

**INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**  
**SEVERE WEATHER INTERNAL 25' – 40'**  
**GROUND SET FLAGPOLE**  
**(MODEL # 25SWI, 30SWI, 35SWI, 40SWI)**

**IMPORTANT**

- **THIS FLAGPOLE REQUIRES PROFESSIONAL INSTALLATION**
- Please read and understand these instructions before installing your flagpole.
- It is important to select a location for your pole where it cannot be struck by automobiles, bicycles, lawn mowers, or any object that can damage it. It is most important to avoid any overhead obstructions. **AVOID ANY LOCATION IN THE VICINITY OF POWER LINES.**
- It is most important that you are aware of any gas or power lines or any type of obstruction below ground. Always contact your local “Dig Safe” service before digging or excavating the area.
- Do not allow the pole to lie around a job site. Keep the pole straight and dry during storage and erect as soon as possible after delivery.
- DO NOT allow children to operate a flagpole unattended.
- DO NOT climb flagpoles and DO NOT lean ladders against flagpoles.

**PARTS LIST**

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| 1. Flagpole Shaft with Halyard (rope) and Internal Cam Cleat inside | c. Driver (to open flagpole door)                   |
| 2. Ground Sleeve  | d. Flag Snaps (2)                                   |
| 3. FLAGPOLE FITTINGS  | e. Truck (pulley assembly) with Self-tapping screws |
| a. Gold Ball (1)  | f. Tube of Loctite (1)                              |
| b. Door Assembly (attached to pole)                                 | g. Decorative Flash Collar                          |
|   | h. Polyester Retaining Ring                         |
|   | i. Vinyl-covered Counterweight                      |

**TOOLS & ACCESSORIES REQUIRED** (Items not supplied by manufacturer).

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| 1. Level       | 4. Cedar Wedges | 7. Drill and Drill Bit     | 10. Wrench |
| 2. Pliers      | 5. Dry Sand     | 8. Shovel/Excavating Tools |            |
| 3. Screwdriver | 6. Cement       | 9. Crushed Stone           |            |

**FOUNDATION**

The foundation requirements depend on the height of the pole, the butt diameter, and most importantly the type of ground content, i.e., gravel, dirt, sand, etc.

1. Dig a hole, 3 to 4 times the diameter of the pole and deep enough for the ground sleeve to be flush with the surface. (If the ground is soft or sandy, increase the diameter of the hole.)
2. Center the ground sleeve in the hole and fill about 2” of crushed stone in and around the ground sleeve for drainage.
3. Fill around the ground sleeve with cement. When the hole is about ½ full, plumb the sleeve by placing a level into the sleeve at 2 points 90 degrees apart. As you continue adding cement, be sure the sleeve remains plumb.

**FLAGPOLE AND FITTINGS ASSEMBLY**

1. Leave the plastic wrap on the pole for protection. (Painted length of pole is 26’)
2. Slip the flash collar over the pole, if supplied.
3. Slip the retaining ring over the pole.
4. Thread the halyard (sticking out from the top of the pole) inside the truck and out over the sheave (pulley). Using a bowline knot, tie the halyard to the counterweight which is attached to the retaining ring. (see illus).

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5. Attach snaps to the halyard (see illus.) and adjust the spacing between the two snaps to match the flag grommets.
6. Apply Loctite to the threads of the gold ball and screw into the truck. DO NOT apply turning force on the ball. Use pliers on the spindle to tighten. Tighten the lock nut.
7. Place the ball/truck assembly into the top of the pole. Drill 3 holes with a 1/8" bit, 120 degrees apart, through the shaft and truck stem about 1.5" from the top of the pole. Secure the truck to the pole with the self-tapping screws provided.

**FLAGPOLE INSTALLATION**

1. When the cement is firmly set, remove the upper 2/3 of the plastic wrap from the pole, raise the pole upright, and lower into the sleeve. Rotate the pole so the pulley faces a direction away from the prevailing wind.
2. Cut strips lengthwise from a cedar shingle (wedges) and push them part way down between the pole and sleeve in 3 or 4 places. Double the shims, if necessary, to keep them from dropping in the space. The shims can be used to plumb the pole by sliding opposite shims up or down as necessary. Use a level to plumb the pole. Be aware, the pole is tapered and the bubble will not indicate on center but should remain in the same relative position as it's placed against the pole on all sides.
3. When the plumb is established, pack the area between the pole and the sleeve with dry sand and tamp it firmly. Break off the shims level with the sleeve.
4. Remove the rest of the plastic wrap.

**CARING FOR YOUR FIBERGLASS FLAGPOLE**

1. To operate the cam cleat, pull downward on the halyard to lock and move up to release. Always be aware of the counterweight above and be sure the halyard is safely secured in the cam before releasing.
2. Dirt on the pole comes mostly from a dirty halyard. The polyester halyard is machine washable. Replace the halyard often
3. Wipe off dirt marks with soap and water using a sponge. With white poles, stains or old dirt can often be removed with a mild bleach solution. DO NOT use sandpaper or any abrasive material on the surface. The pole can be polished with a non-abrasive cleaning compound recommended for fiberglass surfaces.
4. Proper flag etiquette precludes flying the flag in inclement weather. Furthermore, the flag should not be flown in high winds. It can damage the pole and place unnecessary wear on the flag.