Ballantyne Supports

Installation Considerations

Every successful countertop installation begins with good planning and action. Do not wait until the last minute to order your countertop supports, fasteners or adhesives for installation. Make sure that all aspects of the support substructure are considered and discussed to insure that your countertop installation will be smooth and that your countertop support products will be sufficient.

Note that this installation document should not be considered a specific recommendation for your particular ap plication. Federal Brace cannot provide installation guidelines to meet the particulars of every application. This document should be considered a help sheet that provides considerations about the general characteristics of a particular type of support and installation.

Characteristics of the Ballantyne Post Support Bracket

Our Ballantyne Support posts are designed to be mounted on the surface of a subcountertop and elevate a shelf or bar. The thick stainless steel material is designed to support the heaviest and thickest glass, granite, and engineered stone.

Preparations for the Ballantyne Post Support

The installation of our Ballantyne post support is a special install. You will need to have prefabricated into your granite or other stone materials or predrilled into your wood counters a hole that will fit a 3/8″ diameter bolt.

Considerations when Installing the Ballantyne Post Support

We suggest that you space the posts no greater than 30” apart on a standard application. With your fastening holes prefabricated into your sub counter you can attach your first post. Be sure to place the cap on the top of the Ballantyne prior to inserting the bolt and tightening. This will give you a surface for applying silicone adhesive when attaching the countertop. If you purchased our bearing plate kit, it too should be under the counter when the bolt is inserted, so that the bolt threads through the cap, the post, and the bearing plate and tightens with the nut. Make sure that when you fasten the post that you check for level in all directions. The post should be straight up and down and be level across the top flange. This will give the best possible support result to your countertop.

Once all the brackets are in place, wipe them down to get rid of any handprints or other debris. Just before installation of your countertop apply adhesive or silicone to the cap that you installed on top of the Ballantyne to adhere it to the countertop. Once the countertop is in place you can caulk around the edge of the post if you choose. This will give greater adherence to the countertop and cover any gap between the post and the countertop.

The final step is to enjoy your work and your new countertop! We are thankful for you choosing the Ballantyne Post Support from Federal Brace. We love seeing our customers’ applications so please send us images of your installation and our posts supporting your elevated counter. Also, know that the highest compliment Federal Brace can be given is a reference from our customers to friends and family. If you have enjoyed your buying experience with Federal Brace please let someone know.

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