

General Element System Install Instructions

Tools and Supplies Required:

- Pencil and marker
- Drill
- Small Drill Bits (Pre-drill drywall)
- No 8 Drywall Anchors (If not installing in wall header against ceiling)
- Appropriate No 8 screws for Drywall Anchors or No 8 screws to screw rail into wall header
- Philips screw driver (Modular plus wood units)
- Mallet (For rod ends, wire drawer units, and double drawer modular plus unit)
- Level (Install rail) Magnetic one best to stay on rail to give you a free hand.
- Metal file (File Sharp edges if cutting rails, rods, or wire shelves)
- Grinder or metal saw (Cut wire shelves if needed) or have shelves cut for a fee.

General Install Comments:

- Start at the top and work down so if something falls or drops you're not going to damage something else.
- Use hangers and clothes as guides for heights and distances required.
- Remember everything is moveable and can be adjusted except the top rail screwed into the wall.
- Use a smaller drill bit to pre-drill. It is a guide hole and if you make it too big you will need to use larger screws.
- When joining rails you need a minimum of two screw holes in the rail so you may need to cut two rails to join them together.
- Installing wood shelves require pre-drilling to faster to brackets.
- Work on one section at a time top to bottom.
- Don't rush the installation, take your time and be systematic.
- It is a good idea to paint closets white or another neutral rather than the room color because if you re-paint the room you may need to paint the closet as well.

High Level Install Instructions:

- Measure and cut the rail(s)
- Decide rail height
- Install the rail(s)
- Install top shelf
- Install shelf with rod
- Assemble Modular Plus wood units as needed
- Install Modular Plus units
- Install Shoe shelves

Install Rail

Measure and cut Rail(s)

- Measure the length allowing an extra 2 inches if not an enclosed space to allow the standard (Vertical) to be securely on rail and to allow for imperfections in the wall or corners.
- Mark the wrong side of rail with marker (Flat side with sticker on).
- Cut using saws all or hack saw or ask me to cut it for you for a fee.
- File sharp edges

Decide Rail Height

1. Things to consider:
 - a. Placement of lowest shelf or unit
 - b. Placement of top shelf or unit
 - c. Placement of double hang heights
 - d. Height of individuals using closet or shelving
 - e. Length of standards
2. **Storage close to floor.** The bottom of the rail is usually mounted with the bottom on the rail being around 80 inches approximately to allow shelving close to the floor and reduce the height to reach up. Ensure that the standards will fit and not conflict with baseboards.
3. **High storage.** If you don't need storage close to the floor such as in laundry rooms you can mount the rail up against the ceiling to the wall header so that you don't need to use drywall anchors but will need longer screws. Also still use the level to ensure the rail is straight and square.

Mark Rail Placement

- Use a level to ensure the rail is straight and square to the wall.
- Mark each hole in the rail with pencil mark. Trace hole with a pencil.

Pre-drill screw holes you have previously marked

- You pre-drill to see if you are in a stud or not.
- If not in a stud then use No 8 drywall anchor in that hole.
- Install Drywall anchors if needed. Use a mallet to place in wall (hold only)
- Screw drywall anchors into the wall flush.

Screw rail in place

- Use appropriate screw lengths for the size of drywall anchors. When in doubt buy the anchors with screws included. Each 79 inch rail takes 10 anchors and screws.

Install Standards (Verticals)

- Use the curved grove in standards (long uprights)
- Gently place on rail and hold at 45 degree angles and it should slip in. Do not force or you will be putting marks on the rail. If you put marks don't worry you won't notice them way up there.
- **Tip:** Stand with the standard between your legs so that you are at a square 90 degree to the rail. Try and be patient.

Install Wire Shelf

- Cut shelf if needed with grinder or metal saw or have cut for a fee.
- Place wire shelf bracket in standards securely at a comfortable height and once assemble move it up or down appropriately. Pull down to ensure they are secure otherwise they will fall.
- If sharing a wire bracket only one wire in the bracket so there is room for its neighbor in the bracket.
- If not sharing a wire bracket then place outside wire outside edge of bracket.
- Put wire shelf at the middle crossbar into the middle grove in the wire bracket only. Only push in the middle. The shelf will click automatically

into the groove close to the wall itself. It takes a little practice so be patient and only push the shelf in the middle groove of the wire bracket.

Install Wire Shelf with Clothes Rod

- Cut shelf if needed with grinder or metal saw.
- Place wire shelf bracket in standards securely at a comfortable height and once assembled move it up or down appropriately. Pull down to ensure they are secure otherwise they will fall.
- Cut rods if necessary (Finished length less ½ inch to allow for rod ends) using saw all or hack saw or have them cut for a fee.
- Use mallet with a piece of wood to put rod ends at the end of each rod. Ensure the ends are orientated the same way.
- Place rods holders on rods facing each other.
- Hook rod holders on inside of wire bracket pulling down securely. Use a hanger to judge how far forward or back.
- Click wire shelf in place. Tip: Just push (gentle pressure) wire shelf bracket in middle in the middle groove of the wire bracket. It will click into place close to the wall by itself.
- Place shelf with rod at appropriate height. Pull down to ensure it is locked in place. Be careful in case it isn't locked into place because it may fall.

Modular Plus Wood Units

- Only the double drawer unit requires glue and it is included with the unit. You will also need a mallet to put the drawers together. Instructions and all parts are included with the unit. It takes approximately 45 minutes to put a double drawer unit together.
- All other unit assembly is straight forward and include all the parts plus screws.
- Keep in mind the recessed holes on the metal pieces need to go on the outside so that the screws sit as flat as possible.
- Boxes are put together by putting the units starting with the diagonal corners first so that the units are square. Then do the inside screws.