

# **Balustrade System**

Balustrade are a set of cast stone parts that make up a handrail, usually for stairs or patios. They include the handrail, base rail and the balusters that form the vertical parts between.

 I want to add balustrade to my stairs, how can I make them fit? Balusters come with either standard lug or stair lug. A qualified stone mason will be able to cut the lugs to match the slope of your staircase.

### Are there any other styles of balustrade systems available?

There are many different styles available, including screens and grabbable handrails. Ask your sales representative if you are interested in alternative styles.



Radius Balustrade



Tally Screen (Custom Item)



Baluster (Custom Item)



BinelliCapriceVerona Newel Pier BinelliNobleVerona Balustrade System (Custom Item)

 Do I have to place a newel pier at the end of my balustrade system? A newel pier is an optional way to finish a balustrade system. If you choose not to use newel piers you will need a finished end part for the handrail and baserail.

#### · Are there any concerns I should have when installing balustrade?

If your balustrade system is going to be placed above ground level there are local building codes, called "ball codes" that specify the maximum space allowed between balusters. This may require additional balusters for your project.









### **Additional Balusters**

Balusters are included in the balustrade unit. However, local ball codes may require less space between balusters, requiring additional balusters to be ordered.





## Standard Connection Balustrade



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### **Additional Balusters**

Balusters are included in the balustrade unit. However, local ball codes may require less space between balusters, requiring additional balusters for each balustrade unit.

Stair Lug

Dimensions



Standard Lug

un: 9194 Dimensions



## Pass-Thru Connection Balustrade



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# Columns

Columns are just like the columns of ancient Greek and Roman architecture, tall pillars that support a roof. The designs of many column are based on the ancient styles, such as our Tuscan columns.

#### • How are Columns installed?

Columns are tied at the top and bottom and the parts are tied to a support structure that runs down the center. There are many options available for installing columns. Consult a professional for more details and to make sure your structure meets the proper building codes.



#### · Can I make my columns taller or shorter?

There are a couple of ways to modify the height of a column. You can add a few inches, you can put a plinth under the base. In order to shorten a column, you should cut each shaft section equally to prevent the column from looking unproportional.

#### · What other ways can columns be used?

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Halves of a column can be used as a pilaster, on entryways, colonnades, pedestals, gazebos. They can be used as legs on a surround or even indoors.

#### • Can columns be used for structural purposes?

Yes, but only solid core columns. It is better to use an existing structure and wrap it with our hollow core columns.











# Pavers, Panels and Stair Treads

Pavers and Panels are flat squares or rectangles of cast stone. They are used primarily for covering floors or walls, but have a wide variety of other uses, such as surround panels and filler panels with fireplaces. Stair treads are used for similar purposes, but have a finished rounded edge. They are used for stairs and for pool coping.



### I would like to create a different look for my patio. How can I accomplish this? There are many patterns you can create with out pavers If you want a more uniform

look purchase pavers all the same size. For a more random look, mix square and rectangular paver stones.

#### · How can I calculate how many treads and risers I will need for my stairs?

By using the rise and run formula, you can easily calculate the number of treads and risers you will need.

Enhance your stairs with decorative scroll brackets or install recessed lighting to add a stylish safety feature to your project. You can also use stair treads for **pool coping**.





#### • What issues should I be aware of when I install panels and paver stones?

As with all stone products, be sure that the structure you are attaching stone to is strong enough to support the stone. Consult with a architect or stone mason familiar with local building codes when designing with cast stone. We offer mason and architect referral services online.

#### • What causes stone to crack?

It is caused by the effects of freeze thaw. When stone absorbs water and freezes the water expands. This is a natural process that all building materials are subjected to. This expansion can cause cracks and pieces may break off. Cast stone's absorption rate is significantly lower than natural stone products.



## Wall and Floor Panels





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## Stair Treads

### All Stair Treads and Wall and Floor Panels shown here are all 2 inches thick







Landscape Accents are caps for landscaping walls and piers, barriers set around a garden or other landscaped area. Wall caps are 3 ft. parts that fit on top of the length of the wall. Pier caps go on top of square piers that are built at the corners and ends of the wall. They came in matched pairs of profiles designed to go together, like a profile family.



- What issues may come up as I install wall and pier caps in my landscaping design? Make sure that the setting bed dimension ("Z" dimension, or "ZZ" for Extrados family) of the Wall and Pier caps are equal to or larger than the wall or pier it rest on.
- Can I install lights on top of pier caps?

Yes, you can drill holes for the electrical or the holes can be pre made (with custom orders only) Finials or planters can also be added.

What design options are available for landscaping walls?

Using decorative panels as banding on the walls creates a strong design element. You can add profiles below the wall cap to create a more elaborate look.



• Are there any other profile options available for wall and pier caps?

Of course, contact your sales rep and ask about more profile options. You can use single sided profiles as wall caps as well, by placing identical pieces back to back.





The following profiles are commonly used for Wall Caps







### The following profiles are commonly used for Pier Caps





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The following profiles are commonly used for Pier Caps





Many Other Custom Profiles And Units Available





Landscape caps are matched profiles designed to be used together, a type of profile family. Select the proper profile to fit the depth of your landscaping wall and piers.





# Quoins

Quoins are defined as a corner support. In architecture a quoin is a series of rectangular accents that runs up a corner of an outside wall.



#### · How do I make sure I order enough quoins for my project?

Count the number of corners you want to accent with quoins, and measure the height. Then decide what configuration style you want to use. Choose how many quoins will be used per corner, and multiply by the number of corners. Check you measurements to see if they will fit the space.

#### · What design options are available with quoins?

There are many ways to install quoins, they can be widely spaced or close together, they are often staggered. There are custom designs available, but most quoins use designs similar to those offered on the next page.

### • What causes stone to pick up hazy discolorations?

These discolorations are a natural phenomenon called efflorescence. It can usually be removed with stone cleaning products. PROSOCO Inc. is a good resource.

#### Is it possible to achieve the look of quoins using pavers?

Yes, flatface panels can be used like quoins. Quoins are generally made of two panels that are thicker than the facade.

### Configuration Options for Quoins











### Two Piece Quoins



### Many Other Custom Units Available