



# CLARITY

FITTING INSTRUCTIONS

# Important information.

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The following instructions are for installing the Cheshire Mouldings **Clarity Range**

Cheshire Mouldings **Clarity 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

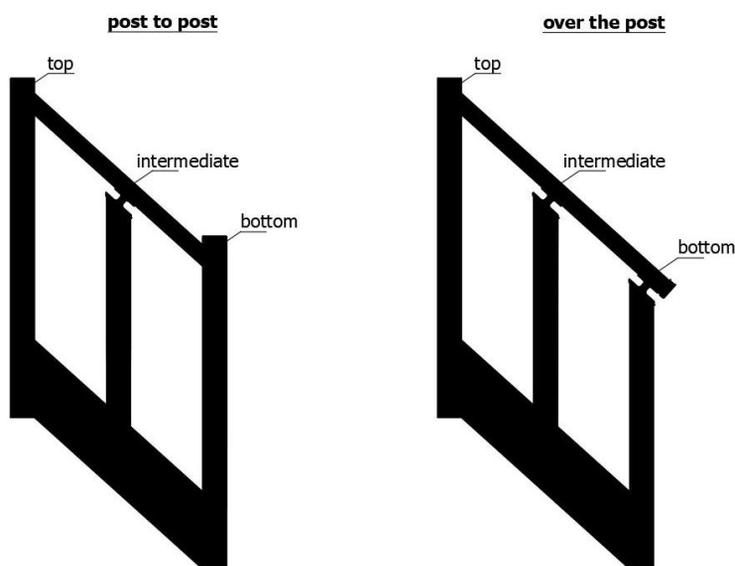
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Please note:

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 silicon 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 **200mm** 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 base rail. 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.

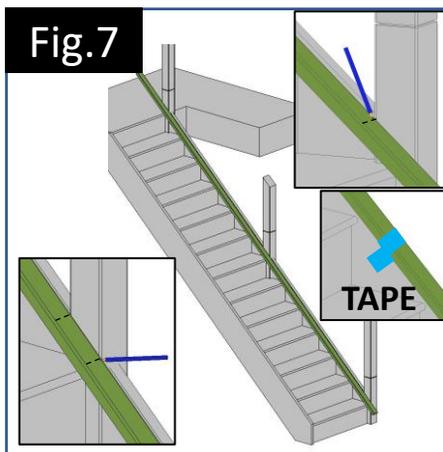
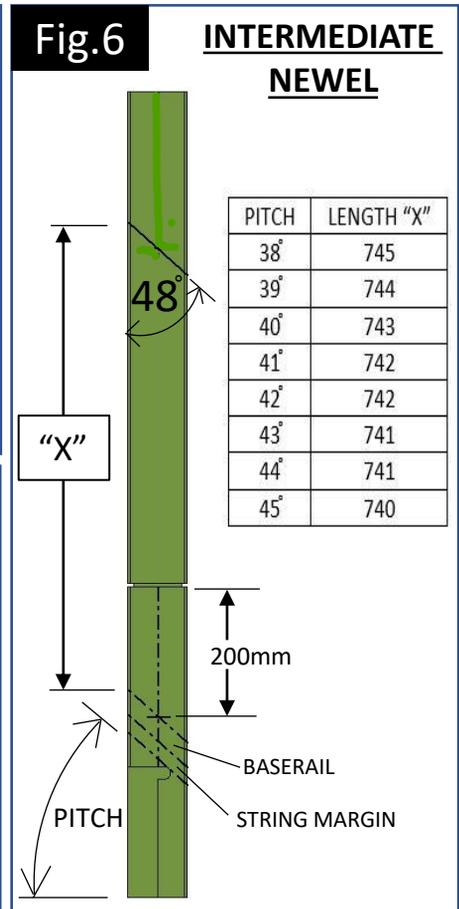
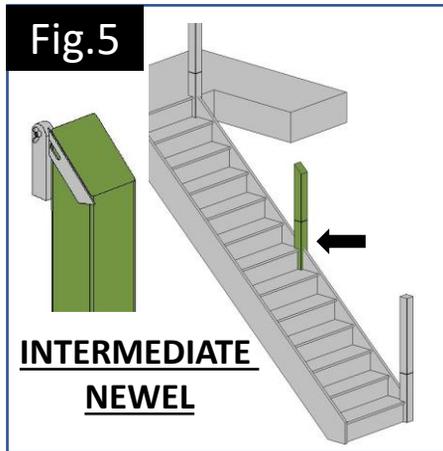
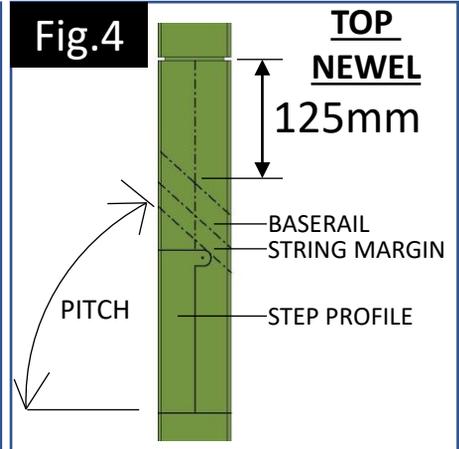
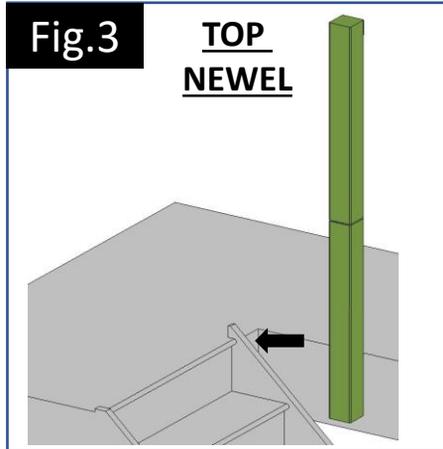
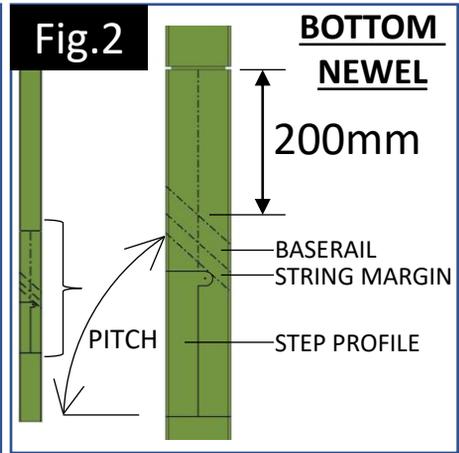
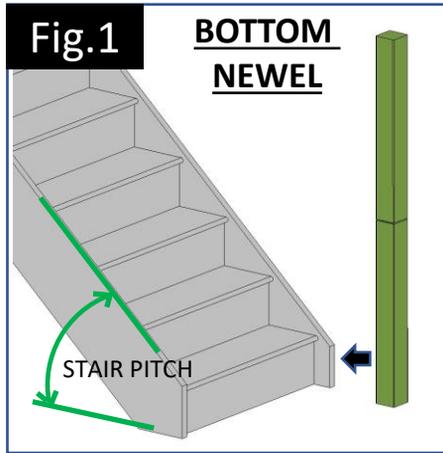
For **top newel** post, draw centre line down bottom half of newel. Measure down **125mm** from bottom of newel groove and mark. Add base rail, string and step profile detail as previous (**Fig.3 & 4**). Cut and fit to stairs.

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 **200mm** down from newel groove and mark. Add base rail, 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 & Base rail**

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

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



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 base rail and secure to newel with tape. Place other batten against top newel and secure with tape (**Fig.15**).

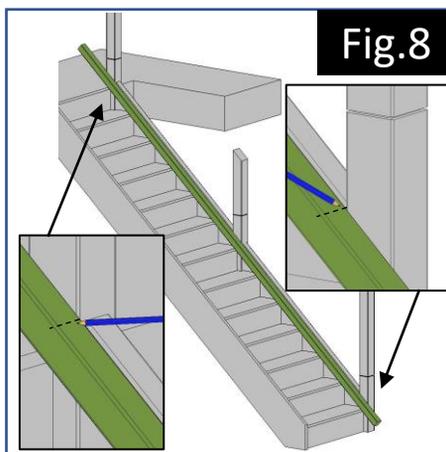


Fig.8

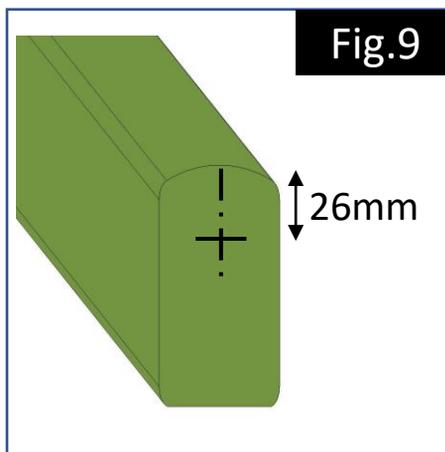


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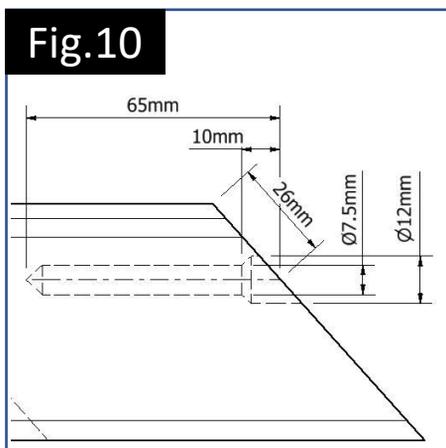


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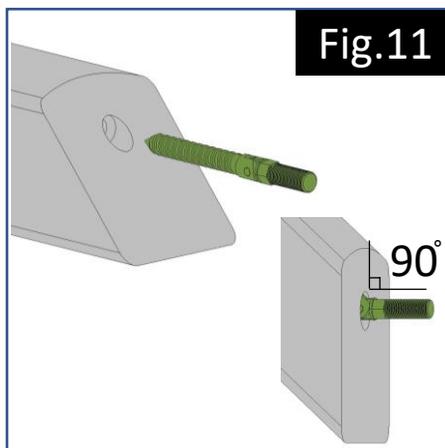


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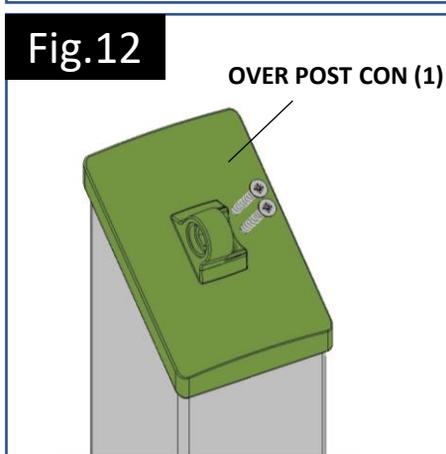


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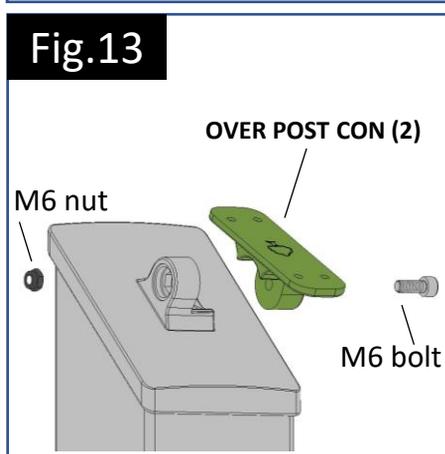


Fig.13

OVER POST CON (2)

M6 nut  
M6 bolt

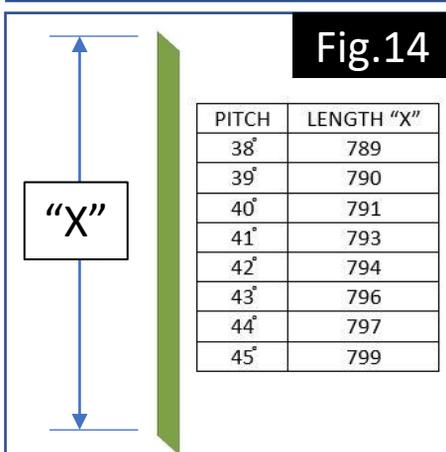


Fig.14

"X"

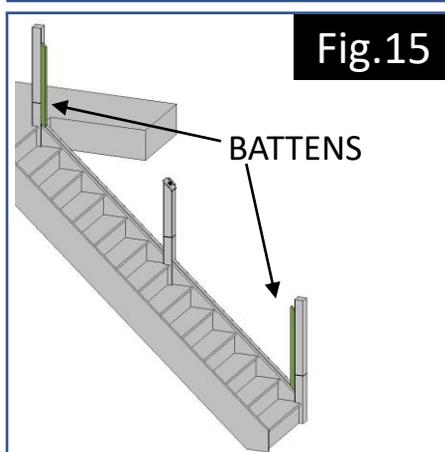


Fig.15

BATTENS

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

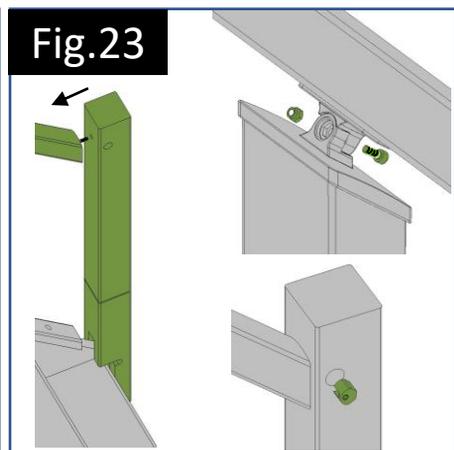
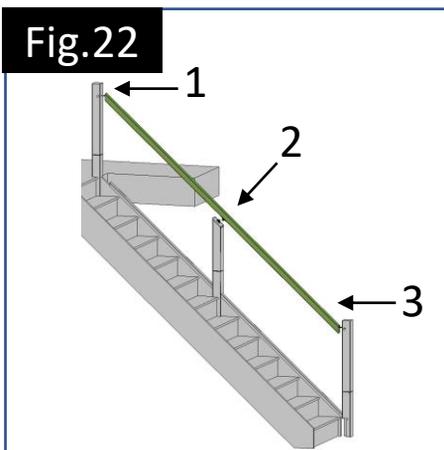
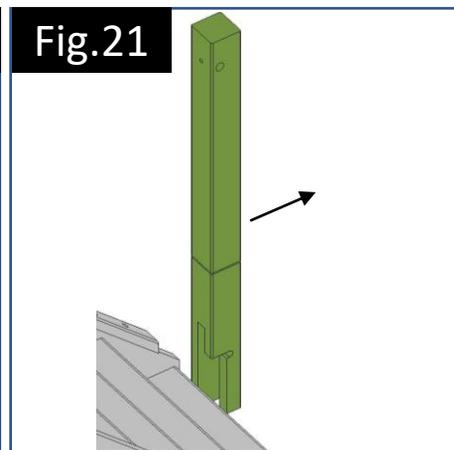
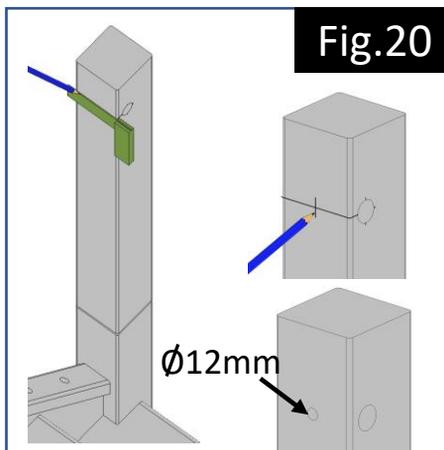
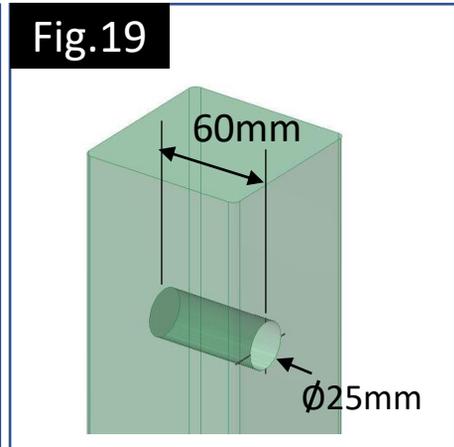
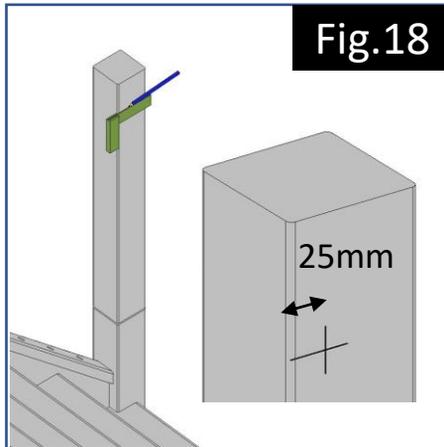
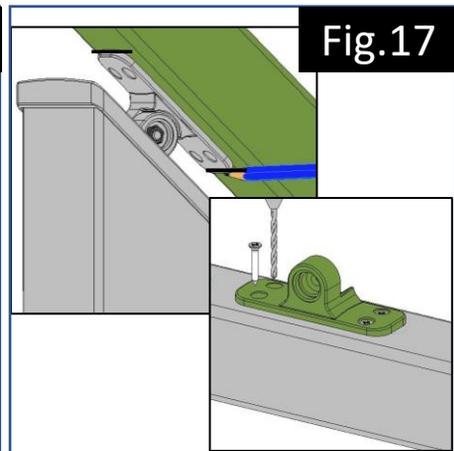
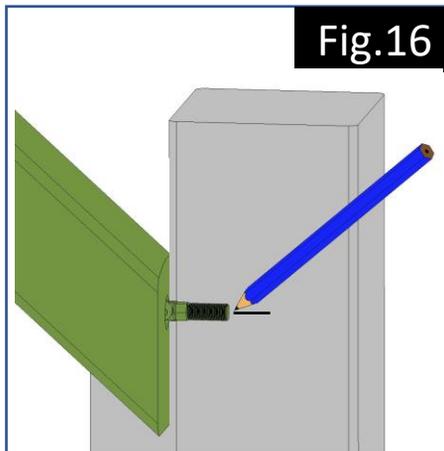
**Bottom newel** post which was temporary fixed now needs to be loosened off and pulled out of the way approx. 40mm in order for the rail fixing bolts to be inserted (Fig.21).

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 Glass Panels

Assemble 2 off glass panels.

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

Insert rubber gaskets onto glass clamp parts 1 & 2. Insert glass clamp part 1 through panel hole and align glass clamp 2. Insert bolt but do not overtighten (**Fig.24**)

Offer assembled glass panels between handrail and base rail and position them with the edge of the glass panel located no greater than 60mm away from newel face at top and bottom of run. Mark centre location of brackets on handrail and base rail at top and bottom of run (**Fig.25**). Once marked, the panels can be removed.

Measure distance between marks on base rail (**Fig.26**). Divide measurement by 350, rounding to nearest whole number i.e 4.3 = 4, 4.7 = 5

Dividing distance between marks by whole number gives you bracket centres for all brackets on the run for both handrail and base rail. Please use table in **Fig.27** as a reference for minimum and maximum bracket centres.

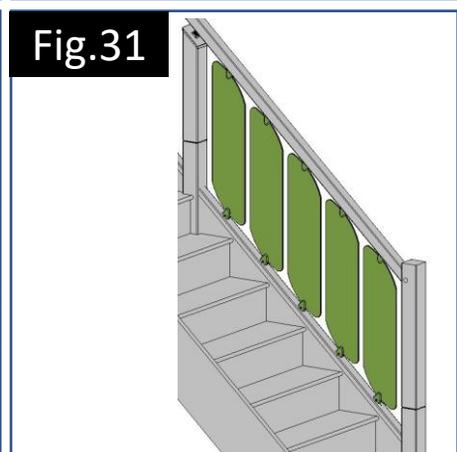
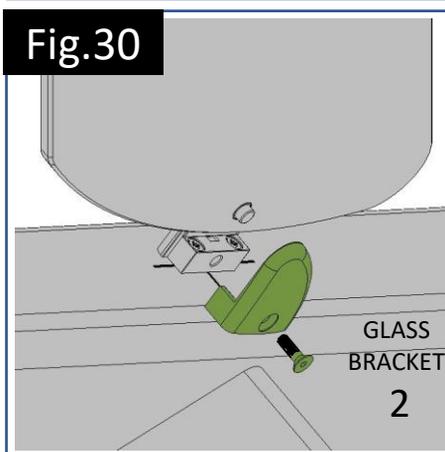
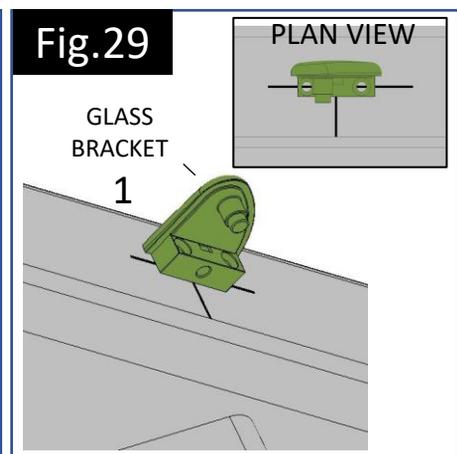
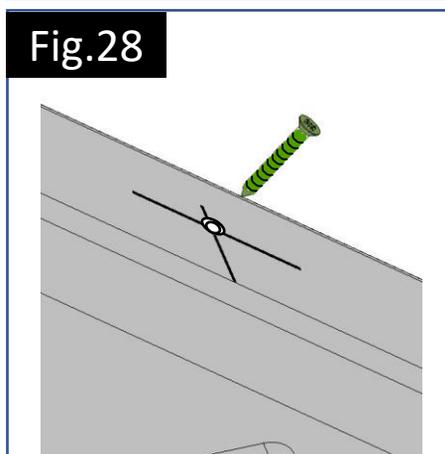
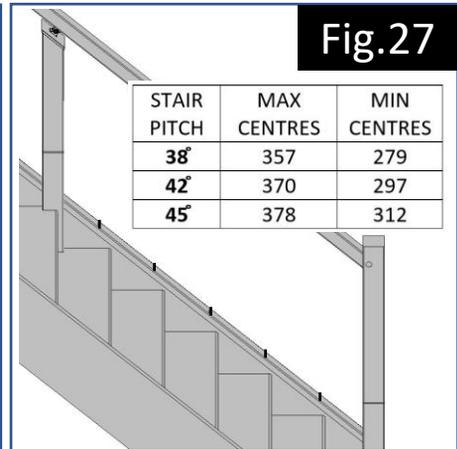
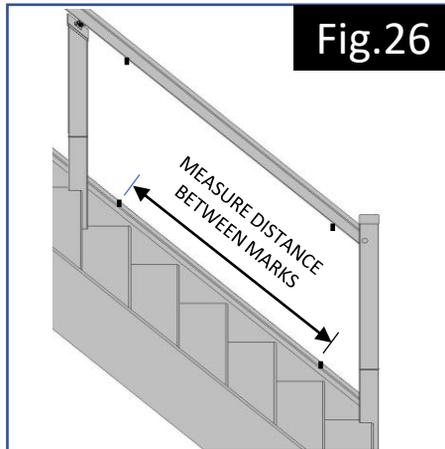
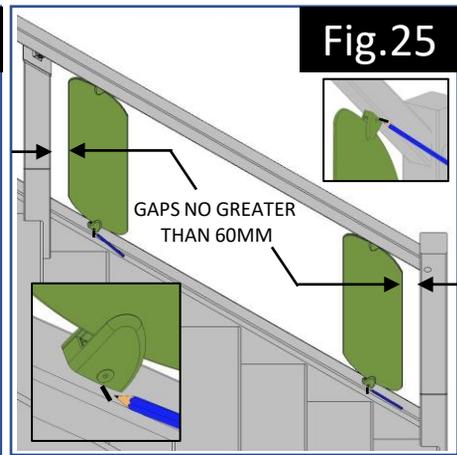
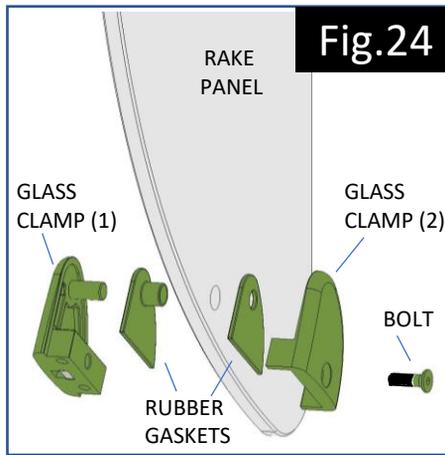
Example:  
Distance between marks = 1332mm.  
Divide distance by 350 ( $1332 \div 350 = 3.8$ )  
Round to nearest whole number = 4  
Divide distance by 4 ( $1332 \div 4 = 333\text{mm}$ )

Example stairs is 42° pitch and bracket centres of 333mm are within minimum/maximum guidelines

Mark all bracket centres on handrail and base rail.

Where each bracket centre is marked, draw a centre line extending approx. 30mm either side of bracket mark. Drill a hole through base rail and countersink. Fix base rail to string using suitable screws (not supplied) (**Fig.28**). Repeat for all bracket locations on base rail

Align glass bracket 1 centrally to marks (**Fig.29**), ensuring that gasket has been inserted. Repeat for all brackets on both handrail & base rail.  
Offer rake glass panels onto bracket pins. Offer glass bracket 2 (with gasket) onto glass bracket 1 and secure using bolt supplied (**Fig.30**). Check panel is perpendicular using spirit level. Repeat for all panels (**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 **200mm** 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 base rail.

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

To cut the top of the newel, 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 & Base rail

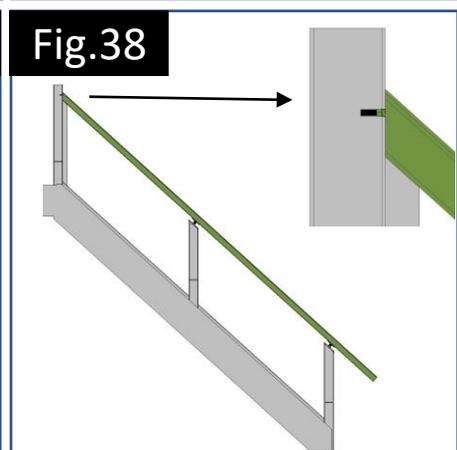
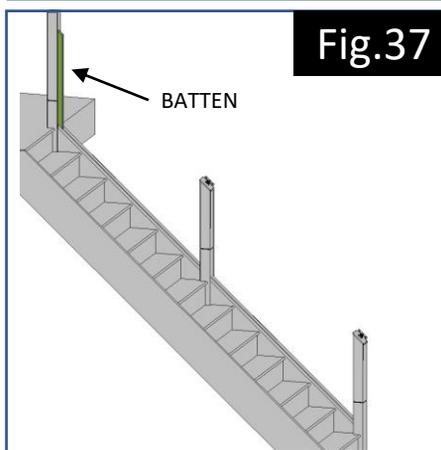
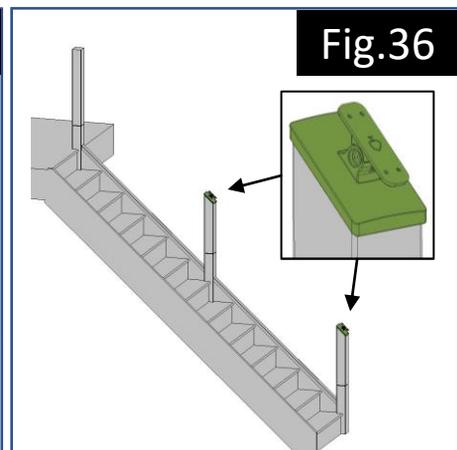
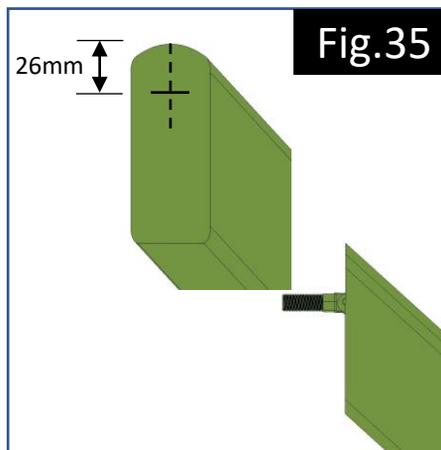
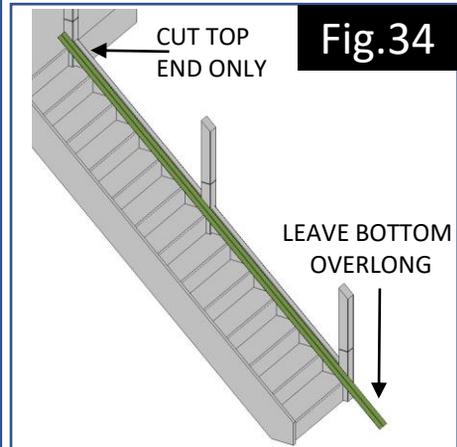
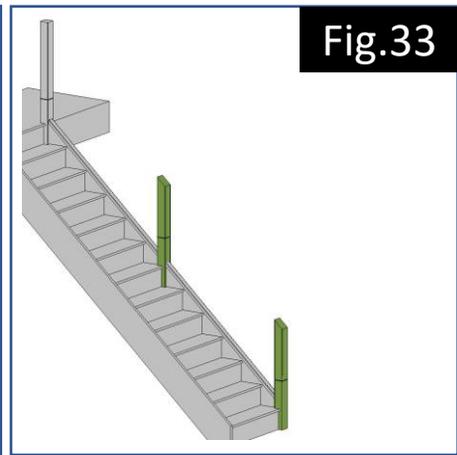
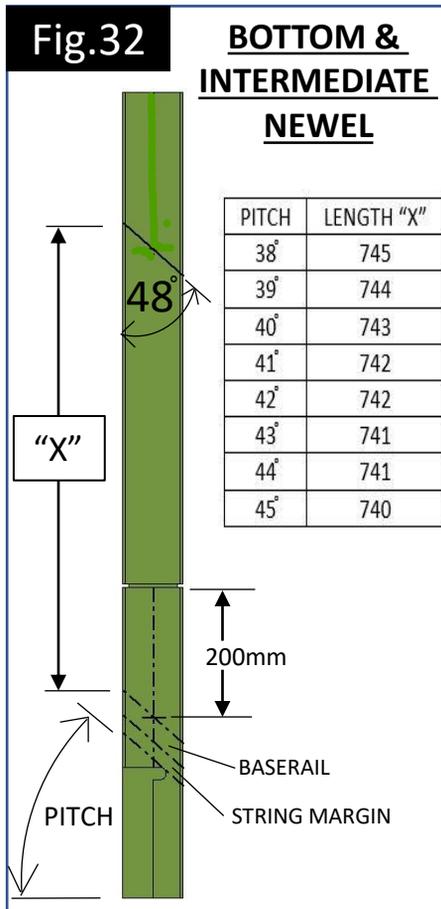
To cut **base rail** to length, follow instructions referring to **Fig.7**. Fix temporarily in place with tape.

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 end 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 silicon. Insert timber cover cap for locking nut by applying pva glue and gently tapping cap home

### Installing Glass Panels

To install glass panels, follow instructions covered by **Figs 24 to 31** in Post to Post section

### Landing Balustrade

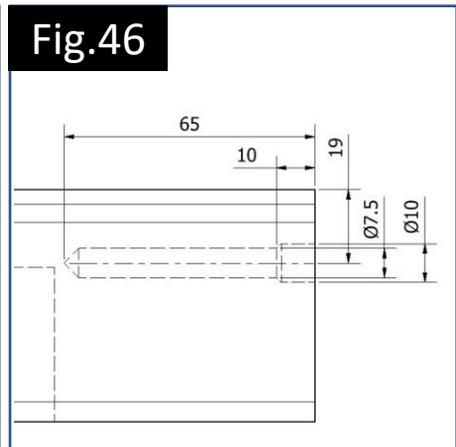
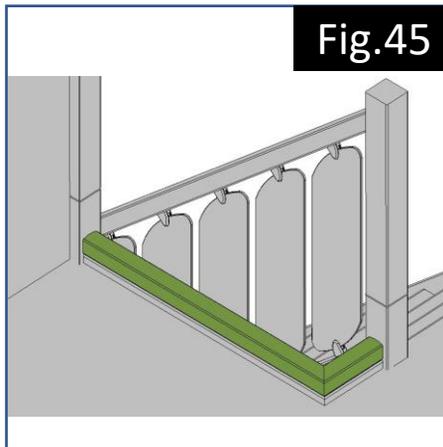
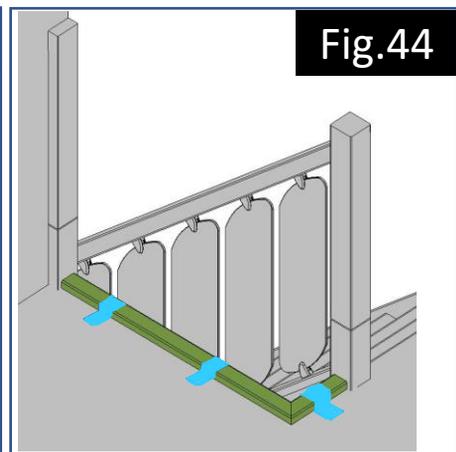
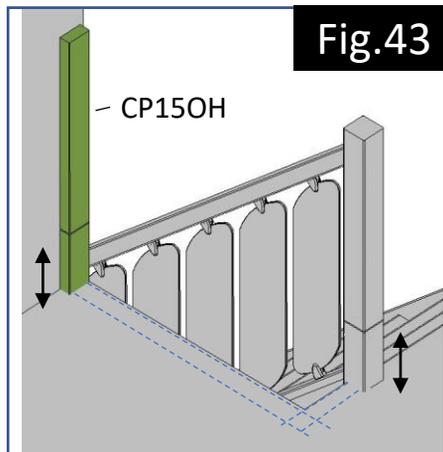
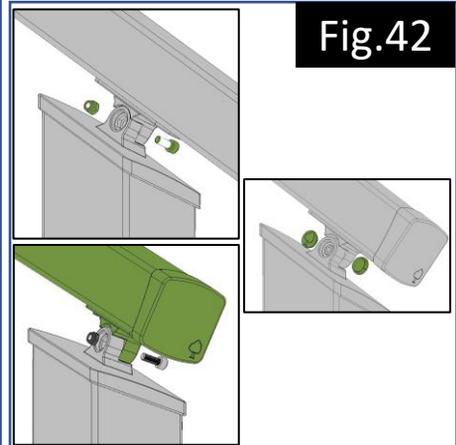
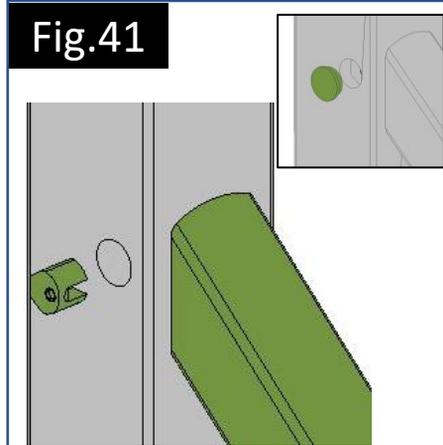
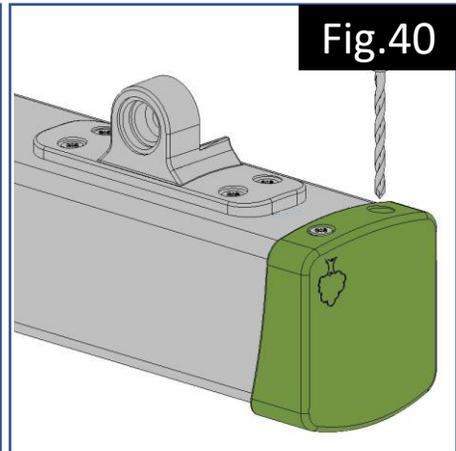
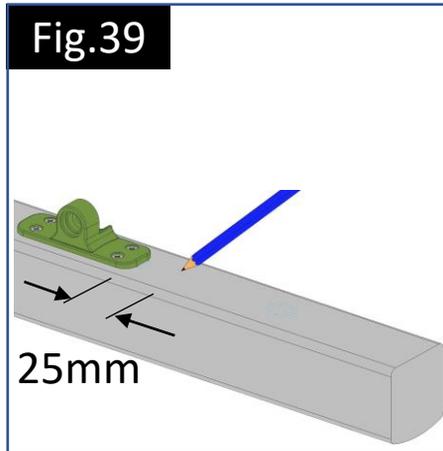
To install **half newel post (CP15OH)**, cut bottom of newel so that newel groove is level with groove in top newel. Temporary fix half newel to wall (fixings not supplied) (**Fig.43**).

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

Mark and cut **handrail** to exact dimensions as base rail. 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 **836mm** long and place on top of base rail 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 Glass Panels

Take 2 off, landing glass panels and attach glass panel brackets top and bottom (see **Fig.24**).

Offer between rails and position one panel no greater than 60mm away from half newel post and the other panel positioned so the outer edge of the glass is aligned with centre of top newel (**Fig.50**). Ensure that glass bracket 2 is landing side (see **Fig.30**)

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

To calculate **bracket spacings**, divide the measurement by 290 then round up to next whole number. Divide measurement by whole number

Example:

Distance between marks = 705mm.

Divide distance by 290 ( $705 \div 290 = 2.4$ )

Round up to nearest whole number = 3

Divide distance by 3 ( $705 \div 3 = 235\text{mm}$ )

**MAX** centres = **295mm**

**MIN** centres = **220mm**

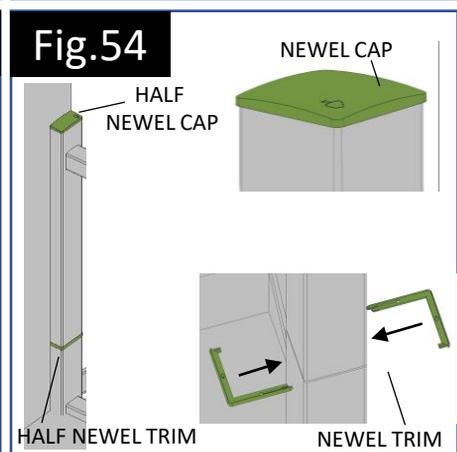
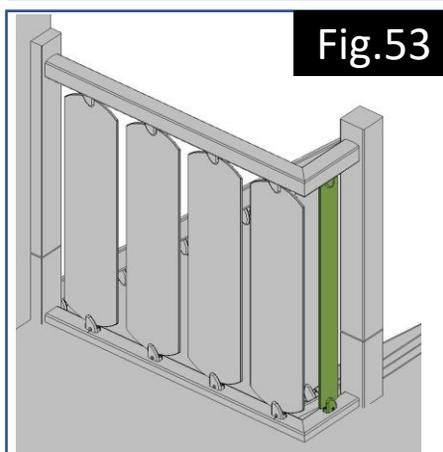
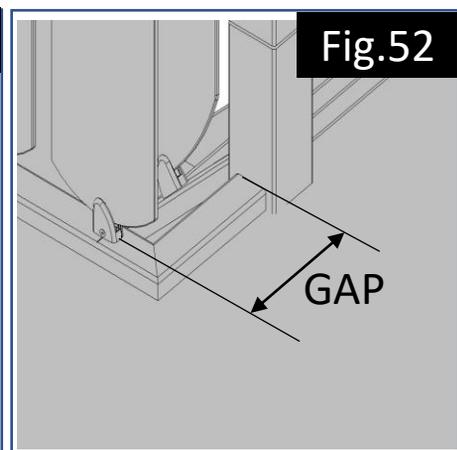
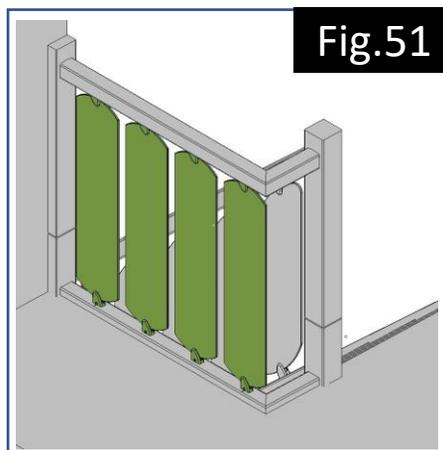
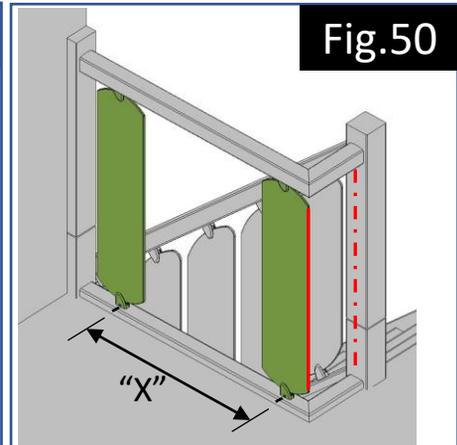
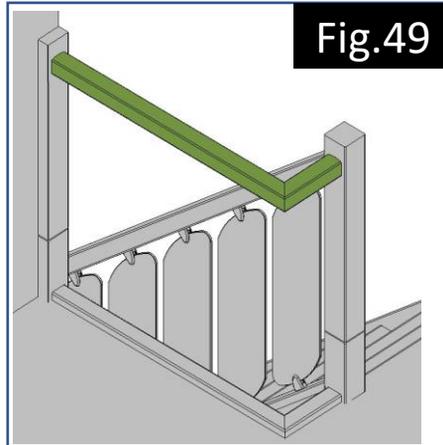
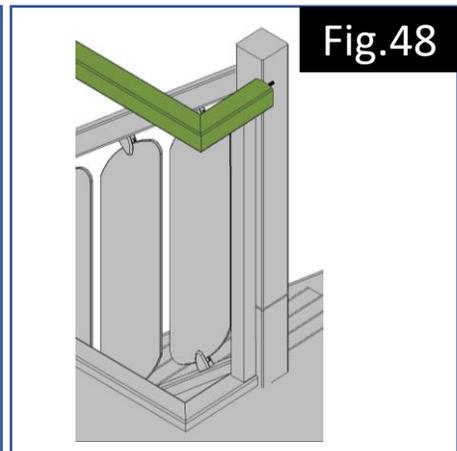
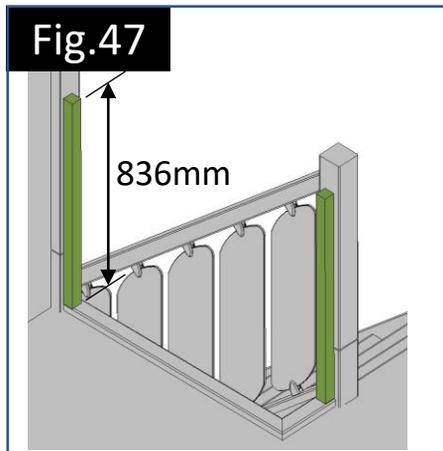
Check bracket spacings are within min/max guideline. Mark all bracket centres on handrail & base rail.

To fix **base rail** onto landing, follow **Fig.28** instructions.

To install **landing glass panels** 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 base rail (**Fig.52**), the use of **CGPSL1** glass panel is required (**Fig.53**)

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





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