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## Installation Instructions for INTERIOR WOOD COLUMNS

**NOTE:** Please read instructions carefully and follow steps completely before installation.

Store pillar in a dry area in its original box.

We strongly suggest priming and painting as soon as possible and before installation.

Humidity changes may cause wood to expand or contract if left for too long or exposed to the elements.

This is not considered a product defect and therefore the manufacturer cannot be held liable.

### **An Interior Column should consist of the following items:**

Plain or fluted turned shaft, two round plates, two square plates.

### **Be Equipped:** You will need the following:

Measuring tape, hammer, screwdriver, drill, handsaw/jigsaw, belt sander, 1/8" wood drill bit, 2" Robertson screws, 2" finishing nails, 150 - 200 grit sandpaper (hand sanding), latex/oil primer, latex/oil paint, paint thinner, paint brush.

### **Room Preparation:**

Determine where pillars are to be installed. Locate ceiling joists or other framing members to attach to top square plate of pillar. Check levelness of floor surface. Thick carpeted areas may require a 1/4" to 1/2" wood spacer cut into carpet to avoid sinking of base plate. Ceramic tile floors will require predrilling to prevent possible cracking of tile.

### **Measuring:**

When measuring from floor to ceiling, leave a 1/16" space for easier installation. Determine finished length of pillar shaft by subtracting the total height of plates from your rough opening size. Remember to measure twice and cut once!

### **Trimming:**

Mark a pencil line around shaft where cut is to be made. Trim excess material from shaft with a handsaw/jigsaw preferably. For a superior finish, belt sand around trimmed edge. Using one of the round plates, test to see how even the cut is.

### **Painting:**

Columns must be preprimed with a good quality latex/oil based primer. For high humidity areas (bathrooms, basements) we recommend an oil-based paint. For other living areas, a latex paint should do.

### **Assembly:**

At top attach round wood plate with four 2" screws onto pillar shaft end. Followed by attaching square plate onto round plate with four 2" screws. At bottom attach round wood plate with four 2" screws onto pillar shaft end. Pillar is now semi-assembled and ready to be put into place. Pre-drilling holes for screws in wood plates will prevent splitting and ensure accurate screw placement

### **Positioning:**

Lift semi-assembled pillar up against ceiling and slide bottom square plate beneath. (This method may seem unusual, but it won't scratch the ceiling surface). Lastly, attach the bottom round plate to the square plate with 2" finishing nails followed by attaching the square plate onto the floor with screws (Pre-drilling of course!)

**IMPORTANT: FAILURE TO FOLLOW MANUFACTURERS INSTRUCTIONS VOIDS ANY RESPONSIBILITY BY VINTAGE MOULDINGS MANUFACTURING LTD.**