



FAQS — POST CAPS

What is a post base trim used for?

Post Base Trim is a molding for the bottom of the posts, available in 4" x 4" and 6" x 6" sizes in pine and cedar. Easy to attach with nails, staples, or adhesive.

What kind of metal is used underneath the post caps with the powder-coated finish?

Stainless steel.

Will my stainless steel post caps rust?

Stainless steel has a hard oxide coating that makes it resistant to stains. Corrosion and wear strip away this coating, causing the steel to rust. To maintain this coating, clean the post cap periodically with a mixture of vinegar and club soda.

Does a finish need to be applied to wood post caps?

Yes. As with all wood products, we recommend that you coat the wood post caps with a high-quality exterior finish to preserve the wood's natural beauty and ensure a lifetime of enjoyment. Before installing, apply to all wood areas, including the underside of the cap.

What preservative is used to protect pressure-treated wood post caps?

Our wood post caps are protected by Copper Azole Type B (CA-B), an EPA-registered pesticide containing copper and azole compounds to protect it from termite attack and decay.

Do pressure-treated Wood Post Caps need to be "seasoned"?

No need, they're kiln-dried, but we do recommend applying a protective finish immediately to the post cap.

Can I use regular, non-rechargeable batteries in solar post cap light?

No, it's designed to power off of rechargeable batteries only. Using regular batteries will ruin the light. We do have Solar Collector Replacement Units available. Please contact us to inquire about purchasing Solar Collector Replacement Units.

How long will the solar post cap light batteries last?

Approximately one year for rechargeable batteries.

What kind of replacement batteries should I purchase for the solar post cap light?

If the rechargeable batteries provided with the cap will no longer recharge, they can be replaced with any AA rechargeable batteries. The life depends on the quality of the batteries purchased.

Where can I purchase replacement LED bulbs?

The LED bulbs are part of the whole solar cell component and are not designed to be replaced. The LED bulbs have an average life of 10 years, with a normal usage of 6 to 8 hours per day. We do have Solar Collector Replacement Units available. Please contact us to inquire about purchasing Solar Collector Replacement Units.

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What is the lumen output of solar post caps?

1-2 lumens when the batteries are fully charged. The lumen value will slowly decrease as the energy from the batteries is consumed.

How bright does the solar post cap light get?

It provides ambient light.

Do I remove plastic film that comes on top of the solar piece on the solar post cap light?

Yes, it's for protection during shipping.

How do I activate the solar post cap?

1. Remove top by pressing inward on the side of the clear lens, grasping the edge of the top and lifting it off.
2. Install the batteries.
3. Replace the top by snapping it back onto side panels (ensure that the holes in the sides are matched up with the stubs on the top).
4. Place your solar post cap light in direct sunlight for 24-48 hours to fully charge.

How do I attach solar post cap lights to a post?

Apply an exterior-grade construction adhesive to the inside edge of the molding at the bottom of the light, and then place the light firmly onto the post. For more information, refer to the installation instructions.

How do I attach post caps to a post?

Use exterior-grade adhesive liberally to the inside of the cap and place the cap firmly over the top of the post. If you prefer to use Brad nails, be sure to pre-drill all nail holes to avoid splitting. For more information, refer to the installation instructions.

What are the inside dimensions of 4" x 4" or 6" x 6" wood posts?

- 4" x 4" post - inside dimensions: 3-1/2" x 3-1/2"
- 6" x 6" post - inside dimensions: 5-1/2" x 5-1/2"

What are the inside dimensions of post caps?

- 4" x 4" post cap - inside dimensions: 3-5/8" x 3-5/8" (which are made to fit a standard 4" x 4" post)
- 6" x 6" post cap - inside dimensions: 5-5/8" x 5-5/8" (which are made to fit a standard 6" x 6" post)
- 4" x 6" post cap - inside dimensions: 3-5/8" x 5-5/8"
- 8" x 8" post cap - inside dimensions: 7-5/8" x 7-5/8"
- 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" post cap - inside dimensions: 2-1/2" x 2-1/2"