



Wild Hog Installation Guide

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Wild Hog Railing produces high-quality railing panels that are attractive and affordable. These panels promote safety without obstructing the view. Wild Hog products are made in the USA by professional craftspeople dedicated to excellence.

Use this guide to help you decide which installation method is best for you. You will learn about the tools needed to complete the job and learn how important local code is when installing deck rails.



Project Preparation

Know your Code

Any new railing project must adhere to local building codes. It is important to pay close attention not only to rail height requirements and spacing, but also the materials that are to be used. Wild Hog products at DecksDirect are powder-coated steel, and generally adhere to code. However, local ordinances may determine how panels must be constructed to meet requirements.



Tools of the Trade

Depending on how Wild Hog Railing is installed, the tools needed for the job may be different in each case. Any construction project requires basic tools, such as a tape measure, level, and speed square. Cutting lumber or metal will require a saw and an appropriate blade. A hand-held drill and any relevant bits are required for any job with Wild Hog. For cutting channels into wood posts and/or rails, a wood router is also required. A Wild Hog project can be done with many tools and in any number of ways; it is the responsibility of the builder to use their tools responsibly.



Installation Methods



The Wood Frame Method

Wild Hog Panels provide an amazing, rustic look in a wood frame. The question is, what method should be used to secure Wild Hog panel between two posts? Many projects begin by building a wood frame around all four sides of a panel, and fastening between two posts. This can also be achieved by pressing the end of a panel between two lengths of wood to make up one "post", and doing the same on the other end.

Using a router to cut channels in your wood posts and rails can conceal the bare ends of the panel, maximizing viewing space and cutting down on weight. For heavy-gauge Tahoe panels, consider drilling holes into the deck rails and posts for a similar effect.

In all cases, adding rubberized Hog Tusks will help prevent corrosion at the bare ends of Wild Hog Panels. Drilling weep holes for rain into your bottom rail will also help preserve metal and wood alike.

Make it Easy with Hog Tracks

Hog Tracks are aluminum channels for Wild Hog Panels to be set in for a quick, clean installation. Screwing the Hog Tracks into rails and posts provides a unique metal frame for Wild Hog panels to be set in. As was the case with a wood panel installation, fitting Hog Tusks to the bare ends of the steel panel will help prevent corrosion. After securing the panel, drilling weep holes through the tracks and bottom rail will further help protect the wood and steel. This is a simple method that adds a stylish embellishment to the classic look of Wild Hog railing.





Installation Methods & Checklist



The Veranda Style

One of the benefits of Wild Hog is the many creative ways you can install it! This method uses Westbury's Veranda aluminum railing. Veranda is typically made to use glass as an infill, but here Wild Hog was installed into the slots instead. Aluminum balusters need to be attached to the side of the posts to drill holes into to accommodate the ends of the Wild Hog wire. This is an advanced method of installation, but is one of the most unique ways to use Wild Hog.

Checklist

Use this check list to assure you are ready to start your Wild Hog railing project.

- Check your local building codes.
- Decide which installation method you are going to use.
- Measure your deck- consider posts and any other material that will be used to construct the rail.
- Gather the tools and hardware needed to install.
- Install- you are ready to build your new Hog Railing!