

Retract-A-Gate® Banister Adapter Installation Guide

Overview

Banister Adapter Kits can be purchased directly at www.Retract-A-Gate.com

Banister adapters are used to attach the Retract-A-Gate brackets to wood or metal posts in cases where the standard brackets will not fit or if you prefer not to drive screws into your posts.

The kit contains:

- (4) Screws
- (4) Nuts
- (5) Finishing Washers (includes one extra)
- (1) Banister Adapter
- (4) Tie straps

One Banister Adapter Kit is sufficient for one side of the opening. If banisters or balusters exist on both sides of the opening, two kits may be required.

There are two basic types of wood posts, square or round, along with a variety of metal posts or balusters. The Retract-A-Gate Banister Adapter Kit is designed to fit most styles of posts.

Inspect daily, and do not use the gate if any parts become missing or damaged. Use these instructions only after understanding the installation instructions used with Retract-A-Gate.

Installation

Step 1:

Insert a screw through a finishing washer then through the bracket mounting hole for both sides of the bracket (brackets come with the gate). Turn a nut onto each screw (1-2 turns), leaving them loose to slide into the slots of the Banister Adapter. Then repeat for a second bracket.

Step 2:

Slide the brackets to the proper height on the Banister Adapter so that the screw locations of the bottom and top brackets are at 4 and 31 inches from the floor respectively. The Banister Adapter is reversible, there is no top or bottom to it until the brackets are attached.

Step 3:

Firmly tighten the screws to hold the bracket evenly in place. Make sure the bracket is mounted squarely. (Hint: Tip the bracket to the side while tightening to help hold the nut from rotating during tightening). For added security, be sure to position the brackets so the opening of the bracket faces away from the stair case.

Step 4:

Hold the adapter in place against the baluster or banister (before attaching the straps) and ensure the horizontal distance (across the opening) between upper and lower brackets is identical. Then verify the height of the brackets as mentioned in Step 2 as well. If the distances are different, make any adjustments before attaching the straps. Have a helper assist with measuring.

Step 5:

Once the position of the adapter is confirmed, secure the adapter in place with the included straps. Place a strap directly below and above each bracket. Tighten the straps securely by hand, but DO NOT over-tighten or cause the Adapter to be bowed or twisted. Finally, trim the excess of the strap flush and hook the Retract-A-Gate in place.

