



Fibreglass Columns Inside Columns Dimensions For "Wrap Around" Applications

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

Several cabinetmakers band clamps per column (or similar banding/strapping equipment)

Compatible adhesive (automotive body filler & hardener or epoxy based adhesive)

Column Installation Kit (#71760) or comparable hardware (L-brackets, bolts, wood or concrete screws)

For joining the column halves together, we recommend polyester resin based automotive body filler, such as Bondo® brand automotive body filler. Use an abrasive blade to trim the shaft and to complete the factory split.

NOTE: SPLIT COLUMNS ARE NOT LOAD BEARING

1. Measure the exact height at the location the column is to be installed. Make sure bottom of column conforms to any angle of the flooring material so full contact is assured.
2. Transfer these measurements to the column. Any excess must be trimmed from the bottom of the column. Use an abrasive blade. Use a rasp to level as required.
3. Install L-brackets on each side of the column to insert the bolts and do not over tighten the nuts as the column may fracture.
4. After the column has been trimmed to the correct length, carefully complete the factory splitting on both sides of the top and bottom of the column. Do not remove the shipping tape or shipping spacers until after the cuts have been completed.
5. Install the column halves around the existing support. Carefully align the two halves together. Loosely install band clamps around the assembled column approximately 2 feet apart. Insert 1/8" spacers into the joint on each side of the column near each of the strap locations. After a spacer has been inserted into the joint on each side, tighten the band clamp being careful not to over-tighten. After all straps and spacers have been installed, position the column and secure the L-brackets to the top and bottom surfaces.
6. Follow the body filler manufacturer's mixing recommendations. Work the body filler into the joints with a plastic body filler spreader or putty knife.
7. Wipe or scrape away any excess body filler. After the body filler has cured, remove the band clamps and remove the spacers. Fill the areas of the joints where the spacers and straps had been with body filler.

8. After all of the body filler has cured, sand the joints smooth with sandpaper. If necessary, fill any low spots with body filler. Sand again until smooth.
9. Apply construction adhesive to the top of the cap. Push the cap up against the ceiling surface being careful to align the square portion of the cap to the surface. Apply construction adhesive to the bottom of the base. Push the base down against the floor surface being careful to align the square portion of the base to the surface.
10. Caulk the joint between the cap and the column shaft and the joint between the base and the shaft.
11. Column must be painted. Follow the recommended procedure on the instruction sheet included with the cap and base.



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