

Soft Sided (SS) Dock Shelter Installation Instructions

(Right or left — read from outside facing building)

1. **DETERMINE CENTERLINE OF DOOR OPENING ON DOCK FLOOR AND POSITION OF SHELTER OUTER EDGES:** Take 1/2 of the unit width and mark this distance on both sides of the centerline.
2. **ASSEMBLE BRACKETS ONTO SIDE PADS:** Verify the left and right side pads and attach the proper head brackets onto the outside back corner (against the wood) at the top of each pad using flat-head screws. Attach the L-brackets on the outside and inside edges of the pads. Six (6) L-brackets per side pad recommended—one near the top, middle, and bottom (inside and outside). Use more if necessary.
3. **MOUNT SIDE PADS TO THE WALL:** Line up the outside edges of the pads to be vertical against the outside marking. Anchor L-brackets to the wall (anchors not included).
4. **ASSEMBLE HEAD CURTAIN TO HEADFRAME:** Remove aluminum angle from the frame. Position curtain on the frame and overlay the aluminum angle on top to align holes. Fasten angle, curtain and frame together with lag screws provided (do not over tighten).
5. **MOUNT HEADFRAME TO WALL:** Place headframe on top of the head brackets attached to the side pads with care taken to avoid damage to extended fiberglass section. At least three (3) anchors (not included) are recommended to mount to the wall—one in the middle and one within 12-inches of each end where possible. Use more if necessary.
6. **ATTACH HEADFRAME TO HEAD BRACKETS:** Use lag screws provided to screw on the head frame through the head brackets.
7. **ATTACH SIDE CURTAINS TO SIDE PADS:** Position curtain on the front face of the side pad. Fold over the Velcro® flaps of the side curtain onto the Velcro® on the pad, pressing firmly.
8. **ATTACH SIDE CURTAIN TENSION STRAPS:** Place the “S” hook into the grommet on top inside corner of each side curtain, then screw the loop end of the tension strap onto the inside of headframe so that most of the slack is removed. **Do not stretch the tension strap.** Crimp the “S” hook if desired.
9. **ATTACH HEAD CURTAIN TENSION STRAPS:** Pull tension strap down to the grommet tab and attach the “S” hook through the open grommet. **Do not stretch strap or extend the strap upwards as it may cause the head curtain to eventually tear!!** Crimp the “S” hook if desired.
10. **ATTACH DRAFT PADS:** Draft pads have two Velcro® attachment points which connect to the inside face and bottom surface of the side pad.
11. **CAULK GAPS:** Outside edges only. Caulk between the wall and headframe. If necessary, caulk between the wall, the side pads, and under the aluminum angle. A silicone or butyl rubber caulk is recommended.

HARDWARE PROVIDED:

- 1 5/8 x 5/16-inch Lag Screws - @ Head Curtain, Headframe, L Brackets
- 14 - 1 1/2-inch Flat Head Screws - @ Head Brackets
- 3 1/2 x 1 1/2 x 3-inch L Brackets - @ Side Pads

SUGGESTED MOUNTING METHODS

(Mounting anchors not included)

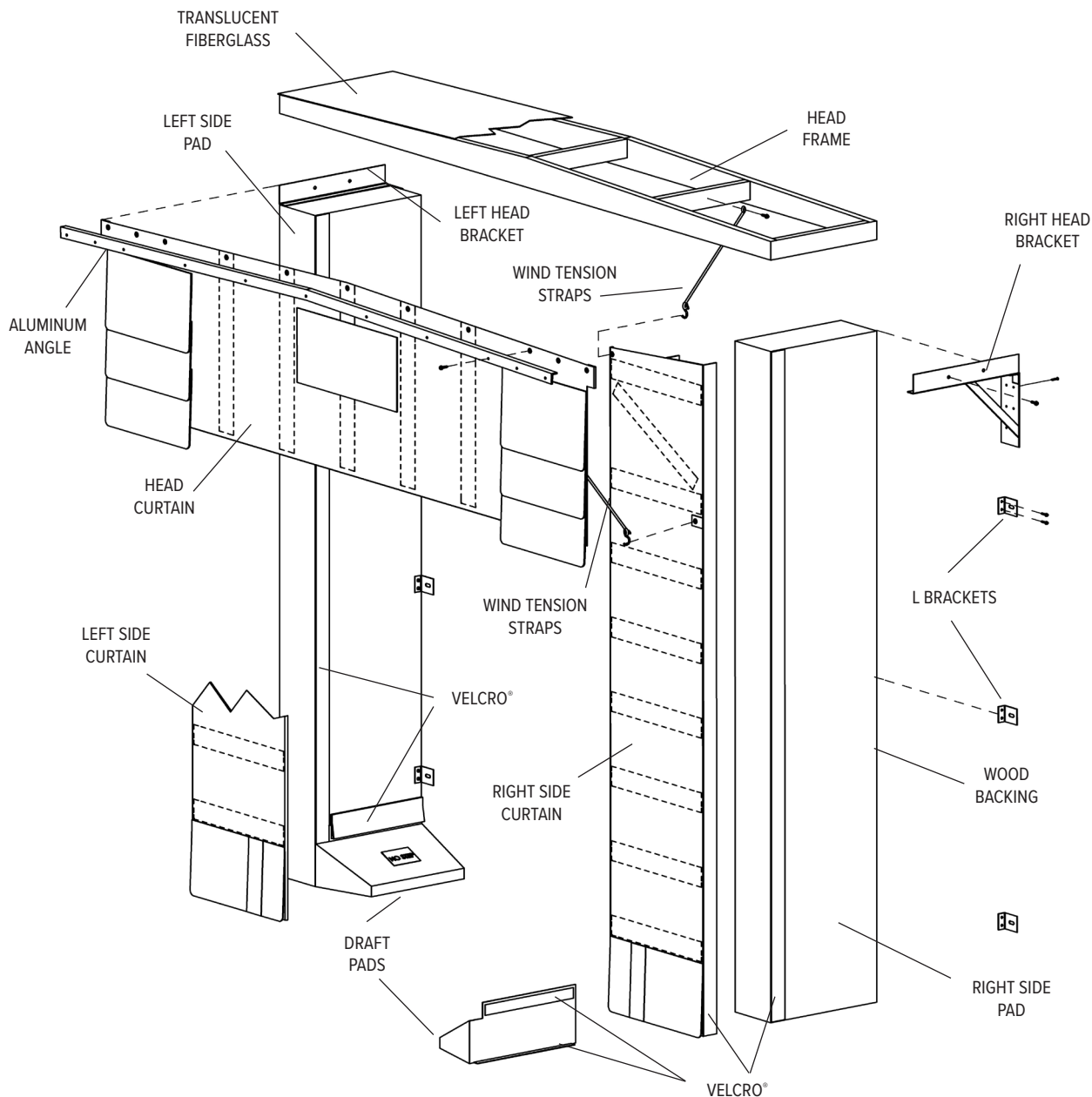
CONCRETE BLOCK OR BRICK WALL: Try to hit mortar joints. Use 1/2-inch or 3/8 x 4-inch expansion anchors. Use through-bolt fastening (minimum two per frame member) if anchors will not hold—3/8-inch threaded rod is recommended.

PRECAST CONCRETE: Same as above.

METAL SKIN BUILDING: Use through-bolt fastening as above, with a backup plate (steel or wood) to support bolts, or anchor through existing building girt or purlin when possible.

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