WPC plank fence
ROMA


Original installation instructions
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Please read these operating instructions completely and carefully. These instructions are part of this product and contain important information on installation and handling. Always observe all safety instructions. If you have any questions or are unsure about the handling, please contact your dealer. Please keep these instructions in a safe place and pass them on to third parties if necessary

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Please read these instructions carefully before installation and keep them for future reference.
- Check the packaging and make sure that you have received all the listed parts.
- Do not leave packaging material lying around carelessly. It could be dangerous if played with by children.
- Select a suitable mounting location for your product.
- While preparing the mounting holes, be careful not to drill or dig into any conduits or power cords below the surface.
- If you are unsure about the installation, ask a specialist for advice.


## SYMBOLS AND PICTOGRAMS



General warning symbol - Be alert and observe common hazards.
This warning symbol is displayed in conjunction with other signs or symbols. Failure to observe this warning may result in injury or damage to the product.


Command sign (instead of an exclamation mark, the command may be explained) with information on how to prevent damage.


Indicator with information for better handling of the product.

Action symbol - Read this manual carefully and completely.

## STORAGE AND PRINCIPLES OF ASSEMBLY

## STORAGE BEFORE INSTALLATION

Before installation, store all WPC elements in a dry place which is protected from sunlight and at the same temperatures as outside on the installation site. This serves to acclimatize the WPC elements to avoid unfavorable stresses. Please pay special attention to the regulations for fence storage.

- Do not store the fence in an inclined position; store in a horizontal or vertical position to avoid bending or breaking
- Do not tie the fence too tightly during transport.
- The fence should be handled with special care as it is very heavy.


## GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The materials and properties of WPC and wood differ. Process and use WPC only according to the instructions, otherwise possible product defects or injuries may occur. We are not liable for any consequences arising from the failure to observe this instruction.

All illustrations and instructions in this guide are for reference purposes only. All construction work must be carried out in accordance with local laws and building regulations.

At each stage of construction, especially when cutting the profiles, please make sure that you are equipped with protective clothing and protective equipment such as safety goggles, gloves, mask, etc. We are always at your disposal in case of questions or problems.

## PREPARATION FOR MOUNTING

## HANDLING

IMPORTANT! This exclusive fence is designed to use elements in the horizontal direction designed. Because of the weight of the fence, you should use a supporting foundation.

IMPORTANT! Compared to wood, WPC has a higher specific weight and greater elasticity. Special care must be taken during handling. When handling WPC profiles, please note that their weight differs from that of normal construction timber

IMPORTANT! Never screw directly into the profiles! Always make a pilot hole first!

LEGAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT! Ensure that the fence is installed in accordance with local laws and relevant regulations

## ASSEMBLY TOOLS

Standard tools for woodworking:
Hand or table saw, cordless drill, angle grinder, drill


Other assembly tools:
Spirit level, measuring tape, plumb bob, screwdriver, pencil for marking, calculator
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## REQUIRED ARTICLES



## IMPORTANT!

The posts may only be mounted with the appropriate post supports.
Alternatively, use the posts to embed in concrete.

## MOUNTING THE POSTS

## SET THE COURSE

- Plan and mark the position of the fences to be erected, particularly the position of the posts.

The distance from post center to post center for a
a) $180 \times 180 \mathrm{~cm}$ fence element must be $1,880 \mathrm{~mm}$ or
b) $90 \times 180 \mathrm{~cm}$ fence element 980 mm

- Use the aluminum posts with WPC core and the post support for screwing on / setting in concrete (sold separately), which is firmly connected to the substructure with the appropriate dowels and screws. Only use the screw-on post supports on a solid surface, such as a stone terrace!
- The course of the fence can be diverted $90^{\circ}$ at the posts.



## LAY THE FOUNDATION

(1)NOTE! Screws screwed into the post in the area to be concreted provide additional stability. Remember to always drill a pilot hole.

Install the aluminum posts first. If the ground is loose, such as in the case of a lawn, use an aluminum post for concreting in. To do this, dig appropriate holes (depth depending on the desired post height, but at least 60 cm ; diameter 30 cm ) and insert the aluminum posts. Then fill the holes with concrete. As the concrete hardens, ensure that the posts are straight and that the distance between the two posts - where the fence element will be placed is correct and even (see page 8 „General rules for alignment"). The concrete must be allowed to harden completely before the fence element is attached. Please observe the processing instructions on the concrete packaging. In the case of a solid substrate such as a stone terrace, use an aluminum post for screwing to the H -beam post (available separately) which is firmly connected to the substrate using appropriate plugs and screws or set in concrete according to the specifications.


ATTENTION! Use a spirit level to align the posts precisely. Ensure the correct distance between the aluminum posts in order to install the fence elements with precision.
See section SET THE COURSE.

## GENERAL RULES FOR ALIGNMENT

When aligning the fence elements, make sure that there is a distance of at least 5 mm between the post and the fence element.

IMPORTANT! The drainage holes in the frame of the fence must always be on the underside. We expressly point out that the fence should be mounted so that it is at least $\mathbf{2} \mathbf{~ c m}$ from the ground.

## INSTALLATION WITH L BRACKETS

(1) The L-brackets must be placed in the center of the crossbars and posts. Place the fence element between two posts in the future final position. Support it if necessary. Make sure that the drainage holes are at the bottom during assembly to allow water to drain away. Please also make sure that the fence element is at least 2 cm away from the ground.
(2) Place the L-Bracket in position on the post and fence panel.
(3) Mark the locations for the screw holes on the crossbars of the fence panel and on the post.
(4) Drill all the screw holes in the posts.
(5) Attach each 8 L-Brackets to the uprights with 1 Screw each.
(6) Drill the screw holes in the crossbars of the fence panel.

- The hole must be made at right angles to the cross bar.
- Do not drill through the other outside as this will affect the weather protection and aesthetics of the fence. The hole should only be slightly deeper than the length of the screw. If necessary, mark a boundary on the drill.
(7) Then place the fence element on the L-brackets. Make sure there is a gap of at least 5 mm between the fence element and the post.
(8) Screw the fence panel to all 8 L-brackets with 2 screws each. These must be screwed in the center of the elongated hole.

Finally, assemble the post caps.
10 Repeat the assembly with the remaining fence elements.


## TROUBLESHOOTING

## PROBLEM

## CAUSE

Pulling to
one side

- Fence connector is attached in the wrong direction.
- The screws are not located centrally in the slotted hole on the bracket.


## SOLUTION

- Reattach the fence connector.
- Install the screws in the correct position.
- Realign and reinforce the posts.


## CARE AND CLEANING

All building materials for outdoor applications must be cleaned. In general, household cleaners (soap or detergent) and water are sufficient for cleaning WPC products.

## PROBLEM

Dirt

Ice and snow

Oil and grease

Mildew

## SOLUTION

To remove dirt from the surface, use warm soapy water and a soft brush. Use a soft brush to remove snow from the fence element.

Briefly rinse the affected area with water. Then clean with warm soapy water and a soft brush.

If deposits on the fence are not removed quickly enough, residues such as pollen can turn into mildew. Your fence should therefore be cleaned at regular intervals. If mildew is already present, remove it with warm soapy water and a soft brush.

## WASTE DISPOSAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Dispose of the product at the end of its service life in accordance with the applicable legal regulations.

## WARRANTY CONDITIONS

This product is covered by statutory warranty.
Claims must be filed as soon as they are established. The right to warranty claims expires in case of interventions by the buyer or third parties. Damage due to incorrect handling or use, incorrect placement or storage, improper connection or installation, as well as due to force majeure or external influences is not covered by the warranty. We recommend that you read these operating instructions carefully as they contain important information.

Our products consist of approx. 60\% wood fibre/wood flour. Wood is a natural material and for this reason there may be slight colour deviations despite the consistent processing and addition of colour agents. This does not constitute grounds for complaint.

## NOTES:

1. If the product does not work, check that it is being used in line with the intended use.
2. Please enclose the following documents if you are returning a faulty product:

- Detailed description of the problem.


## PRIVACY FENCES MADE OF WPC

BEAUTIFUL AS WOOD, EASY TO CLEAN AS PLASTIC

WPC (Wood-Plastic-Composite) combines the advantages of wood and plastic in the most impressive way. In a special process, wood fibers are refined with recycled plastic. The main component, at almost 60\%, is wood fibers.

This means the look and feel of wood is kept, combined with the longevity and ease of care of plastic.

The material is weather resistant, keeps its shape, is environmentally friendly and can be recycled. It does not splinter or crack and is ideal for outdoors. The weather resistance of WPC, thanks to the low water absorption and high UV resistance, is seven to ten times greater than for a pure timber product.


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