

# Cedar Deck Railing Components

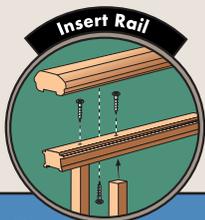


The look and fragrance of cedar are timeless: Its rich grain, texture and color complement any architectural style, whether traditional or contemporary. Cedar is durable, lightweight, dimensionally stable and easy to work with. Enhance the beauty and value of your home with the natural look of Cedar Deck Railing Components.

- **Naturally resistant to rot and decay**
- **Perfect complement to any architectural style**
- **Insert Rail or Fillet Strip hides fasteners**
- **Lightweight - easy to assemble and install**

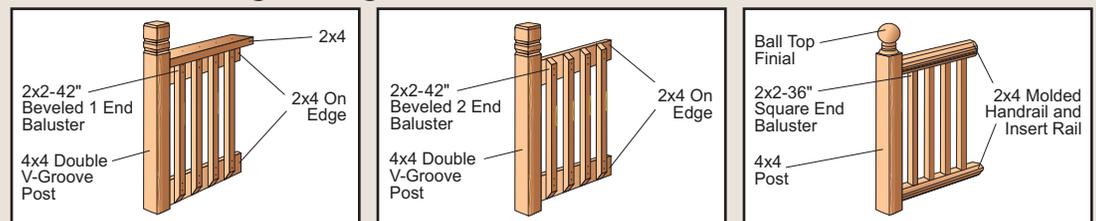
## Cedar Deck Railing Components include Balusters, Posts, Handrails and Finials.

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- Easy assembly
- No exposed fasteners
- Cap with 2x4 molded handrail
- Substitute with Fillet Strip in select regions.

## Common Railing Configurations



The illustrations above represent a few of the configurations possible with Cedar Deck Railing Components. The separate components allow you to create a unique railing system to match your lifestyle and décor.

## Buying Guide

	Item	Recommended Qty. Per 8'	Retail Price Each	Qty. to Buy	Total Price
<b>1: Select Balusters</b>	Balusters	18: * 2x2			
<b>2: Select Post</b>	4x4 Post	1			
<b>3: Select Handrail</b>	2x4-8' Handrail	2			
<b>4: Select Insert Rail (hides fasteners)</b>	2x3-8' Insert Rail (where available) or 8' Fillet Strip (where available)	1 1			
<b>5: Finial</b>	Ball Top (where available)	1 Per Post			
<b>TOTAL PROJECT \$</b>					

\*Based on 4" spacing between balusters. Check local building codes to ensure code compliance.

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# Building Tips and Care and Maintenance

## Cedar is perfectly suited for building a deck.

It contains an inherent preservative oil that makes it naturally resistant to warping, weather, decay and insects. Cedar is substantially less likely to shrink or swell than other domestic softwoods. It's lightweight and easy to work with. It can be cut, shaped, planed, sanded, nailed and glued easily with standard woodworking tools.



### Tips for building your Cedar deck:

#### 1. Fasteners

Rust-resistant, hot-dip galvanized or stainless steel nails or screws should be used for all exterior projects. Other fasteners and hardware, such as bolts and hinges, should also be made from corrosion-resistant materials.

#### 2. Deck Board Spacing

Space deck boards to allow proper water drainage. Use a 16 D nail or wood spacer to ensure consistent spacing between boards.

#### 3. Pilot Holes

Drill pilot holes when nailing or screwing close to the edge of the wood.

#### 4. Footings

Firm foundations for decks post are critical for safety and longevity. Precast footings can be used, but pouring your own allows greater flexibility and is more likely to provide better long-term performance.



## Care and Maintenance for your Cedar Deck

Although Cedar is a naturally durable wood, its properties are enhanced when protected by an appropriate finish. Left untreated, Cedar will darken and gray over time. Periodic applications of a deck sealer will help maintain the rich color and protect your investment for years to come.

### 1. Clean your deck.

Ensure the deck is clean prior to sealing. A pressure washer can be used, but be cautious as cedar is soft and can be damaged by a strong spray. Cleaning solutions formulated specifically for decks are available in the marketplace. After selecting one, follow the manufacturer's instructions for use.

### 2. Allow the surface to dry.

Make sure the deck has 2 to 4 days to dry in fair weather before applying a sealant.

### 3. Apply a sealant.

Select a water-repellent preservative or semitransparent stain to extend the life of the deck and reduce water absorption. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for application. Allow 24 hours for the sealant to dry prior to enjoying your deck.

### Cedar Decking Maintenance Schedule

Decking	Railing
30 days after installation	30 days after installation
12 to 24 months after initial application	2 to 3 years after initial application
3 to 4 years after second application	Every 3 to 5 years depending on exposure to the elements
Every 4 years depending on exposure to the elements	

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