

# Post & Rail – Crossbuck, 2-Rail, 3-Rail and 4-Rail

## 1. Getting Started

- Be sure to call underground prior to digging
- Assemble gates (if necessary) and decide where they will be located
- Stake out the fence line
- Space and mark post hole locations for gate and sections (spacer bar/template may be useful)
- Start at gate end post and work outward to determine proper fence height relative to ground

## 2. Dig Holes

- Dig holes 30" deep or to frost line
  - Hole size for 5 x 5 posts = approximately 12"
- Clean holes and check for straight walls

## 3. Install First Post

- Insert post in hole
- Determine rough height
- Fill hole around post with concrete mix (sand, gravel and cement) approximately 2" or 4" below grade
- Tamp concrete in hole to eliminate air pockets
- Level and square post
- Fence may be installed post and bottom rails first, then upper rails

## 4. Install Rails

- Tape the ends of any rail going into a post that is to be filled with concrete to prevent concrete seepage
- Standard rails are supplied in 16 foot lengths
- For rolling terrain, rails may need to be cut to 95-1/2"
- The starting point for rails should be staggered from post to post for bottom/mid/top rail for maximum strength
- Insert lock ring into one end of rail by depressing tabs, insert in rail end and release
- Depress lock ring tabs to insert bottom rail in first post
- Tabs will recoil to hold rail in post
- If bottom rail is 16' long, slide rail through second post and then insert post in ground
- Insert lock ring in rail end, insert end into third post
- When installing rails leave a 1" gap between rail ends inside post to allow for expansion

## 5. Support and Secure

- Block up bottom rail to determine correct fence height
- Fill holes around posts with concrete mix
- Tamp, level and square
- Fence assembly may be continued by installing all bottom rails first or one section at a time
- To lower a post, place a wood block from corner to corner of the post and carefully tap with a mallet
- Never strike the PVC post without a wood support

## 6. Crossbuck

- Insert lock rings in diagonal rails and insert into each post

Note: Standard diagonal rails are cut to 97" to compensate for angle of install

## 7. Hang Gate/Install Hardware

- For complete details, see gate installation instructions in hardware box
- Position gate between posts
- Allow 1-1/2" gap on hinge side of the gate and 1-1/4" on latch side to allow for the gate swing and hardware
- Block up gate to square with fence; rails should be level
- Gate hardware must be mounted to two sides of the post

## 8. Solidify Gate Posts

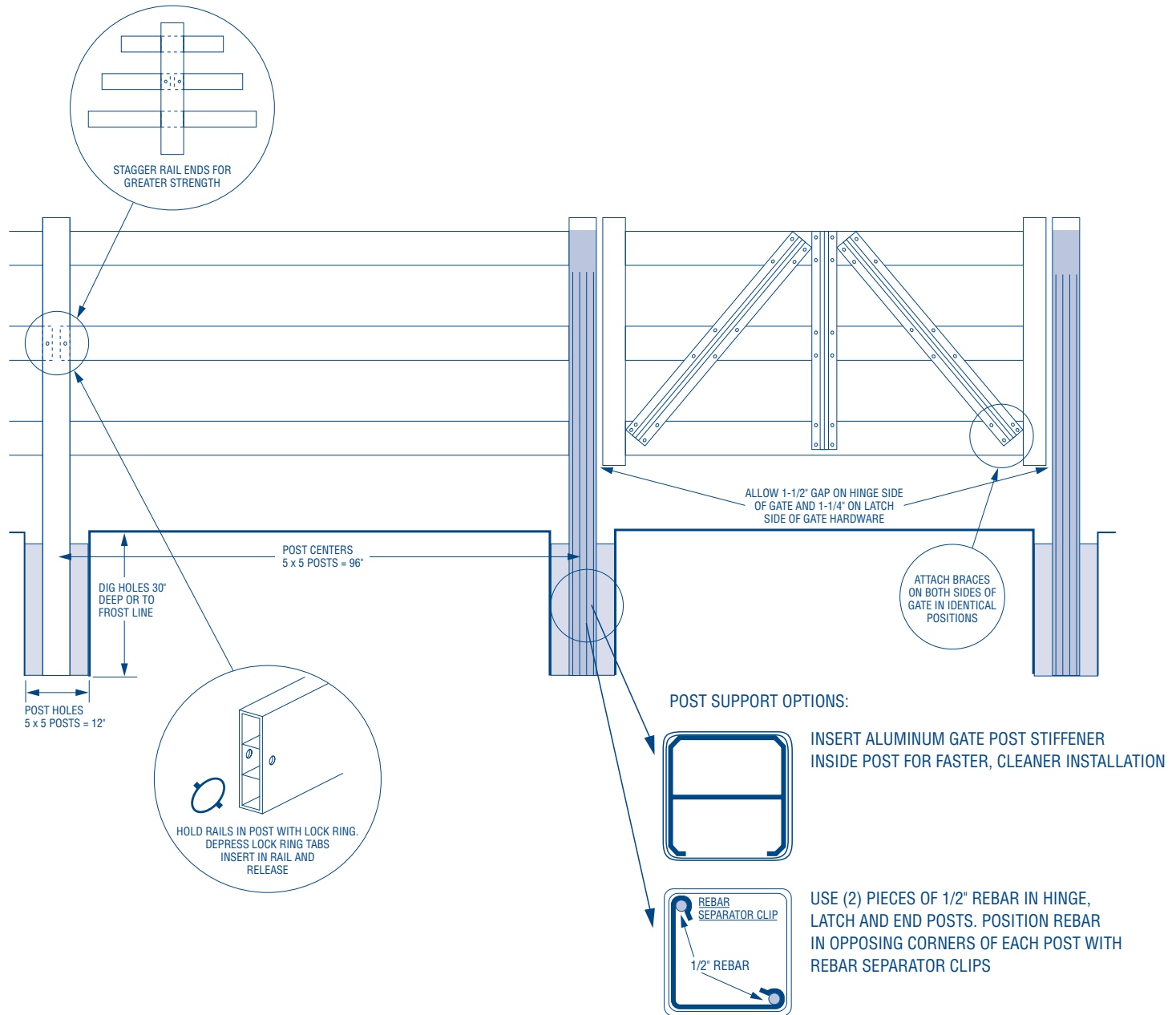
- It is critical that gate hinge and latch posts are solid to ensure proper gate functionality. Two methods are available:
  - A. Aluminum gate post stiffener
    - Slide aluminum gate stiffener inside hinge, latch or end posts
    - Drive a screw through the vinyl into the aluminum stiffener at the bottom of the post
    - Insert post into the ground
    - Fill hole with concrete around outside of post
  - B. Concrete and rebar\*
    - Use two pieces of 1/2" rebar in each hinge, latch and end post
    - Rebar should extend from the bottom of the hole to approximately 12" from the top of the post
    - Hold rebar in opposite corners of post with rebar separator clips
    - Fill post with concrete mix to cover rebar and hardware fasteners
    - Tamp post with a rubber mallet to eliminate air pockets
    - Leave gate on blocks for 72 hours to allow concrete to set

## 9. Install Caps

- Install post caps by pressing in place inside post

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\*In climates where the temperature exceeds 100° Fahrenheit, we recommend installing Arctic Blend, Brazilian Blend, Sierra Blend and Weathered Blend products on 6' post centers

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- White product uses 1-1/2 x 5-1/2 rails
- Arctic Blend, Brazilian Blend, Sierra Blend and Weathered Blend use 2 x 6 rails
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