Latitude Cable Railing Installation Instructions

Atlantis Rail’s Latitude System features prefabricated 316L stainless steel posts and horizontal cable infill, utilizing RailEasy™ round base tensioners/swivel ends and top rail mounting plates. These top rail mounting plates offer easy installation with no hardware obstruction and allow a wide variety of top rail options. The Latitude System is sold in off-the-shelf kits, allowing for easy ordering and fast delivery.

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Tools

Required & Recommended

- Power Drill
- #2, #3 & #4 Phillips Driver
- 3/8", 5/16 & 7/16" Open Wrenches
- Cable Cutters
- Pencil
- Drill Extension
- 1/4" & 1/8" Drill Bits
- 25’ Tape Measure
- Chalk Line
- Work Gloves
- Level
- Loctite 326
- Safety Glasses
- Grommet Install Tool
Tips for a Successful Installation

- Read the instructions completely before beginning the installation.
- Plan your railing project. Sketch your project with the actual measurements of your deck or balcony complete with post locations.
- Check carton(s) to determine part count is complete.
- Installation is best accomplished with two (2) people.
- Always wear personal protection equipment; safety glasses, work gloves, etc.
- Use care not to over-torque the screws. Pre-drilling is recommended.

ALWAYS REFER TO YOUR LOCAL BUILDING CODE OFFICIALS PRIOR TO INSTALLING ANY ATLANTIS RAIL SYSTEM TO ENSURE ALL CODE AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS ARE MET. ATLANTIS RAIL SYSTEMS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPROPER OR NON-RECOMMENDED INSTALLATIONS.

ALWAYS USE WORK GLOVES AND WEAR SAFETY GLASSES TO PROTECT YOUR HANDS AND EYES WHILE WORKING WITH CABLE. DO NOT OVER-TENSION.

Atlantic Rail Systems provides a variety of mounting options for posts and rails used in our systems. Products of this nature require that mounting surfaces are constructed to be considered structural per building code definition for the surface material used. Structural integrity and building code compliance of mounting surfaces are the responsibility of the end user and / or installer. The use of any of our mounting methods are at the option and decision of the end user and / or installer and should be selected to match the structural material used to create the mounting surface.

RailEasy™ Components

- S0982-0004 RailEasy™ Tensioner Round 5/32"
- S0982-S004 RailEasy™ Swivel End Round 5/32"

Additional Components

- Stabilizer and SunRail™ Cable Grommets
- Adjustable Stair Fitting
- Rail Adjustable Base
- Fascia Mount Bracket
- Concrete Mounting Base
Latitude Post Kit Components

Latitude Kits
The Latitude standard post kits contain the post, mounting base, top mounting plate and top rail fasteners. Fasteners to mount the base to the decking surface are sold separately. Speak with your Atlantis Rail Sales Representative about the various mounting options. The following section will show you how to install the posts on straight sections of your deck.

Measure & Mark the Centerlines
Use a tape measure to find the centerline of your railing system. Measure from the edge of the deck to the center of the structure or blocking below (See Figure A). This is typically 3-1/2”. It is important that all the fasteners are secured to the structure or appropriate blocking. With the centerline measured, carefully snap a chalk line around the perimeter of the deck. This will be your centerline throughout the project. Make sure that the center of all of your bases fall along this line.

Install the Post Bases
Begin with the end posts and corner posts. Place the base along the centerline being careful to make sure the base is properly oriented. Using the base as a template, mark the 4 holes for the screws. Use a 1/4” drill bit to drill a pilot hole for the base screws. It is important to drill a proper pilot hole as this will help prevent the base screws from stripping. Use a #4 screwdriver or driver bit (not included) to fasten the base to the deck (See Figure B). Simply slide the end and corner posts onto the base and orient the tensioners the proper way. Check for level.

Install the Mid Post Bases
Measure the distance between each section. Divide the section evenly into the required number of sections. Mark the center locations for the mid post bases once again taking care that the base is located on the centerline and oriented properly. Install the mid post bases as before and slip on each mid post. Check for level.

Installing the Posts

TO ENSURE CODE COMPLIANCE, ATLANTIS RAIL DOES NOT RECOMMEND EXCEEDING 4’ (48”) ON-CENTER BETWEEN CABLE SUPPORT POSTS.
Use Adhesive
With all the post bases installed securely and the frame built, carefully lift each post off the base enough to place a small bead of adhesive (See Figure C) around the throat of the base. Move the post up and down to spread the adhesive and wipe away any excess before it dries. The adhesive will begin to bond in only a few minutes and will be completely cured in 24 hours. Take care that the tensioners and mid post holes are all lined up and facing the proper direction.

ALL POSTS MUST BE SECURED TO BASES WITH LOCTITE® 326 BRAND ADHESIVE. BE SURE TO WIPE DOWN INSIDE OF POSTS AND OUTSIDE OF BASES BEFORE APPLYING ADHESIVE TO ENSURE THE STRONGEST BOND BETWEEN MATERIALS. DO NOT APPLY LOCTITE PRIMER.

Installing the Top Rail

Measure, Mark & Cut
As with the bases, measure for the top rail from post to post at the center line. Cut and miter the wood to fit. With the mounting plates secured to the posts using a 1/2"-13 slotted machine screw (supplied) and oriented properly, and the top rail in place, mark the screw holes of the mounting plate onto the top rail. Using a 1/8" bit, pre-drill the top rail for the screws. Take care to drill to a depth of approximately 3/4”. Do not drill completely through the top rail. Fasten the top rail with the four (4) included wood screws (See Figure D) using a #3 Phillips Head Driver Bit.

Installing the Cable

Preparation
Before tensioning any of the cables, it is important to be sure that the frame for the infill is completed. Make sure the posts are installed securely. Install all top rails. The posts will deflect beyond allowable limits if you attempt to tension the cables on an incomplete guard frame. Begin by removing the shrink tubing from the tensioner head (See Figure E). Be careful not to scratch the cone with a knife as this will open the cone up to corrosion issues. Next, extend the threaded stud outward a minimum of 3/4” for any cable run up to 20 feet. For every 10 feet thereafter, extend the threaded stud an additional 1/4”. Maximum recommended cable span is 48 feet.

Install the Cables
Insert the cable into the receiver cone, wedge and spacer until it is fully seated in the threaded stud (See Figure F). Thread the cone assembly onto the threaded stud. Tighten the receiver cone onto the threaded stud using 7/16” and 3/8” open wrenches until the threads are no longer visible (if possible). The wedge may protrude slightly from the front of the cone. With one end successfully terminated, pull the cable the length of the run to the tensioner on the other side. Using the opposite tensioner as a guide, mark and cut the cable to make it run straight. Run a single cable from end to end through the mid posts. This will help you see if something is not properly lined up. Do not tension the cable until the frame is completed as this will cause the posts to bend.

Figure C. Apply a thin bead of Loctite 326 brand adhesive to the bases when you are comfortable that the dry-fit sections are correct.

Figure D. Fasten the top rail using the provided wood screws.

Figure E. Exploded view of the RailEasy™ Tensioner for easy identification of each component.

TO ENSURE THAT THE CABLES WILL RUN STRAIGHT, RUN A SINGLE CABLE FROM END TO END THROUGH THE MID POSTS. THIS WILL HELP YOU SEE IF SOMETHING IS NOT PROPERLY LINED UP. DO NOT TENSION THE CABLE UNTIL THE FRAME IS COMPLETED AS THIS WILL CAUSE THE POSTS TO BEND.

Figure F. Insert the cable into the receiver cone, wedge and spacer until it is fully seated in the threaded stud.
MAKE SURE THE GUARD FRAME IS FINISHED ENTIRELY BEFORE TENSIONING CABLE!

Begin by hand tensioning all the cables. Do this by holding the cable and stud assembly still and rotating the tensioner body. It is important not to rotate the cable, only the tensioner body. Rotating the cable will weaken it and eventually cause it to snap. With all cables hand tight, begin tensioning with the wrenches. Start with the middle run of cable and alternate working above and below the center as if you were tightening the lug nuts of a tire (See Figure H). Hold the hex flats of the threaded stud with a 3/8” wrench and rotate the tensioner body with a 7/16” wrench until cable is taut (See Figure I). Tension the cable equally from both sides.

DO NOT OVER TENSION.

Tensioning one cable may cause the surrounding cables to lose tension. Simply go back over the cables in the same series getting down to half and quarter turns until all cables are tensioned. Tighten all the lock nuts until they are snug against the tensioner body to ensure the cables don’t lose tension.

Installing Cable Grommets

Utilizing the grommet install tool (part # E0916-1000) makes installing cable grommets easy.

THE GROMMET INSTALL TOOL (PART # E0916-1000) ACCOMMODATES BOTH 1/8” AND 5/32” CABLE GROMMET SIZES.

Align the slot of the cable grommet with the slot of the cable grommet install tool (See Figure J).

NOT ALIGNING THE SLOTS OF THE CABLE GROMMET AND TOOL WILL NOT ALLOW THE CABLE GROMMET TO BE INSTALLED.
Insert the flange of the cable grommet into the bottom side of the grommet install tool; making sure the slots are still aligned (See Figure K).

Holding the grommet install tool in one hand and placing ones thumb on the top side of the cable grommet, push the cable grommet onto the cable in a downward motion. A little force will need to be applied to fit the cable grommet onto the wire (See Figure L).

**ALWAYS POINT THE TIP OF THE CABLE GROMMET INWARDS TO THE POST HOLE AND KEEP THE POSITION OF THE SLOT DOWNWARDS TO ALLOW WATER TO DRAIN.**

After the cable grommet is placed onto the cable, remove the grommet install tool from the flange of the cable grommet. Place the grommet install tool on the wire (using the slot in the tool as a guide) push the cable grommet into the cable hole in the post until it fits flush (See Figure M).

**Additional Components**

**Stabilizer and SunRail™ Cable Grommets - (C0916-0004-25)**

Once the cable has been installed and tensioned, it is time to add the cable grommets (part # C0916-0004-25). The grommet (See Figure N) helps prevent movement and deflection of the cable, as well as, reduces dirt and moisture from getting inside the posts. These grommets are slotted for easy attachment onto the cable. Available in packs of twenty five (25).

**Adjustable Components**

Atlantis Rail offers an adjustable mounting base (part # S0950-0003) and an adjustable stair fitting (part # S0902-0409) for stair and ramp applications (See Figure O). These fittings will rotate to accommodate most standard stair and ramp pitches. Fasten the stair rail with the four (4) #8 1-1/2" wood screws (included) using a #2 Phillips Head Driver Bit. Ask your Atlantis Rail Sales Representative for more information regarding building a Latitude System for your staircase or ramp.
**Fascia Mount Bracket - S0950-0002**

Atlantis Rail offers a fascia mounting option when installing a Latitude System with stainless steel posts (part # S0950-0002). This bracket is designed to be combined with the Atlantis Rail Mounting Base or Rail Adjustable Base. It is used when a fascia mounting system is desired.

There are two methods for fastening the Fascia Mount Bracket. You can use four (4) 1/2” x 4-1/2” lag screws (not included). These screw through the side of the fascia bracket and into the fascia board (See *Figure M*). If you prefer through-bolting, use four (4) 1/2” x 4-1/2” machine screws, nuts and washers (included). Mark and drill through the fascia screws, nuts and washers until tight.

When the fascia mount is securely fastened, attach the Rail Mounting Base using four (4) 5/16-18 x 3/4” long machine screws (included) into the top of the bracket (See *Figure N*). Tighten down, shim where necessary and install the rail as outlined in the Fascia Mount Bracket Installation Instructions.

**Concrete Mounting Base - S0950-0006**

Atlantis Rail offers a Concrete Mounting Base option when installing a Latitude System with stainless steel posts on a concrete surface. A single concrete anchor bolt (not supplied) is used to secure the mount (part # S0950-0006).

Begin by dry fitting the railing section as outlined in the applicable installation instructions. The Concrete Mounting Base (See *Figure O*) matches the profile of the Rail Mounting Base (part # S0950-0001) and Rail Adjustable Base (part # S0950-0003). For more detailed information please refer to the Concrete Mounting Base Installation Instructions. Ask your Atlantis Rail Sales Representative for more information regarding building a Latitude Cable Railing.

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**Latitude System Specifications**

The Latitude System uses stainless steel posts and fittings with horizontal cable infill. Customers must provide their own handrail. It is advised to observe that tension must be applied to tensioners and cable. Posts should be mounted securely enough to resist detachment and hold under tension.

**Straight Sections**

The Latitude System is offered in two standard post heights of 36” or 42” for straight sections.

**Stair Sections**

Rail height for stair sections is available in 36”.

**Between Post Lengths**

Atlantic Rail requires staying within 4’ section lengths to maintain structural integrity.
Railing Finish
The Latitude System is offered in a highly polished finish. Electro-polishing is an additional finish for ocean vicinity locations.

Cable Spacing
The cable is spaced on posts at less than 3” on-center to comply with nationwide building codes.

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