



Handrail Customer Information

Thank you for purchasing your handrail from us. We are a small family run business based in Sussex. All of our products are crafted by ourselves. We always welcome any comments and feedback, so please get in touch. If you misplace this information, the latest version is available on our website.

Returns

If you change your mind simply return your product (unused) within 30 days of receipt. We will then refund you fully, although you are responsible for paying the return packaging and postage. If you do return a product please put a note of your name, address and invoice number inside the package and return it to Obsydian Metal Products Ltd, 6 Seabeach Lane, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN22 7NZ. There may be a delay in us being able to refund you, if this information is not provided.

Guarantee

All our products are guaranteed for two years against faulty workmanship. The terms and conditions of the guarantee are attached.

Customer Services

Our phone line is open between 8.30am and 2pm Monday to Friday, excluding bank holidays. If it does go to answer phone please leave your name and number and we will call you back as soon as possible. We are a small family business that prides itself on providing personal customer service.

Home & Garden Guarantee Terms and Conditions

Products manufactured and supplied by Obsydian Metal are guaranteed against material and manufacturing faults for the duration of the guarantee period, two years, subject to the following terms and conditions.

- The product must be correctly installed and used for its intended purpose.
- The guarantee period commences on the date of dispatch.
- During the guarantee period, any product or component which is proved to be faulty or defective in manufacture, will be repaired or replaced free of material or labour charges, providing we have authorised or carry out the repair or replacement.
- We will not accept or reimburse the costs of any third party who undertakes any work on the product or fits parts, unless we have approved such work in advance of it being carried out.
- The guarantee period will not be extended even if we repair or replace any product or part.
- If we replace any component or product, the part or product removed will become our property.
- Any claim made under the terms and conditions of this guarantee must be made within the guarantee period.

The manufacturers guarantee does not apply to

- Rust. Rust is a natural affect on iron.
- Damage caused by faulty installation, theft, tampering, neglect, misuse, accident, fire, flood, explosion, lightening, storms, frost or other bad weather conditions.

If you find yourself in the unfortunate position of needing to claim under your guarantee please call us on 01323 430932 in the first instance to talk your claim through.

Please retain your invoice, you will need it to make a claim under our guarantee.



Installation Guidance

Please note that this is just a guide and everyone's installation environment is different. Below you will find tips for how to install our handrails on two bolt down posts using our thunder bolts. You may find installation easier with two people.

1. Decide on the location for your handrail, try and avoid having to put a bolt into a cement joint, as this will give you a less secure fixing. Please note the thunder bolts provided are suitable for fixing into concrete, most brick work (not breeze blocks or other soft blockwork) and wood. Some customers have had success bolting down to paving slabs, but this very much depends on the paving slab and what is under it. If they have been concreted down you are more likely to have success than if they have just been laid on sand for example. The suitability of your paving is something that you will need to assess.
2. Assemble the complete handrail and posts and position it in your desired location, at the gradient you require, ensuring that both posts are vertical (a spirit level is useful for this). A second person is often required to hold the handrail at this point to ensure that it doesn't fold up and trap fingers etc.
3. Drill one hole in each post plate and wind in the two thunder bolts. You will need a 6mm dia drill bit and you should aim for a minimum of 120mm long hole. A 10mm spanner will be needed to wind the thunder bolts in. Then drill the remaining holes, through the plates and wind in the remaining thunder bolts.
4. Check the posts to ensure that they are level. If they are not, you may wish to consider placing some washers under one or two bolt holes (not supplied), sometimes the washers can be slid in the side without taking the bolts back out.
5. Finally if your handrail was supplied bare metal or black zinc primed you will need to apply further coats of paint. If it was supplied powder coated, use the touch up paint provided to fill in any scratches and chips that may have occurred during installation.

Tips:

If your thunderbolt squeals as you tighten it then you have a good tight fitting that should hold securely.

Try to keep the drill steady and straight as you drill to ensure that your hole does not widen.

Always check the area where you intend to drill, to ensure there are no obstructions or hidden dangers such as cables, wires or pipes.

When cleaning off any brick dust off the handrail and posts, do not brush or wipe it as it scratches the paint work (if you opted for a coated rail). Instead use either a Hoover, water or air.

If you are unsure about installing your handrail, please give us a call on 01323 430932 or alternatively most landscapers, handymen and builders would be able to undertake the task.

Care for your handrail

Bare metal – if you have ordered a bare metal product, we strongly recommend that you coat it in your choice of finish immediately as your product will begin the process of rusting straight away.

Black zinc primed – your product has had one coat of a zinc based paint, a further coat is strongly recommended either before installation or shortly afterwards. You will then need to further coat your product periodically as you traditionally would with any wrought iron style product. Please do not store your product outside for any length of time, whether installed or still wrapped in its packaging, without applying the second coat of paint. Protection against rust is built up with every layer of paint that you apply.