Decorative Capital Installation Instructions

When installing a decorative capital on a round column, proper procedure requires that the top portion above the astragal be cut off. The total column length will be reduced by the following measurements:

- 8” column cut off 5”
- 10” column cut off 6”
- 12” column cut off 7 ½”
- 14” column cut off 7 15/16”

The decorative capitals are load bearing. The total height listed in the brochure should be added to the shaft less the cut off in order to determine the maximum possible length for each column/capital combination.

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1. Use 5 to 10 minute epoxy to secure capital to post.
2. Counter sink (2) pilot holes into capital.
3. Secure the capital to the header by screws. Screws should be long enough to tightly attach the capital to the header.
4. Use Bondo® to cover any screw holes.

Tools Required

- Safety Glasses
- Dust Mask
- Tape Measure
- Polyurethane Structural Adhesive
- Drill & screws
- Pilot Drill Bit
- Countersink
- Bondo®
- Putty Knife
- Saw with Abrasive Blade
- Epoxy

CAUTIONS:
1. DO NOT CAULK BASE TO SUBSTRATE. THIS MAY CAUSE COLLECTED MOISTURE AND FREEZE.
2. ALL HOLES MUST BE PRE-DRILLED.
3. DO NOT PUT CONCRETE OR ANY OTHER FILLER INSIDE THE COLUMN OR POST.
4. INSTALL FLASHING TO PREVENT WATER FROM ENTERING AT THE TOP OF THE COLUMN OR POST. THIS ONLY APPLIES IF THE TOP OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS OUT FROM THE SOFFIT AND IS EXPOSED TO WEATHER.

PAINTING TIPS:
1. Do not paint using dark colors with L values of 56 to 0.
2. Sand column with 100 grit sandpaper or a sanding sponge to prepare surface for a high quality latex or oil primer. Finish with the proper finish coat.