fig.12**). Temporarily fit over post connector P2 (2) to base using M6 bolt and nut supplied but do not overtighten (**Fig.13**).



To set handrail height, you will need to cut 2 off, battens for the handrail to sit on. Cut batten length in accordance with pitch of the stairs. Refer to table in **Fig.14**.

Place one batten up against bottom newel, on top of baserail and secure to newel with tape. Place other batten against top newel and secure with tape (**Fig.15**).



Offer handrail assembly between top and bottom newels and onto tops of battens with threaded fasteners located to side of newel faces on stair side. Mark fastener location on bottom and top newels (**Fig.16**).

While the handrail is in position, mark location of over the post connector (2), ensuring the connector is flat with underside of rail.

Remove handrail and lay it on floor. Remove connector (2) from top of intermediate newel and place against marks on rail, **ensuring it is correct orientation**.

Position centrally on rail and pilot drill through 4 x screw holes using 2.5mm drill bit to depth of 30mm. Fix in place using 4 off, 4.2 x 30mm screws supplied (**Fig.17**).

To drill newels to accept rail fastener, using a square, draw horizontal line across from threaded stud mark performed in Fig.16. Measure 25mm in from rail side face of newel and mark (**Fig.18**).

Using 25mm dia bit, drill hole to depth of 60mm (**Fig.19**).

Take square and draw horizontal line across rail side face, level with side horizontal line previously marked. Find and mark centre (**Fig.20**).

Using a 12mm dia bit, drill hole so that it intersects with previously drilled 25mm dia hole.

Repeat same procedure for top newel post

Bottom newel post which was temporary fixed now needs to be loosened off and pulled out of the way approx. 40mm in order for the rail fixing bolts to be inserted (**Fig.21**).

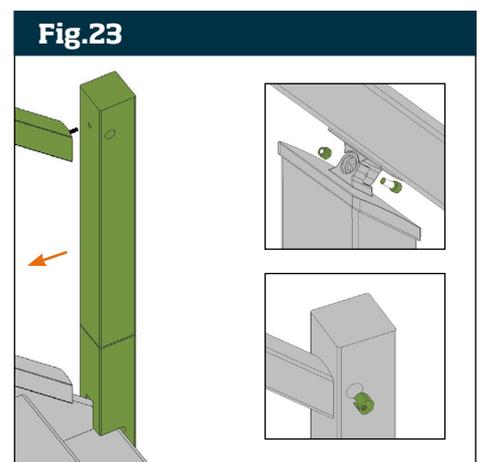
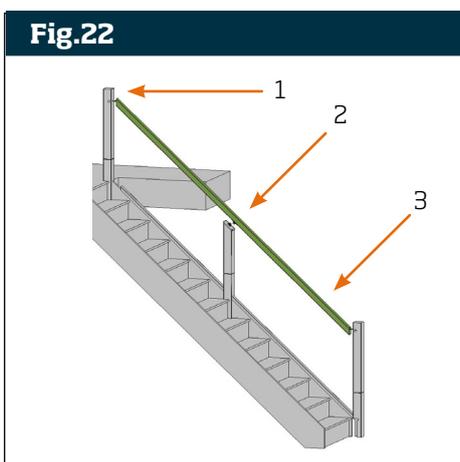
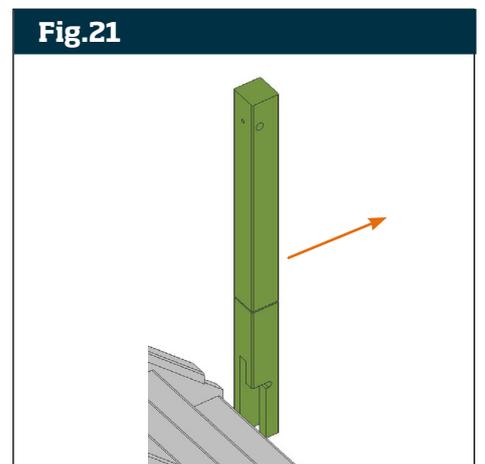
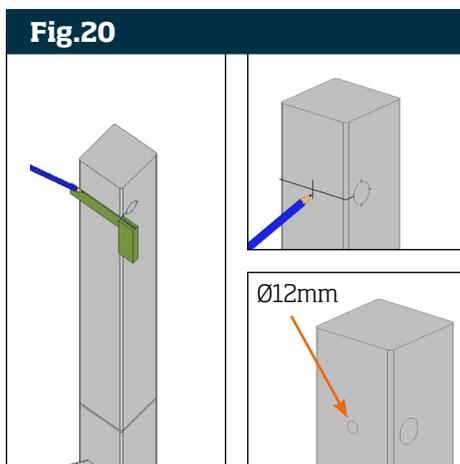
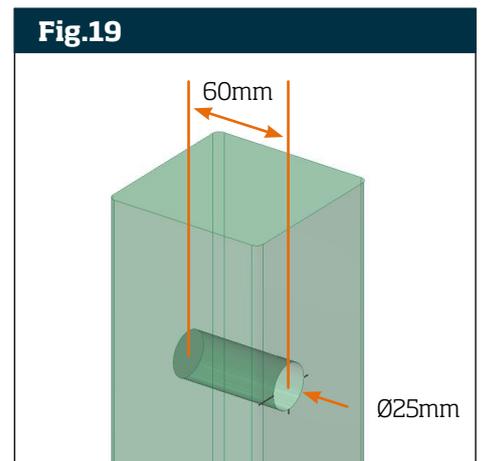
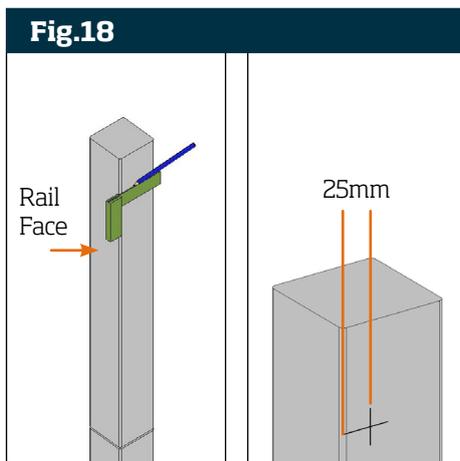
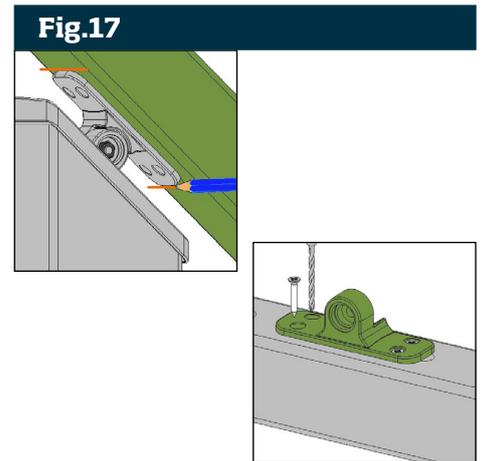
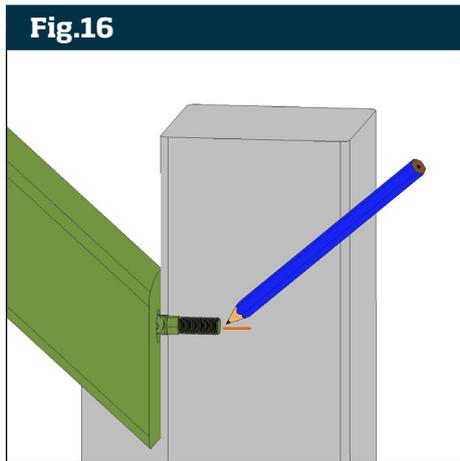
Apply some pva glue to rail faces

Inserting Handrail

Offer handrail fixing into top newel post 12mm hole. Ensure over post connector 2 fixing lug is aligned with over post connector 1 on top of intermediate newel. Push bottom newel post back into position so that the bottom rail fixing stud is located in the 12mm hole (**Fig.22 & 23**).

Offer locking nuts into 25mm dia holes on top and bottom newels and tighten using 5mm allen key. Connect over post connector parts 1 & 2 together using fixings supplied.

Secure bottom newel post in place.



Installing Stair Balusters

Assemble 2 off stair balusters.

Please make sure they are assembled so baluster bracket (2) is on stairs side.

Insert screw insert into tube end. Offer baluster bracket (2) to tube ends and secure with screw supplied ensuring they are aligned to each other by lying them on flat surface before fully tightening. Attach brackets (1) to each end using nut and bolt supplied but do not over tighten (**Fig.24**).

Offer assembled balusters between handrail and baserail and position them with balusters located no greater than 99mm away from newel face at top and bottom of run. Mark centre location of brackets on handrail and baserail at top and bottom of run (**Fig.25**). Once marked, the balusters can be removed.

To work out bracket centres, measure distance between marks on baserail (**Fig.26**). Divide measurement by 148.5, rounding up to next whole number

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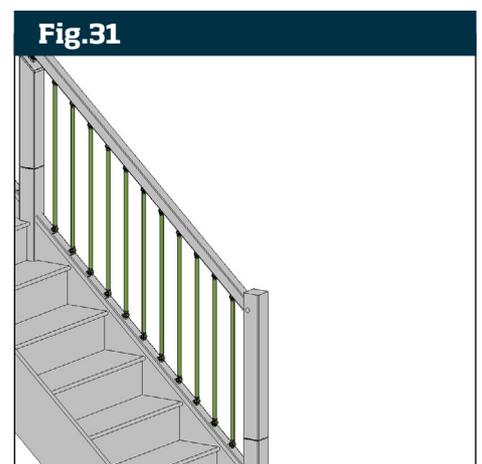
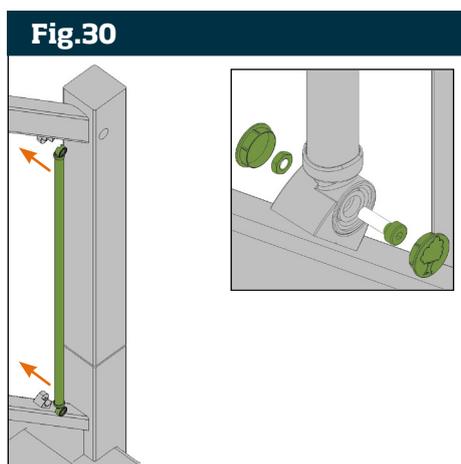
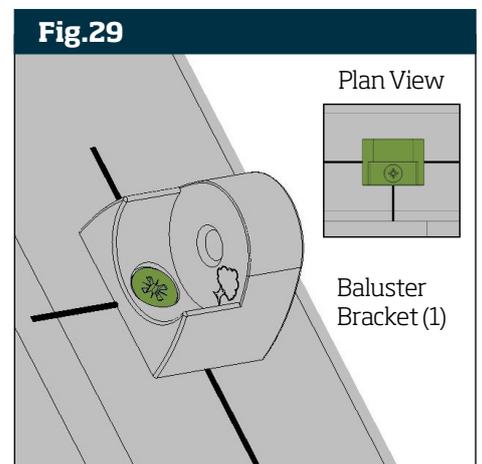
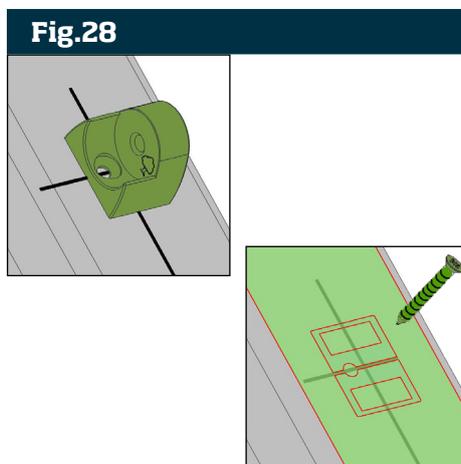
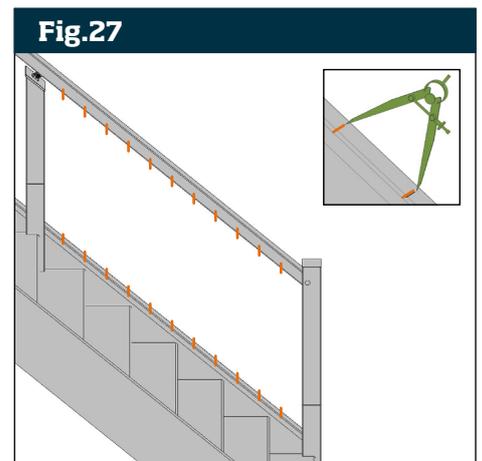
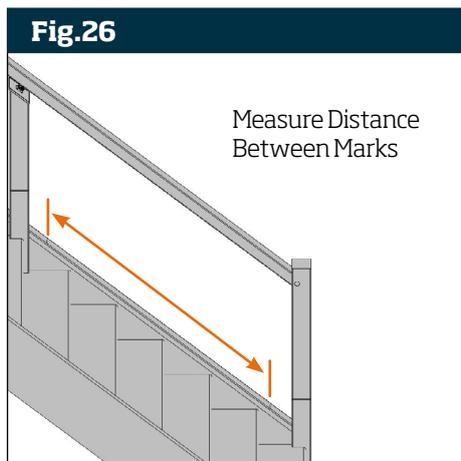
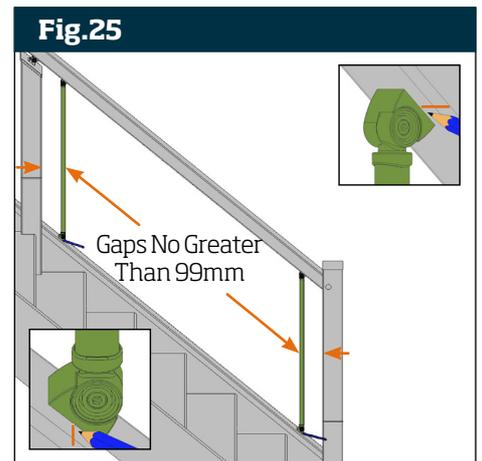
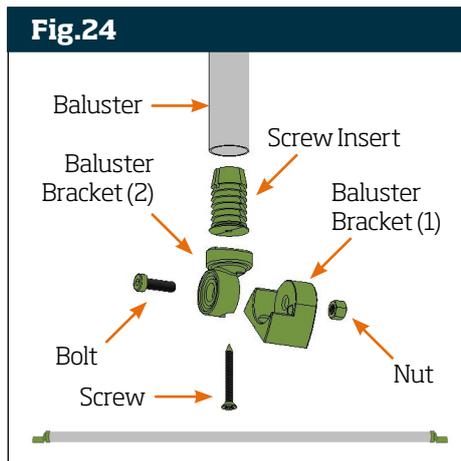
- Distance between marks = 1418mm.
- Divide by 148.5 ($1418 \div 148.5 = 9.54$)
- Round up to whole number = 10
- Divide distance by 4 ($1418 \div 10 = 141.8$)

Mark all bracket centres on handrail and baserail using pair of dividers and pencil (**Fig.27**).

To fix **baserail** to string, where each bracket centre is marked, draw a centre line down rail face next to centre mark. Drill clearance hole through baserail and countersink so the screw head is hidden under bracket 1 footprint. Fix baserail to string using suitable screws (not supplied) (**Fig.28**). Repeat for every 2nd or 3rd bracket location on baserail.

Align baluster bracket 1 centrally to marks (**Fig.29**). Pilot drill through bracket screw hole and secure with screws provided. Repeat for all brackets on both handrail & baserail.

Offer balusters assembled with bracket 2 onto bracket 1 on the stair rails. Attach baluster assembly to rail brackets using M5 bolt and nut supplied (**Fig.30**). Check baluster is perpendicular using spirit level. Apply cover caps to baluster brackets using a small amount of clear silicone then press in. Repeat for all balusters (**Fig.31**).



Over The Post Installation

Newel Posts

The **bottom newel post** and **intermediate newel post** use the same dimensions and should be installed central to riser and string. The intermediate newel must be positioned at midpoint of stairs.

To mark **bottom newel**, draw a centreline down bottom half of newel. Measure down **220mm** from newel groove and mark. Using adjustable bevel which has been set to pitch of stairs, strike line through intersecting lines - this represents top of baserail.

Measure down 28mm parallel to line and strike line through. Measure and mark string margin then add step profile (**Fig.32**).

To cut newel to height, refer to table in **Fig.32** to establish correct measurement for "X". Once established, measure up from location shown in **Fig.32** and mark. Using an adjustable bevel set at **48°** (to accommodate the newel connector), mark a line down across face of newel and cut. Fit to stairs and check it is perpendicular with a spirit level (**Fig.33**).

The **intermediate newel** is the same as bottom newel, repeat above instructions and fit to stairs. If the midpoint falls on middle of step and not central to riser, mark and cut accordingly. Fit to stairs and check it is perpendicular using a spirit level (**Fig.33**).

For top newel post, follow instructions for **Figs 3 & 4**.

Handrail & Baserail

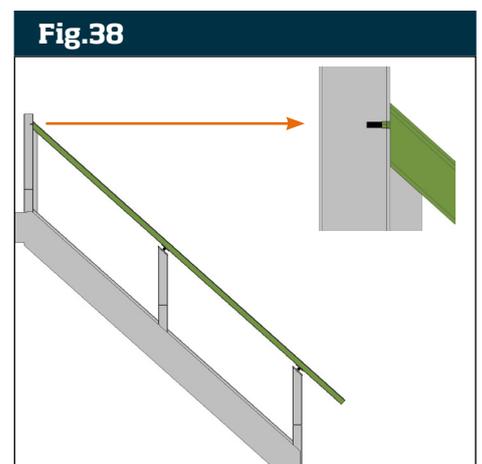
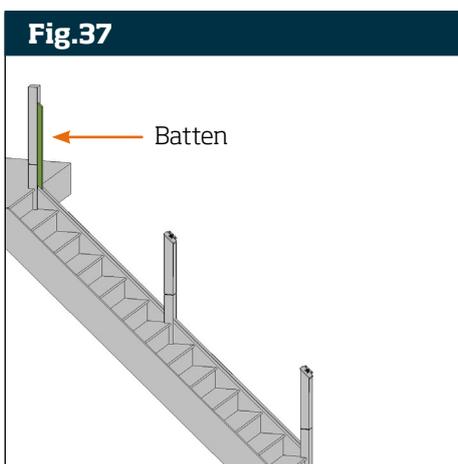
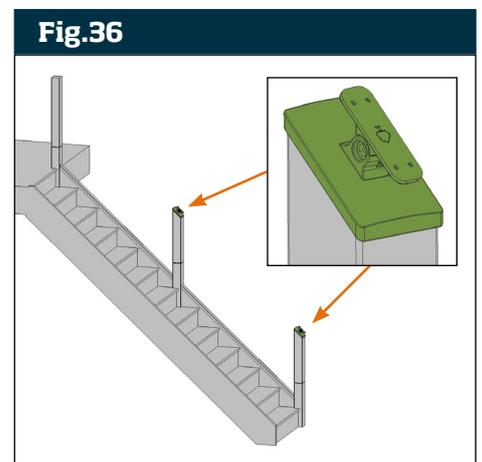
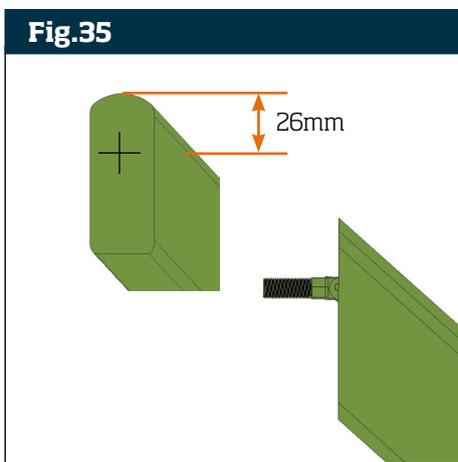
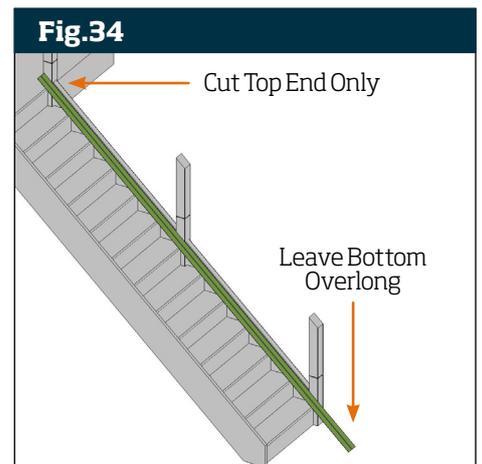
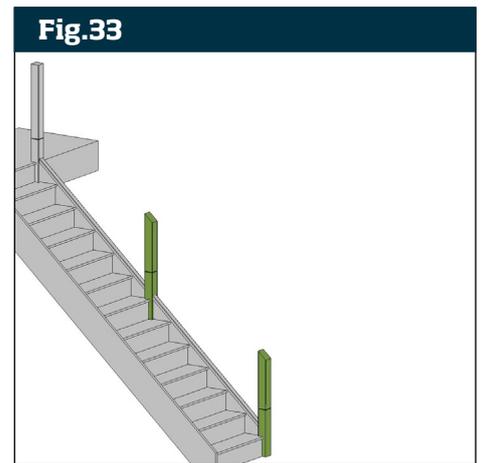
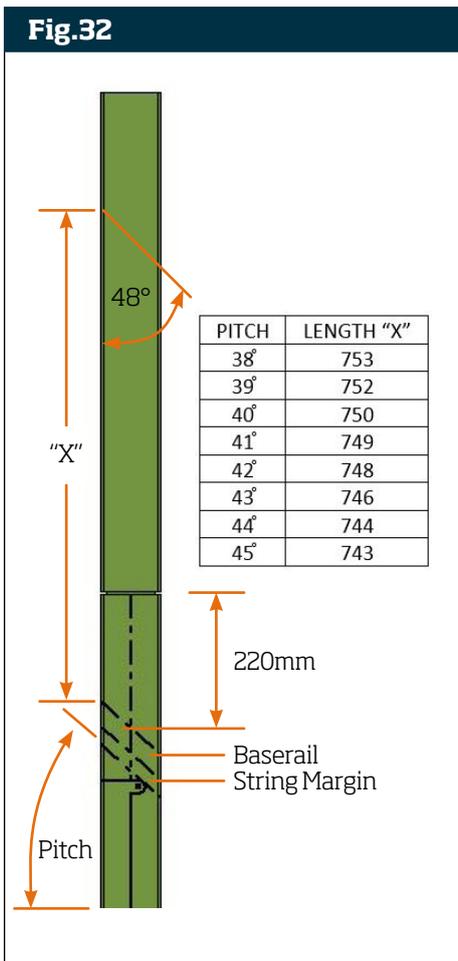
To cut **baserail** to length, follow instructions referring to **Fig.7**. Fix temporarily in place with tape.

To cut rake **handrail** to length, place handrail onto stair nosing and offer up against sides of newel posts with excess rail at the bottom of the stairs. Mark handrail at top newel post only and cut (**Fig.34**). Draw centreline down cut rail face. Measure down 26mm and mark (**Fig.35**). See **Figs.10 & 11** for drill operation and inserting rail fastener.

Fix **over the post connector** assembly to bottom and intermediate newels following instructions for **Figs.12 & 13**, so it looks like **Fig.36**.

Cut batten and fix to top newel using tape. See table in **Fig.14** for correct length.

Offer handrail onto bottom & intermediate newels and top batten with cut rail face up against top newel with rail fastener to side of newel and mark location. Mark locations of over post connector 1 on underside of rail. Follow **Figs 16 to 20**.



To cut handrail to correct length, measure approx. 25mm away from connector 1 at bottom of handrail, mark and cut rail square (Fig.39).

To fit Rail End Cap, offer end cap onto rail end and pilot drill through 2 off, screw holes, using 2.5mm drill bit, to depth of 25mm. Fix with 2 off, 3.5 x 25mm screws supplied (Fig.40).

Inserting Handrail

Offer top of handrail into 12mm dia hole in top newel and align connectors on rail with connectors on top of intermediate and bottom newels. Insert locking nut in top newel (Fig.41) and tighten. Secure over the post connectors together using nut and bolts supplied (Fig.42). Insert cover caps into over post connectors using small bead of clear silicone. Insert timber cover cap for locking nut by applying pva glue and gently tapping cap home.

Installing Stair Balusters

To install stair balusters, follow instructions covered by Figs 24 to 31 in Post to Post section.

Landing Balustrade

Installing Landing Half Newel

To install **half newel post (CP150H)**, cut bottom of newel so that newel groove is level with groove in top newel. Temporary fix half newel to wall (fixings not supplied) (Fig.43).

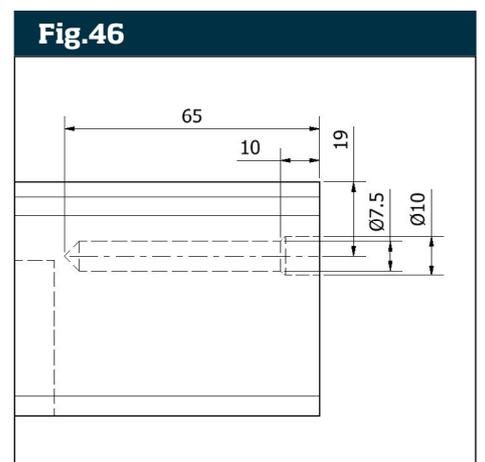
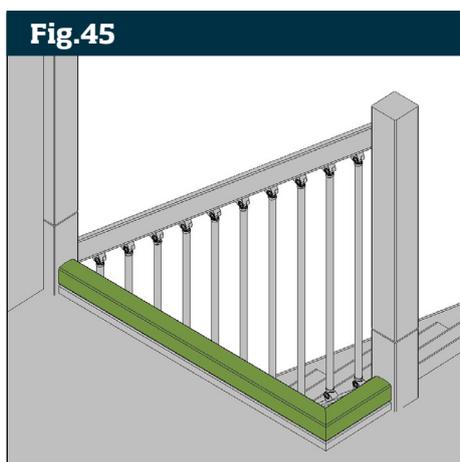
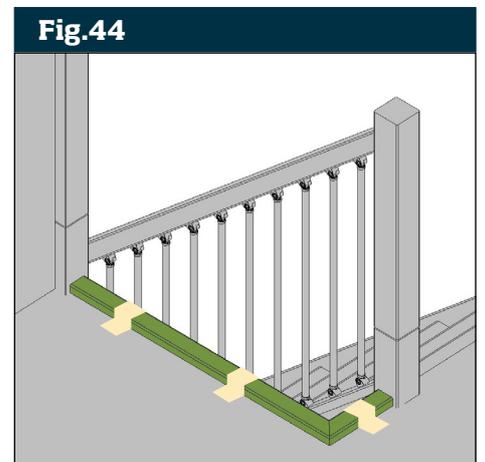
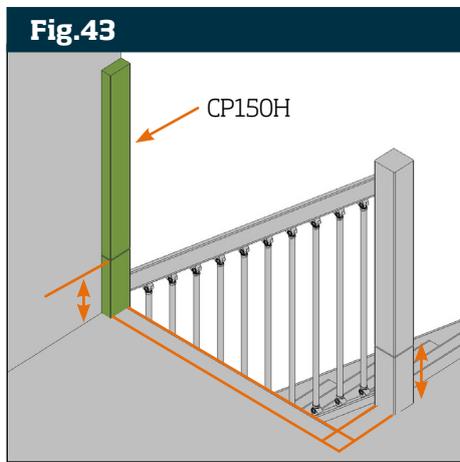
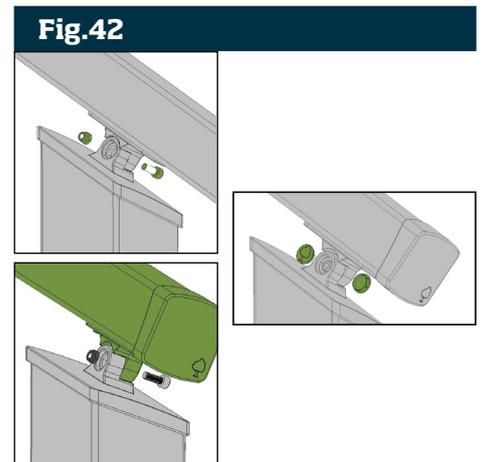
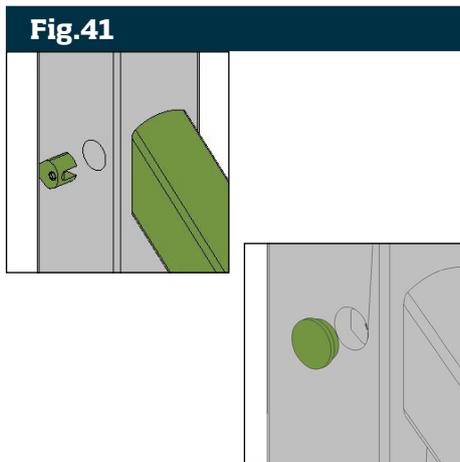
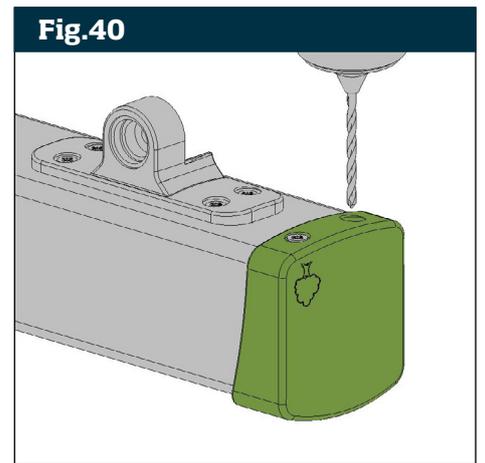
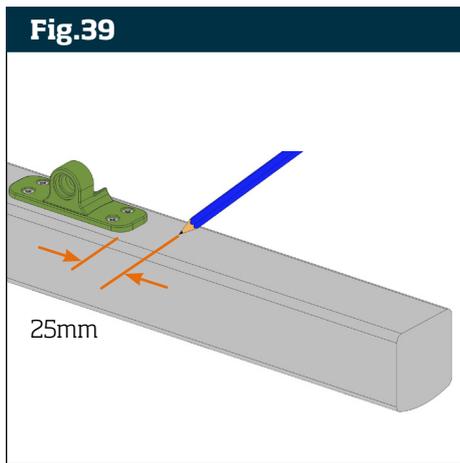
Landing Handrail & Baserail

Draw tramlines where landing **baserail** will be located (Fig.43). Align and mark baserail and cut to length. Fix in position with tape until baluster bracket locations have been established (Fig.44).

Mark and cut **handrail** to exact dimensions as baserail. Mitre the corners and glue and dowel. Check fit (Fig.45).

To fit **rail fastener**, draw a centreline down handrail ends and measure down 19mm and mark location. Drill 10mm dia hole to depth of 10mm. Then drill 7.5mm dia hole to total depth of 65mm (Fig.46).

Insert rail fastener into rail ends using 7mm spanner until hinge joint is inserted half way into rail.



Cut 2 off, **battens** at **869mm** long and place on top of baserail and up against half newel and top newel posts (**Fig.47**).

Offer handrail assembly onto top of battens so rail fixing threaded bolt is up against side of each newel post and mark location (**Fig.48**).

To mark and drill newel posts, follow procedure in **Figs 18, 19 & 20**. You may need to remove half newel post in order to drill holes more easily. Once drilling is completed, secure half newel post back to wall.

Offer landing handrail assembly into half newel and then guide other end into top newel. Insert locking nuts and tighten (**Fig.49**).

Installing Landing Balusters

Assemble 2 off, landing balusters and offer between handrail and baserail.

Position one baluster no greater than 99mm away from half newel post and the other baluster aligned with centre of top newel (**Fig.50**).

Mark centre locations of brackets onto handrail and baserail. Measure distance "X" between marks on baserail (**Fig.50**).

To calculate **bracket spacings**, divide the measurement by 117 then round up to next whole number. Divide measurement by whole number.

Example:

- Distance between marks = 872mm.
- Divide distance by 117 ($872 \div 117$) = 7.45
- Round up to next whole number = 8
- Divide distance by 8 ($872 \div 8$) = **109mm**

- **MAX** centres = **118mm**. If this is exceeded, add another spindle and recalculate.

Check bracket spacings do not exceed max centre guideline. Mark all bracket centres on handrail & baserail.

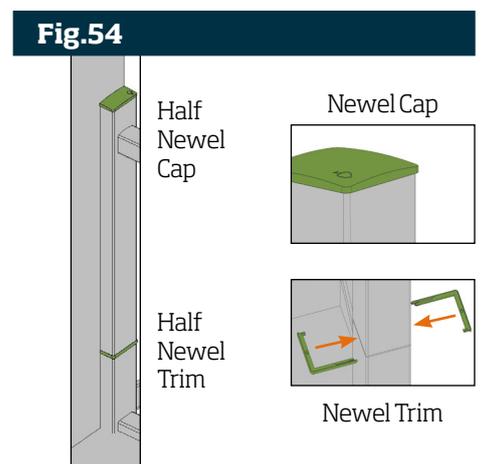
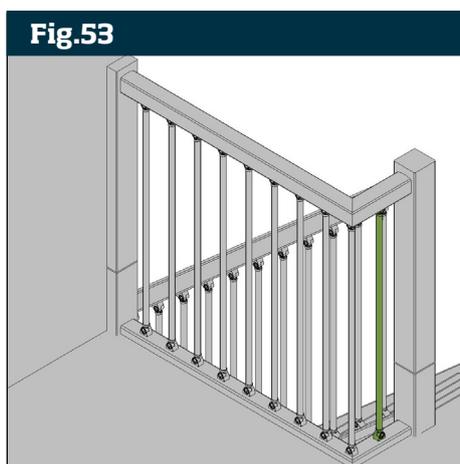
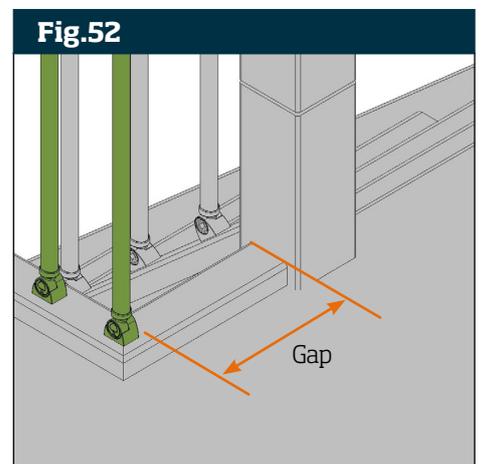
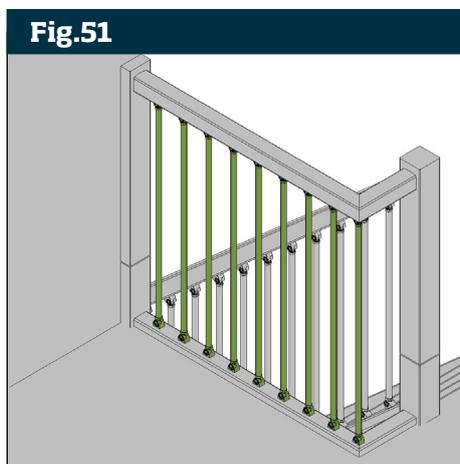
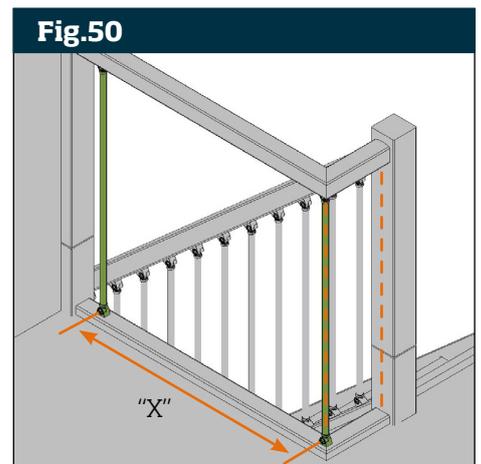
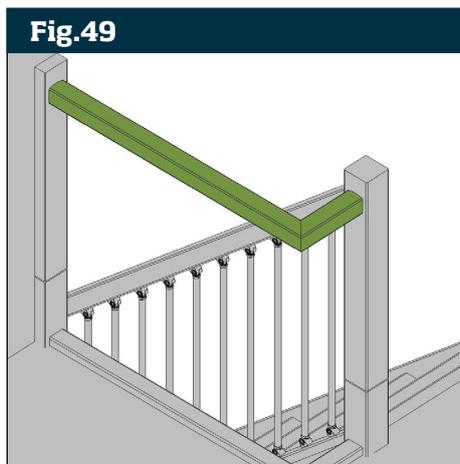
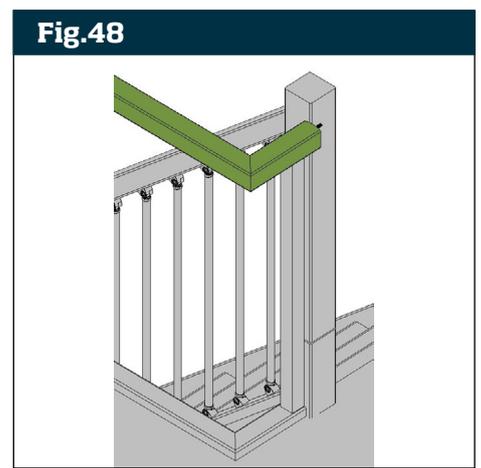
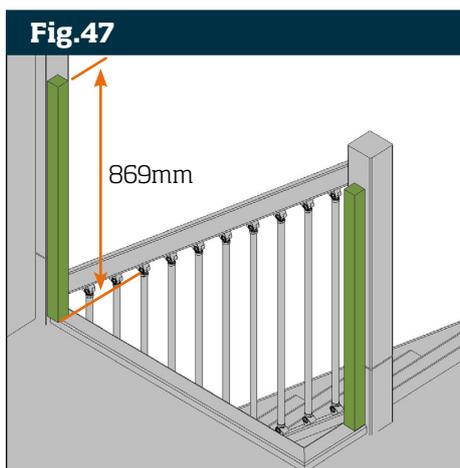
To fix **baserail** onto landing, follow **Fig.28** instructions. Check that baluster bracket 1 cradle is facing onto the landing.

To install **landing balusters** on landing, follow **Fig 29 & 30** instructions. Completed run shown in **Fig.51**.

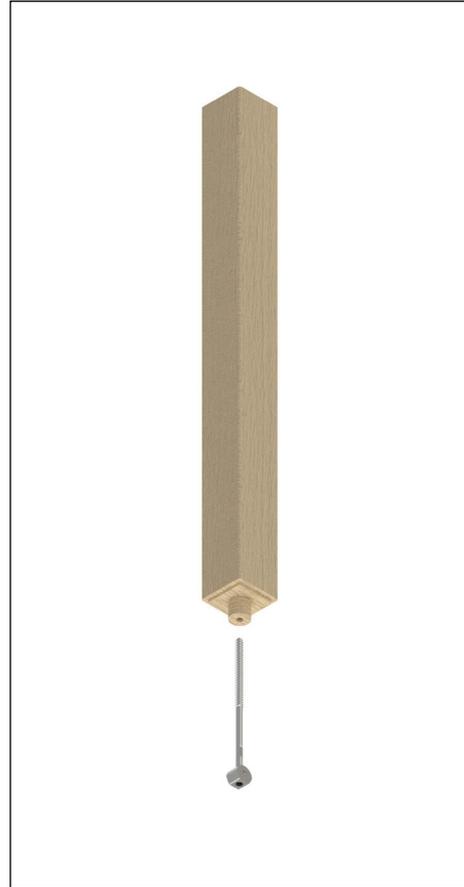
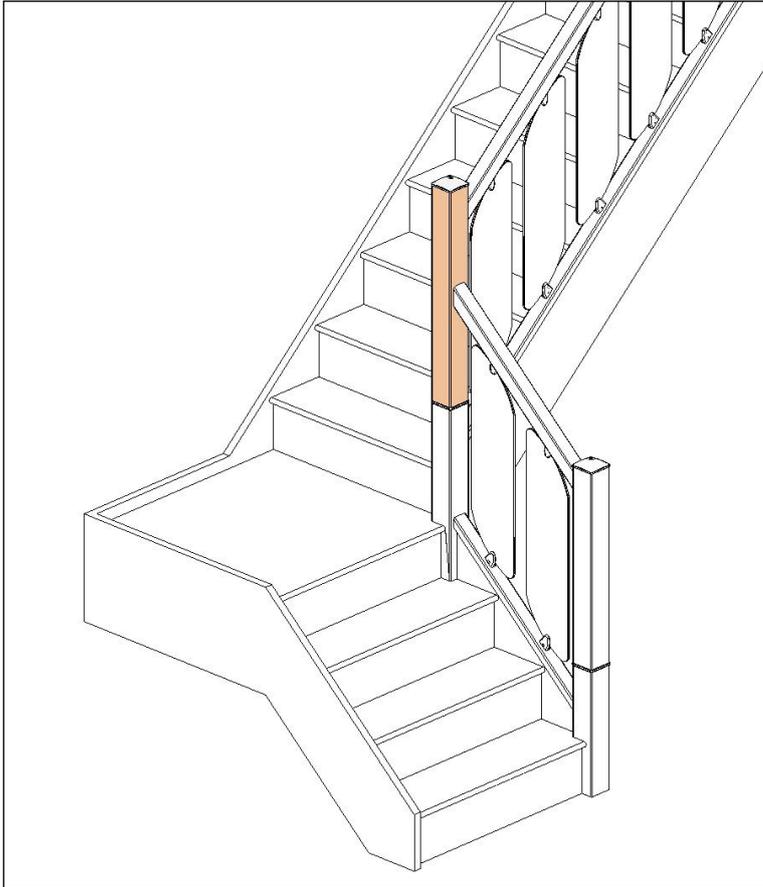
If gap is greater than 99mm between top newel post and centre of return baserail (**Fig.52**), install another landing baluster (**Fig.53**).

Finishing touches

Metal Newel caps can be installed using multi purpose adhesive. **Newel trims** should be installed using clear silicone (**Fig.54**).



CPSTO Storey Newel Fitting Instructions



The following instructions are for installing the Cheshire Mouldings **CPSTO Storey Newel Post**. This post can be used when you have structural posts that cannot be removed eg on quarter landings and winders

The CPSTO newel post has been specifically designed to work with the Cheshire Mouldings new stair parts ranges which includes **Reflections, Iron, Clarity** and **Axxys®II**.

Note: Example shown is our Clarity range.

These should be read in conjunction with the full fitting instructions associated with your chosen range.

Where your structural post is located, extend top of string along inside face of post (Fig 55).

Measure the height of the baserail and mark on the post, parallel to top of string mark (Fig 56).

Draw centreline up the newel face. Where the centreline intersects with top of baserail mark, measure up 200mm. Mark and cut (Fig 57).

Check cut is square and smooth.

Note: the base of the post needs to be 90mm x 90mm in section size. If the section size is smaller it will have to be built up by cladding each side equally to the required size.

Use glue and pins to fix (Fig 58).

Next, you need to mark and drill the post to accept CPSTO storey newel. Measure and mark centreline on post side face (facing onto the stairs). Measure down 125mm from top of post and mark. Drill Ø35 hole to depth of 62mm. Measure and mark the centre on top of the post and drill Ø38 hole to a depth of 40mm. Next, drill a Ø13 hole down through top of post until it terminates at Ø35 hole (Fig 59).

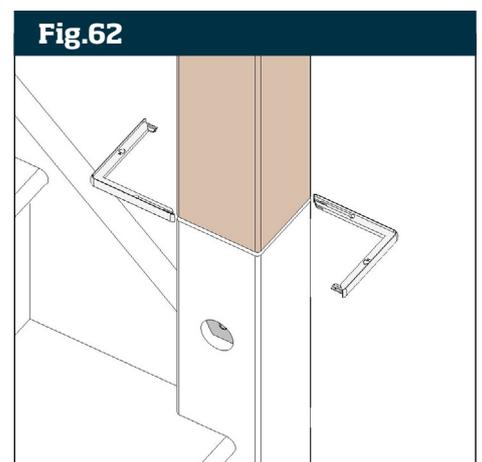
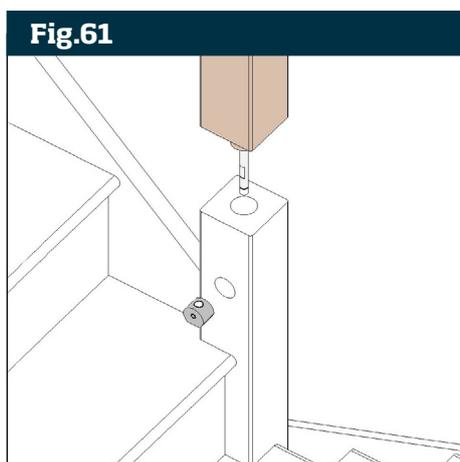
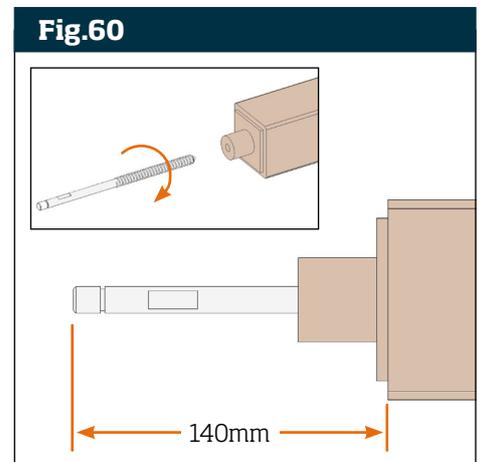
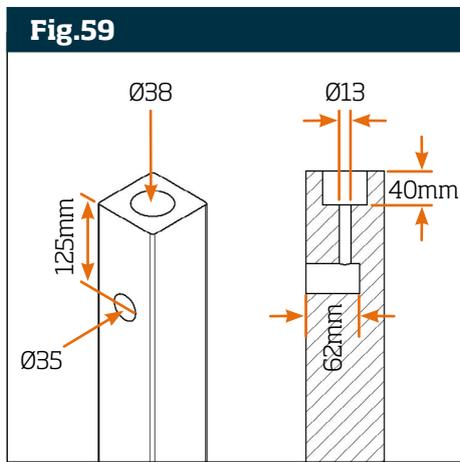
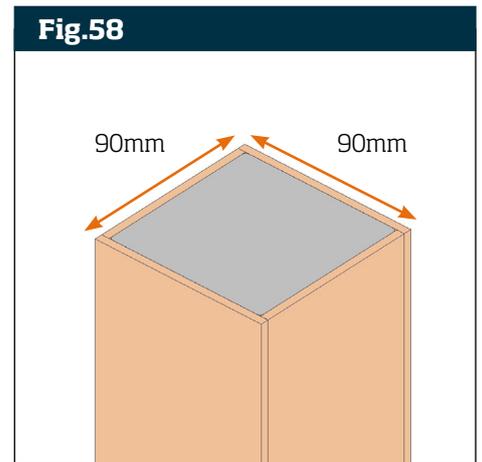
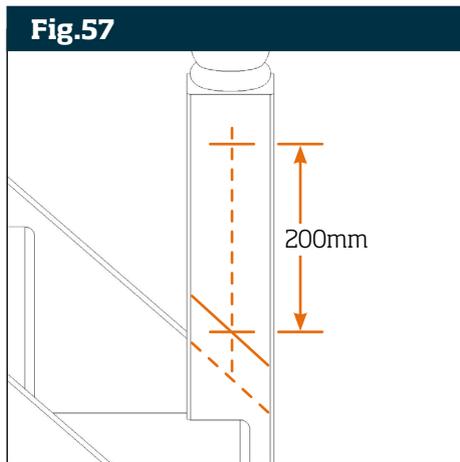
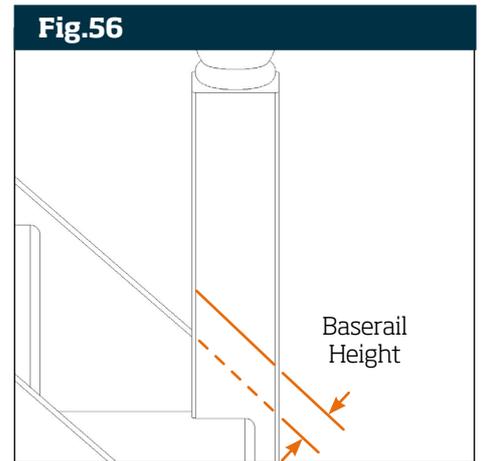
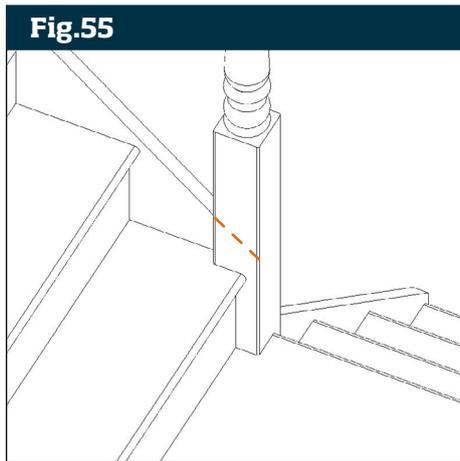
To assemble CPSTO storey newel, apply a gap filling adhesive into hole in end of post spigot. Use a spanner on flat location on the bolt and wind the bolt in until the open end of the bolt is projecting 140mm from the 90mm section (Fig 60).

Insert the locking nut into the Ø35 hole, ensuring the rounded face is to the top. Insert post bolt down so it locates in locking nut. Support weight of post until threads are correctly aligned. Tighten with allen key until post is fully down (Fig 61). Check post sides are aligned.

Glue locking nut cover cap in position.

Apply clear silicone around post shoulder joint and install newel trim until they click together (Fig 62).

To install the other posts on the stairs (non structural) and the infill, follow main instructions for your chosen stair range



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