





WELCOME

A MESSAGE FROM SAM

In 2023 Absolute reached a rather glorious milestone; our thirtieth anniversary.

Three decades of getting to work with some of the world's finest institutions, helping them to protect, display, explain and store some of the world's most culturally significant and valuable artworks and artifacts. For myself and Jon, co-founders of Absolute, there is no greater honour.

What started in the early 90's with designing products to meet the needs of the Whitechapel and Tate Galleries, has snowballed into Absolute being the go-to choice of museum professionals and institutions across the globe, from the Met in New York, Chateau de Versailles in France to the Louvre Abu Dhabi.

Over the years we have fine-tuned our product solutions and expanded our collection based on the needs of

the curators, technicians, conservators, designers and installers we work with, though the grounding design principles from which we work have remained constant. Those are; to make timeless, high-specification, userfriendly, unobtrusive and long-lasting products that maximise visitor experience and minimise distraction from the artworks and artifacts to which they are the supporting cast.

This brochure includes an overview of our product collection today, along with QR codes on each page that will take you to the website for more detailed information.

Please do get in touch with us if you have any questions, or would like advice relating to a specific project.

Sam

Managing Director & Product Designer

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We support the individuals and institutions responsible for preserving and displaying the artworks and artifacts that make up our shared heritage and culture.

Absolute's mission remains steadfast; To support the work of curators, conservators, technicians, collection managers and designers in preserving and displaying the artworks and artifacts that make up our shared heritage and culture.

We believe artworks and artifacts deserve to be on display and enjoyed by as many people as possible, in a way that best protects and safeguards the piece, whilst delighting the viewer with the most uninterrupted experience possible.

Inspired by this, we design and manufacture products

that help display, protect and explain artworks and exhibits as well as direct and inform visitors.

We are proud to offer much more than just our product collection, offering advice and guidance to architects, designers, installers, collection managers and curators as part of their projects.

Whilst we work primarily within the cultural sector, our product solutions are used around the world by businesses and organisations of all kinds, from commercial offices, restaurants, cruise lines and hotels to airports and hospitals.



PROTECTIVE BARRIERS

CREATING BOUNDARIES & PROTECTING EXHIBITS

Our sleek and subtle barriers offer the perfect solution to quietly protect displays and guide visitors. Our barriers are designed to suit different environments and types of flooring, as well as permanent or temporary installations.

All of our barriers are multi-purpose and can be easily adapted to carry information via our Signage Plates, helping with responsible budgeting, keeping exhibition spaces clutter-free and mimimising distraction from the exhibits.

Whilst browsing, keep in mind that **our barriers can be made to meet bespoke requirements**. Frequent customisations include powder coating to a specific RAL colour, or producing barriers in a custom height. We also design and produce completely custom barrier systems, examples can be seen on pages 22 and 23.

SOLUTIONS

Freestanding Barrier 400mm & 1000mm

Surface Mounted Barrier

Floor Socket Barrier

Essentials Freestanding Barrier 400mm & 900mm

Essentials Surface Mounted Barrier

Barrier Accessories & Modular Signage Extras

EATURED ______ Freestanding Barrier 400mm in use at The Broad, Los Angeles, USA.



GUIDE: HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT BARRIER

01 | SELECT YOUR PORTABILITY

Depending on the permanence of your installation, the required flexibility and the floor surface the barriers will be used with or fixed to, we have three options:



Freestanding Barriers

The most flexible, you can pick these up and put them wherever you like, whenever you like. Great for temporary exhibitions or multi-use spaces.



Surface Mounted Barriers

Attach to the floor via screws inserted from above, with a cover plate that neatly hides the fixings. Great for plinths and wooden surfaces.



Floor Socket Barriers

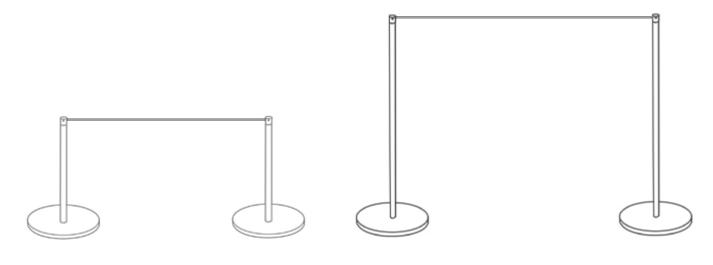
The most permanent and discreet option. A socket is fitted into the floor, and the upright inserts into the socket. Great for plinths and stone surfaces.

02 | SELECT YOUR HEIGHT

For exhibition spaces our low height barriers are the most popular choice and an industry staple, used by institutions across the world including the Tate Museums, MoMA, the Louvre and many more.

In some settings or for some exhibitions, tall barriers offer a more obvious boundary line, such as very busy areas, or where the distance between boundary and artwork is greater.

In other instances, a bespoke height might be preferred. A mid-height option at around 600mm is a size we often make for our clients. Because we manufacture everything ourselves, we can produce our uprights in any height up to 1000mm, please contact us to discuss if you think a bespoke height might better suit your needs.



03 | SELECT YOUR COLOUR

Our core collection of barriers is available off-the-shelf in Stainless Steel, Black, White and Grey. These neutral colours have been selected intentionally to allow them to blend in and ensure the artwork remains the hero of the setting. Of course, certain displays may require a bolder approach, in which case we can manufacture our products in any RAL colour of your choosing.

Different colours suit different environments better, for example Stainless Steel and White generally suit more modern gallery spaces, whereas Black lends itself to heritage environments and is popular for use in listed or historic houses. Grey tends to be a good all-rounder, blending neatly into most spaces.



04 | SELECT YOUR CORD & (IF NEEDED) WALL TERMINATORS

You will need to draw the boundary line using Elasticated Cord, and decide whether you wish to fully seal the protective envelope around your artworks by terminating your barriers at the wall, using Wall Terminators.

Wall terminators offer a neat finish and visually communicate that the space between the barriers and artworks is not to be entered.

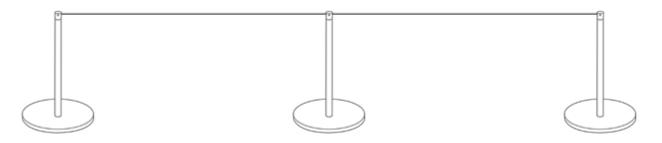
When choosing your Elasticated Cord colour, focus on how obvious you wish the boundary line to be. Grey and Black are our most popular cord colours, but Red and Yellow have their place when a clearer or more eye-catching line needs to be drawn. Bespoke colours are also available, please contact us.



05 | WORK OUT HOW MANY YOU NEED

Finally, you need to determine what quantity of barriers you will need. For Freestanding Barriers, we recommend a maximum distance of 1.5-2m between each barrier. For Surface Mounted or Floor Socket Barriers you can go slightly wider, and so we recommend no more than 2-2.5m between each barrier. Whatever the gap between barriers you choose, for the neatest finish it is vital to keep the distance consistent.

Lastly, where space allows, we advise placing barriers at least 900mm away from the artwork; a sufficient distance to deter accidental contact.



FREESTANDING BARRIER

Now an industry standard in major museums and galleries worldwide, the Freestanding Barrier is designed to seamlessly blend into exhibition and gallery environments of all types, whilst discreetly reminding visitors not to touch.

The stable, steel base and upright supports an Elasticated Cord which connects the barriers and draws a straight line in the air, blending with the architecture of the building and ensuring that the artwork is the object of attention.

If choosing to define the protected space more sharply, the Elasticated Cord is available in Red, Yellow, White and Black, highlighting the boundary of the exhibit. For most uses, Grey is a popular choice to create a subtle boundary line.

Our Freestanding Barriers have modular accessories such as Wall Terminators that allow clean tie-backs direct to the wall, and Signage Adaptors that, when used with our Label Holders, transform the barriers into an informative point.





FEATURED _____Above: Oxford Natural History Museum, UK. Below: High Museum of Art, Atlanta, USA.



Le Louvie, Fails, Hailee.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION -FREESTANDING BARRIER 400MM

Stanchion for artwork/exhibit protection Function

- Freestanding

 $400 mm \ high \ x \ 232 mm \ diameter \ base$ Dimensions

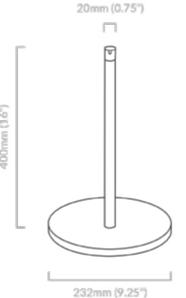
Powder coated mild steel or brushed Material

stainless steel

Finish

Customisation Available in bespoke heights and RAL

colours



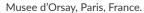














The Met, New York, USA.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION -FREESTANDING BARRIER 1000MM

Stanchion for artwork/exhibit protection Function

- Freestanding

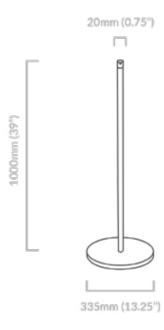
1000mm high x 335mm diameter base Dimensions

Material Powder coated mild steel or brushed

stainless steel

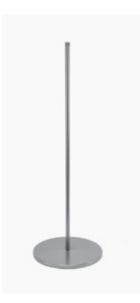
Finish

Customisation Available in bespoke heights and RAL





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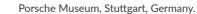














Le Louvre, Paris, France.

SURFACE MOUNTED BARRIER

Just like all of our barriers, the neutral finish and simple clean lines of the Surface Mounted Barrier sit comfortably within the museum and gallery environment, gently reminding the public of its presence without clashing with the display or decor.

A fixed postion barrier, installation of the Surface Mounted version of our barrier system

is very straight forward; simply screw the base plate to the floor or plinth. These fixings are then hidden by a cover plate that fits over the post that supports the Elasticated Cord. The cord defines restricted access, but gives to the touch thus avoiding tripping or injury.

CODE: B3000

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Providing our most discreet protection for artworks, the stone Floor Socket Barrier is installed into the floor surface and ideal for permanent displays.

FLOOR SOCKET BARRIER

It has an upright that fits snugly into a small stainless steel floor socket at the bottom, and supports the Elasticated Cord at the top.

The socket has a lip of just 2.5mm making this a very discrete installation. If required the uprights can be removed and the floor socket filled with a flush fitting plug that leaves a smooth, trip-free stainless circle of just 25mm. Please contact us for blanking plugs.

CODE: B2100

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High Museum of Art, Atlanta, USA.





protection - Fixed position

Dimensions 385mm high x 100mm diameter base

Powder coated mild steel or brushed Material

stainless steel

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Finishes





Bespoke Options Available in bespoke heights and RAL colours

20mm (0.75")

100mm (4")

390mm (15.35")







PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Function Stanchion for artwork/exhibit protection - Fixed position.

Dimensions 385mm high x 25mm diameter socket

Powder coated mild steel or brushed Material

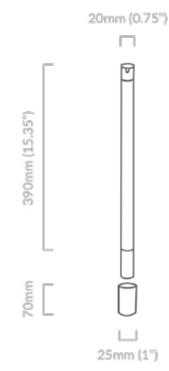
stainless steel

Finish

Customise Available in bespoke heights and RAL

colours





ESSENTIALS FREESTANDING BARRIER

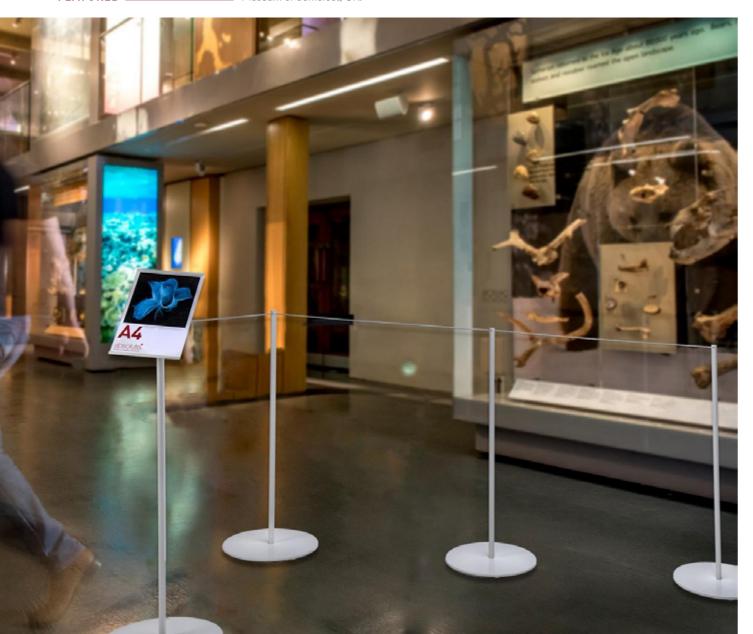
Redrawing The Line: Absolute have developed the Essentials Freestanding Barrier in 400mm or 900mm height, which comes as a kit complete with 2.5 metres of Grey Elasticated Cord per barrier, and features a patented 'self grip top' design that makes assembly and adjustment effortless.

This barrier's clean design is a stylish solution for budget conscious projects. It's finished in Dove White, which blends comfortably into a wide variety of settings and features non-slip pads that will ensure it stays put and leaves no marks.

It's neutral finish and clean lines sit comfortably within the museum and gallery environment, as well as corporate, retail and civic facilities.

An Elasticated Cord connects the barriers and draws a straight line in the air, blending with the architecture and ensuring that the artwork is the object of attention.

FEATURED _____ Museum of Somerset, UK.



PRODUCT SPECIFICATION - ESSENTIALS FREESTANDING BARRIER 400MM/900MM

Function Stanchion for artwork/exhibit protection -

Freestanding

Dimensions 400mm high x 230mm diameter base, or

900mm high x 330mm diameter base

Material Powder coated mild steel

Finish

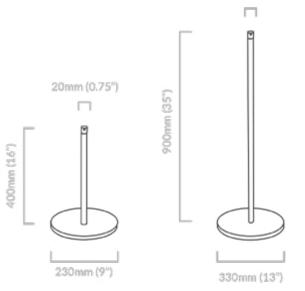
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20mm (0.75")









ESSENTIALS SURFACE MOUNTED BARRIER

The Essentials Surface Mounted Barrier 400mm comes as a kit, complete with 2.5 metres of Grey Elasticated Cord per barrier, and features a patented 'self grip top' design that makes assembly and adjustments effortless.

This barrier's clean design is a stylish solution for budget conscious projects. It's finished in Dove White that will blend in comfortably in a wide variety of settings. Its neutral finish and clean lines sit comfortably within the museum and gallery environment, as well as corporate, retail and civic facilities. Elasticated Cord connects the barriers and draws a straight line in the air, blending with the architecture and ensuring that the artwork is the object of attention.

To finish your display, our Essential Barrier has modular accessories such as Wall Terminators that allow clean tie-backs directly to the wall.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Function	Stanchion for artwork/exhibit protection - Fixed position.
Dimensions	385mm high x 100mm diameter base
Material	Powder coated mild steel
Finish	\bigcirc



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PROTECTIVE BARRIER ACCESSORIES



ELASTICATED CORD

CODE: B60

Compatible with all our barriers; the cord slots beneath the top cap and is pulled taught to create a neat line between the barriers, creating a discreet boundary.





SIGNAGE ADAPTOR

CODE: B2025

60° Signage Adaptor for all our 20mm diameter barriers, allows you to connect our label holders to display signage on top of a barrier upright.



WALL TERMINATOR

CODE: B4000

By inserting the Elasticated Cord, the Wall Terminator offers a neat, simple solution for finishing a run of barriers at a wall, or closing off an alcove or side room in a gallery.





LABEL HOLDER

CODE: L1510

Used in conjunction with the Signage Adaptor to display signage on a barrier upright, transforming barriers into a multi-functional information system.



TOP CAPS

CODE: B1210 / B1057

Spare Top Caps are available for all of our protective barriers, in all finishes. If you are unsure which you need please contact us.



VIEW ALL ACCESSORIES ONLINE

Our full collection of barrier accessories can be seen on our website.

To browse and shop all of our barrier accessories, please scan the QR code below.

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BESPOKE BARRIER SOLUTIONS

Where our standard size or finish options do not quite meet your specific requirements, or where a completely customised system is needed, we are able to design and manufacture bespoke barrier solutions.

Top Right: Fully custom rigid rail straight barrier with modular signage, for the V&A, London.

Bottom Left: Bespoke height Freestanding Barrier, for the V&A, London.

Bottom Right: Bespoke height Surface Mounted Barrier, for the Science Museum, London.

Far Right: Fully custom curved rigid rail barrier with modular signage, for the V&A, London.

BESPOKE

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DIRECTIONAL BARRIERS

MANAGING VISITOR FLOW & QUEUING

Our sleek, subtle directional barriers offer the perfect solution to guide and manage visitors, suited for environments where a clean, high-end finish and subtly of equipment is desired.

Our barriers are designed to suit different environments and types of flooring, as well as permanent or temporary placement. All of our barriers are multi-purpose and can be easily adapted to carry information via our Signage Plates, helping maximise budgets and minimise the need for extra equipment taking up floor space.

SOLUTIONS

Q Barrier Freestanding

Q Barrier Surface Mounted

Q Barrier Floor Socket

Barrier Accessories & Modular Signage Extras

Also see: Freestanding Barrier 1000mm, in the 'Protective Barriers' Section, page 15.



Q BARRIER FREESTANDING

The Q Barrier Freestanding elegantly guides and directs visitors without clashing with the display or decor.

We designed this 'full height' barrier system to guide and manage visitors. It is ideally suited to creating flexible layouts for directing the flow of visitors at entrances to exhibits, for ticketing or handling large numbers. It is both a physical and visual message dictating

accessibility and ensuring that queuing is an orderly and defined process.

Modular signage options can be attached easily and securely to the barrier to assist with informing and directing visitors, and the Elasticated Cord offers an elevated, clean, modern alternative to the traditional droopy rope installations.

CODE: B5010SS

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Museum de Toulouse, France.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Stanchion for artwork/exhibit Function

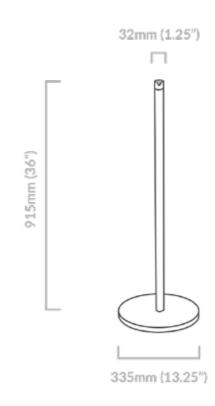
protection - Freestanding

Dimensions 915mm high x 335mm diameter base

Material Brushed stainless steel

Finish





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Q BARRIER SURFACE MOUNTED

Simple, effective, and suited to more static layouts, the Q Barrier Surface Mounted post has a small base plate that is attached to the floor with four fixings (screws or expansion bolts) providing a rigid installation to support our discreet Elasticated Cord that offers an upgraded, modern alternative to the traditional droopy rope installations. A thin stainless steel cover then hides the fixings providing a clean uncluttered finish.

The proportions and detailing have been designed to complement museum and gallery environments with clean lines and neutral finishes. Our Signage Plate will attach easily and securely to the barrier using a Q Barrier Signage Adaptor to assist with informing and directing visitors.

CODE: B5400SS

Scan for more info:









Plymouth Museum, Devon, UK

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Stanchion for artwork/exhibit Function

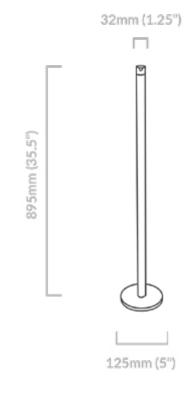
protection - Freestanding

895mm high x 125mm diameter base Dimensions

Brushed stainless steel Material

Finish





Q BARRIER FLOOR SOCKET

Designed for more permanent installations, the Q Barrier Floor Socket is ideally suited to directing the flow of visitors at entrances to exhibits, for ticketing areas, or where there is a requirement for people to wait in a queue.

It is both a clear physical and visual message dictating accessibility and ensuring that queuing is an orderly and defined process.

Suitable for static situations, the barrier post screws into a floor socket providing a rigid installation to support our discreet elasticated cord. As with the other Q Barrier variations, our signage adaptor can be used to create an informative visitor guidance system.

If required, the uprights can be removed and the floor socket filled with a flush fitting plug that leaves a smooth, trip-free stainless circle of just 45mm.



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The Shard, London, UK.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Function Stanchion for artwork/exhibit

protection - Freestanding

900mm high x 32mm diameter Dimensions

(100mm x 45mm socket)

Material Brushed stainless steel

Finish

Code B5100SSB

32mm (1.25") 900mm (35") 45mm (1")

DIRECTIONAL BARRIER ACCESSORIES



Q BARRIER FLOOR SOCKET BLANKING PLUG

CODE: B5254

Designed to be inserted into the socket when the Q Barrier upright is removed, creating a flush, smooth finish with the floor.



BLANKING PLUG REMOVAL TOOL

CODE: B5250

Allows you to easily remove the Blanking Plug from the socket of the Q Barrier Floor Socket, so that you can insert the upright.



ELASTICATED CORD

CODE: B60

Compatible with all our barriers; the cord slots beneath the top cap and is pulled taught to create a neat line between the barriers, creating a discreet boundary.













SIGNAGE ADAPTOR

CODE: B5079SS

60 degree signage connector. Once in place, you can add one of our Signage Plates, A4 or A3, used in both portrait or landscape.



SIGNAGE PLATE

CODE: LS15

Used with a signage adaptor, The signage plate is a label Holder with end strips that secures graphics and allow switching between portrait or landscape orientations.

VIEW ALL ACCESSORIES ONLINE

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LABELS & SIGNAGE

EXPLAIN EXHIBITS AND INFORM VISITORS

Educating and guiding visitors around your museum, gallery or venue is one of the most important aspects to think about. Our signage systems are industry standard, adapted to be slimmer, stronger and cost-effective.

In addition, our Label Holders and Signage Plates also adapt to fit our barrier systems, allowing for multi-purpose, modular systems that make better use of available budgets, offer the neatest possible finish and least equipment taking up space within the museum, gallery or venue.

SOLUTIONS

Label Holder

Freestanding Label Holder

Display Case Label Holder

Shelf Edge Label Holder

Pinnacle Label Holder

Information Stand

Reader Rail

Bespoke



LABEL HOLDER

The Label Holder, also known as a 'Caption Holder', is a museum & gallery industry standard, and this is one product that we haven't invented. Having said that, we have completely re-engineered it, to make it slimmer, stronger, and cost effective.

Suited to a variety of applications, although most widely used in museums & galleries, the Label Holder is equally at home in facilities as signage and wayfinding, as well as, high-end retail establishments for displaying price and product information.

The objective is to offer information in the simplest, least distracting manner possible, and the Label Holder does this by displaying information about the item or artwork in an easy to read and discreet manner. Close enough to inform but not so close as to distract. The Label Holder works by sliding the cover to one side and inserting the paper 'label'.

The Label Holder has a thin extruded aluminium backplate with a clear or low reflect acrylic cover. It comes with a single screw fixing (on the smaller sizes) to aid positioning and levelling on your surface. The Label Holder can also be used to add signage to our barrier systems, when used in conjunction with our Barrier Signage Adaptor.

Designers Note: We always recommend using labels of a consistent width throughout a gallery space. This consistency helps minimise visual distraction and avoid the wall becomming cluttered.

FEATURED _____ High Museum of Art, Atlanta, USA.



PRODUCT SPECIFICATION - LABEL HOLDER

Function Artwork label, fixed to wall, or used with our barriers

Dimensions 100x50mm (Landscape)

100x100mm (square)

150x100mm (landscape or portrait)

150x150mm (square)

A5 210x150mm (landscape or portrait)

A4 298x210mm (landscape or portrait*)

A3 420x298mm (landscape)*

US letter 8.5x11in (portrait)*

US 14x11in (landscape)*

US 17x11in (landscpae)*

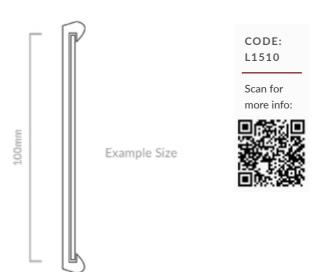
*Note: The back plate is thicker for theses sizes.

Material Aluminium back plate, acrylic front cover (standard

or low reflect options available)

Finish

Available in bespoke lengths and RAL colours Customise



150mm

Example Size







FREESTANDING LABEL HOLDER

A multi-functional, flexible way to display information near artworks or artifacts, the Freestanding Label Holder has a durable anodised finish and a thin extruded aluminium backplate with an acrylic cover. It has the advantage of being extremely slim, robust, cost effective and comes with a permanently attached aluminium foot.

Our flexible Freestanding Label Holder is equally at home in museums and galleries as it is in reception areas in commercial offices, hospitality environments and high-end retail establishments for displaying price and product information.

CODE: LF11

Scan for more info:



PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Function Freestanding Label/Caption Holder

Landscape and portrait options from Dimensions

150x100mm up to A3 (full details on-

line). Label angle 45°.

Material Extruded aluminium back plate, attached

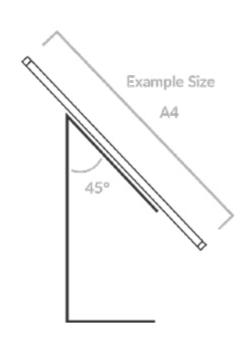
aluminium foot and acrylic front cover.

Finish

Customise Available in bespoke lengths and RAL



Museum of Somerset, Taunton, UK.



DISPLAY CASE LABEL HOLDER

The Display Case Label Holder is an industry standard that also works well outside display cases.

This is an extended, slightly lower version of our Freestanding Label Holder and has its own stand so that it presents information at a 45 degree angle.

Available in 100mm or 150mm extrusion heights, this label sits neatly at the front of a display and can provide an extensive amount of information about the items it narrates.

Being freestanding, this is a great label for both temporary and permanent displays.

CODE: L110

> Scan for more info:





PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Function Freestanding Label/Caption Holder

Dimensions 100mm or 150mm height options,

600mm length as standard, bespoke lengths available up to 2400mm.

Extruded aluminium back plate, attached Material

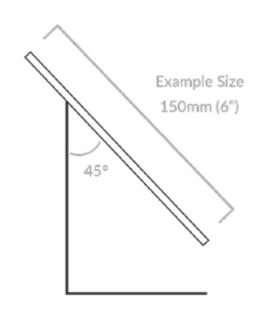
aluminium foot and acrylic front cover.

Finish

Customise Available in bespoke lengths and RAL



Westminster Cathedral, UK.



SHELF EDGE LABEL HOLDER

The Shelf Edge Label Holder is our solution for 'on-shelf' displays. This clean-lined Label Holder attaches to the front edge of a shelf (up to 10mm thick), moving all relevant information to a single linear format, protected with clear acrylic, leaving the shelf clear for a multi-artifact display, avoiding crowding.

Also available with self-adhesive tape for thicker shelves, and can be laid on its back on a shelf or stand for a subtly angled display.

Designers Note: This flush top design is available in 63mm (standard), or, with our new style shelf edge clip in 100mm, 150mm and 210mm height options (please contact us).

CODE: L1300M

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PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Attached label/caption holder Function

Dimensions 63mm high as standard (other heights

> now available, see above) and any width up to 2400mm (cut to size to order).

Clips accommodate 10mm shelf.

Material Aluminium extrusion, with low reflect

acrylic cover.

Finish

Customise Available in bespoke lengths and RAL



63mm (2.5")WITH WITH CLIP TAPE

Wedgewood Museum, Stoke on Trent, UK.

PINNACLE LABEL HOLDER

Display information in an easily accessible format, directly adjacent to the display. The Pinnacle's clean design consists of a Label Holder mounted at the top of a slim 12mm stainless steel rod at an easy to read angle of 45 degrees. This is mounted on a discrete stainless steel baseplate that provides all the necessary stability for your display.

The low reflect acrylic cover minimises any reflected glare from lighting. All Pinnacle components are modular so you can swap label holders and posts to suit your display.

New Update: Now available in wall mounted and plinth mounted options (without base). Please contact us for more information.

CODE: LN17

> Scan for more info:









National Army Museum, London, UK

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Function Freestanding Label/Caption Holder

Dimensions Landscape and portrait options from

150x100mm up to 298mm (A4). Full

details online.

Material Extruded aluminium label back plate,

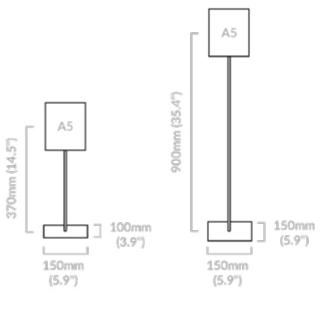
low reflect acrylic front cover, stainless

steel rod and base plate.

Finish

Customise Available in bespoke heights, label sizes

and RAL colours



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INFORMATION STAND

Clear, Portable Information: Our Information Stand is ideal for displaying directions, information or instructions at an easy to read 60 degree angle, designed to reduce glare from overhead lighting and improve accessibility for wheelchair users and younger visitors.

Adaptable Stand Display Format: The display can be either A4 or A3, with the ability to switch between portrait or landscape formats, mounted on an upright post with a stable base plate. Information is displayed with the protection of a clear acrylic cover in either standard or low reflect options.

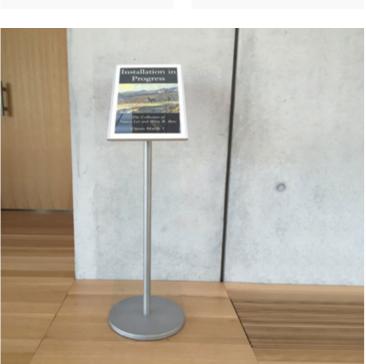
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Kimbell Art Museum, Fort Worth, USA.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Freestanding, portable signage holder Function

1120mm high (with A4 signage) x 32mm Dimensions

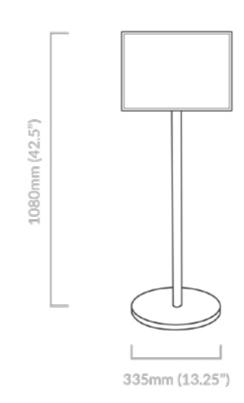
> diameter upright and 335mm diameter base plate. Angle of display 60°, label size A4 or A3 (landscape or portrait)

Material Stainless steel or PPC grey (a hard

wearing baked on finish)

Finish

Available in bespoke RAL colours Customise



READER RAIL

The Reader Rail is the perfect choice for installations where you need to display an extensive quantity of information together in a continuous format, that provides an accessible narrative style, with the opportunity and space for a vibrant mix of text and images.

It can also simultaneously serve to separate visitors from vulnerable displays or provide more information as part of a defined pathway.

The Freestanding display is presented on top of two or more stainless steel Information Stands at an angle of 60 degrees, so that it is visible to adults, children and wheelchair users alike, and minimises or eliminates reflected glare from overhead lighting. The artwork is also protected with a faceplate of clear, low reflect acrylic that comes ready fitted to the Reader Rail.

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Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum, USA.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Freestanding, portable signage holder **Function**

Dimensions Signage: 298mm (A4) or 11" (US Letter)

> height x 1220mm, 1830mm or 2440mm length (other lengths available). Stand: 1120mm high, 32mm uprights, 335mm

base plates. Angle of display 60°.

Anodised aluminium signage, stainless Material

steel uprights and base plates

Finish

Available in bespoke RAL colours



BESPOKE LABELLING SOLUTIONS

Where standard size or finish options do not quite meet your specific requirements, or where a completely customised system is needed, we are able to design and manufacture bespoke label solutions.

Right: Bespoke powder coated Pinnacle Label Holders at the National Army Museum, London.

Bottom Left: Bespoke, Surface Mounted Reader Rail, powder coated in Black, at the American Heritage Museum, Massachusetts, USA.

Bottom Right: Bespoke powder coated Freestanding Label Holder in Black at Petworth House NT.

BESPOKE

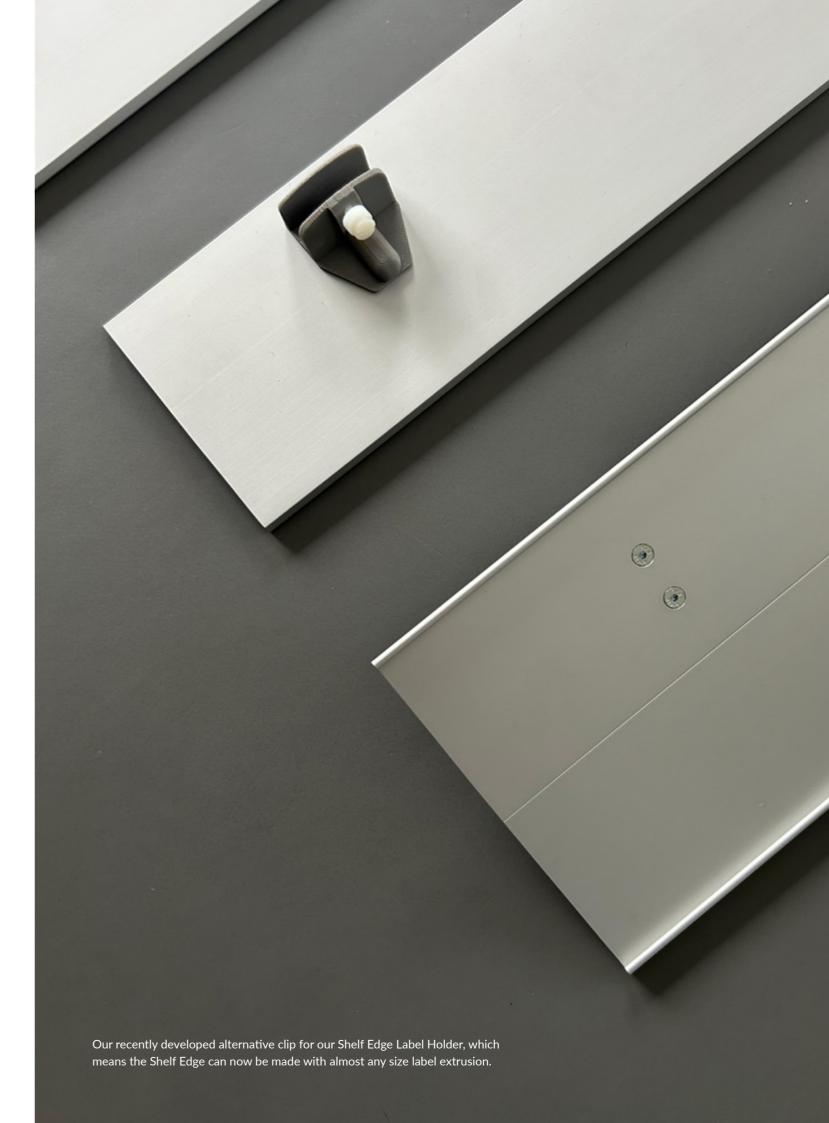
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ART HANGING SYSTEMS

ARTWORK PRESENTATION & SECURITY

When it comes to artwork hanging systems, it is vital to choose the right option to suit the hanging conditions and artwork type. Whether your facility is a museum, gallery, commercial, hospitality or civic space, Absolute's key design objective for its collection or hanging systems is the same; To provide strong, discreet and flexible art wall management along with security and storage options to meet your specific needs.

We offer direct to wall art hangers, a range of track systems and back-of-house art storage accessories.

SOLUTIONS

Track (rail) Systems: Flush Mount Track, H Track, T Track, C Track

Panel Clip Hanging System

Hanging Sets (to work with the various hanging systems above)

Ryman Hanger Collection

Link Hanger

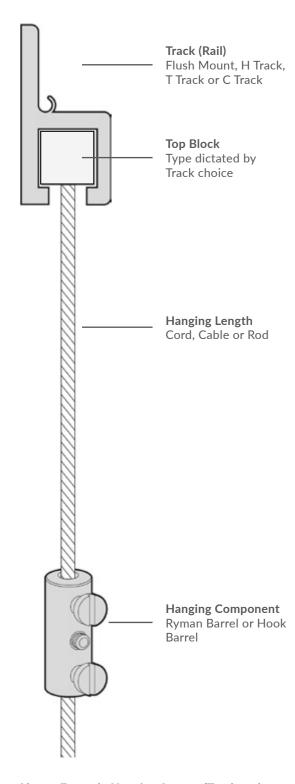
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ART HANGING TRACK (RAIL) EXPLAINER



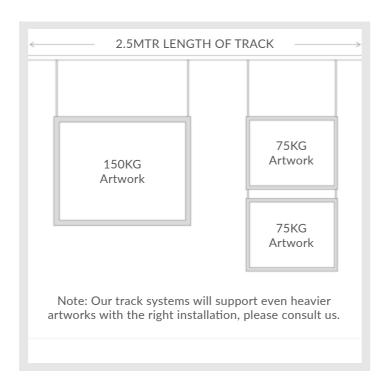
Above: Example Hanging System (Track and Hanging Set)

Note: A Hanging Set consist of 2 Top Blocks, 2 Hanging Lengths & 2 Hanging Components.

The Top Blocks are determined by the Track (Rail) type selected. You have a choice of Hanging Length and Artwork Connector type (further explanation overleaf).



Above: H Track with cover, with one Hanging Set comprising of H Track Top Blocks, Stainless Steel Rods and Ryman Barrels. The artwork would attach to the Ryman Barrel via Ryman Hangers fixed to back of the art. Options and weight capacities explained further overleaf.



Above: Graphic demonstrating loading capacity options of our Track systems. This example applies to Flush Mount Track, H Track or T Track, with Stainless Steel Rod Hanging sets. Remember: our Track systems are strong, but only as strong as the sub-structure they are fixed to.

ART HANGING TRACK (RAIL) EXPLAINER

01 | SELECT TRACK (RAIL)



FLUSH MOUNT TRACK Built into wall during construction. Supports artworks up to 150kg each (or more with guidance)*.



H TRACK Fits to top of finished walls. Supports artworks up to 150kg each*



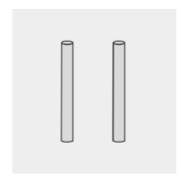
TTRACK Built into wall during construction or retrofit. Recess above wall panels. Supports artworks up to 150kg each*.



C TRACK Built into ceiling during construction or can be retrofit. Supports artworks up to 15kg

*WEIGHT CAPACITIES: Our track systems are strong, but only as strong as the sub-structure they are fixed to. To support an individual artwork weighing up to the maximum stated above, track fixings must be at 300mm centres and fixed to a hardwood or plywood structure within the wall. An individual artwork must be hung on two suspended supports, allowing the weight to be equally distributed between the supports. Heavier artworks can be supported, please contact us.

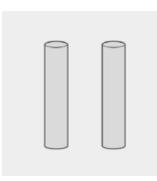
02 | SELECT HANGING LENGTH (PART OF HANGING SET)



PERLON CORD 2mm diam, semi transparent. A pair supports individual artworks weighing up to 25kg.



STAINLESS STEEL CABLE 1.5mm diam, Silver. A pair supports individual artworks weighing up to 60kg.

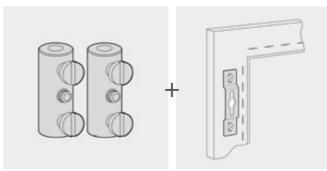


STAINLESS STEEL RODS 5mm diam, Silver or White. A pair supports individual artworks weighing up to

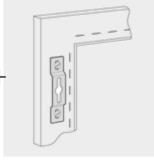
Important: The track (and sub-structure it is fixed to) determines the overall weight carrying capacity, the hanging sets support. For example, adding Rods to C Track will NOT enable the track to carry more weight.

For advice regarding heavier artworks or any other queries, please contact us: +44(0)1769 572389 sales@absoluteproduct.com www.absoluteproduct.com

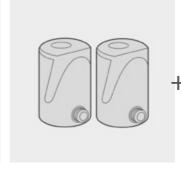
03 | SELECT ARTWORK CONNECTOR (PART OF HANGING SET)



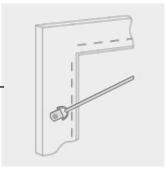
RYMAN BARREL Connects the hanging set to an Hangers fix to the back of Absolute Ryman Hanger (right) on back of frame.



RYMAN HANGER artworks, and then hung on Ryman Barrels (left).



HOOK BARREL Connects the hanging sets to an artwork that has its own cord/string at the back (right).



EXISTING CORD/STRING At the back of an artwork. hung on the hook barrels (left).

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FLUSH MOUNT TRACK (RAIL)

The Flush Mount Track is our strongest and most discreet wall-mounted track system that is installed as a recessed art rail at the construction phase of a project. In addition to being our most discreet track, it is also our strongest, with a narrow slot of just 8mm visible when the track is finished flush with the wall.

The Flush Mount Track should be considered and specified pre-construction as installation occurs just prior to plaster board or other wall liners.

The top blocks that sit in the channel of the track and connect to the hanging length are front loading and slot into place, making this a quick, easy and conveninent track when installing and deinstalling artworks.

CODE: H6100

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The Design Museum, London, UK.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Function Artwork hanging track (rail) system.

Dimensions 17mm width x 55mm vertical height. Sold

in 2.5m lengths.

Loading Fixings must be into hardwood, plywood

or metal for maximum support. The standard fixing (300mm) will support artworks up to 150kgs when hung on two suspended supports. Much heavier weights possible, please contact us.

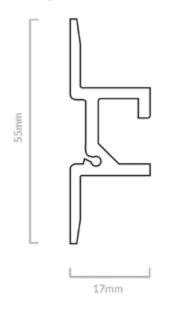
Material Anodised aluminium extrusion (available

in either Silver or powder coated White).

Finish



ustomise Available in bespoke RAL colours.



H TRACK (RAIL)

H Track is our best selling track system and is designed to be fitted to existing walls. When used in conjunction with H Track Cover and fixed at a high level, the H Track blends effortlessly with the ceiling junction or mouldings and provides a stable point from which to hang artworks without having to attach them directly to the wall, ideal for when an existing wall should not be drilled or marked when hanging, as well as where artworks are changed frequently for exhibitions.

This track is slim, discreet and strong, suitable for use in almost any setting from museums and galleries to large and small offices, private residences, hospitality venues and even historic palaces.

The top blocks are inserted through a mouth at the top making it extremely secure, particularly when rods are used.

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PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Function} & Artwork hanging track (rail) system. \end{tabular}$

Dimensions 12.5mm width x 25.5mm vertical height.

Sold in 2.5m lengths.

Loading Fixings must be into hardwood for

maximum support. The standard fixing (300mm) will support artworks up to 150kgs when hung on two suspended supports. Heavier loads possible, please

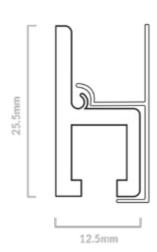
contact us for advice.

Material Anodised aluminium extrusion (available

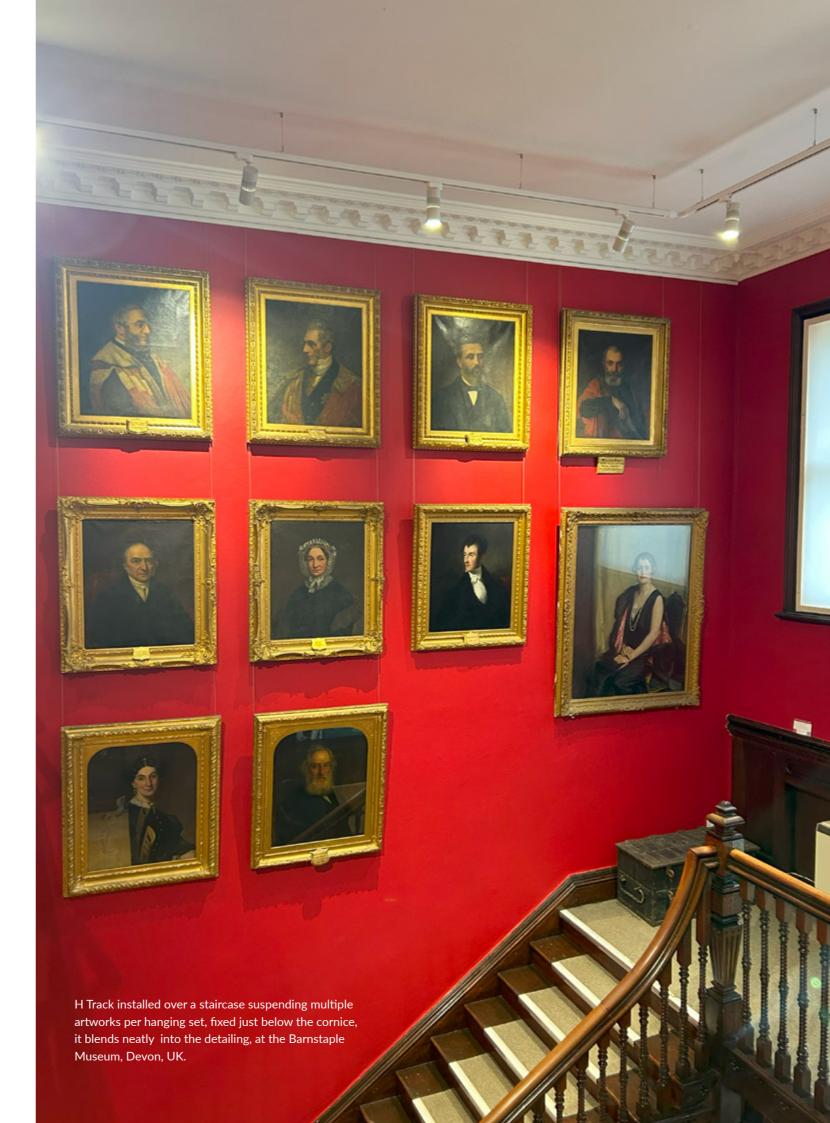
in either Silver or powder coated White).

Finish

Customise Available in bespoke RAL colours.



Fulham Palace, London, UK.



T TRACK (RAIL)

T Track is highly discreet, designed to be recessed above the wall liner and tight against the ceiling, or under a cornice. This provides an architectural transition that is flush with the lower wall.

T Track should be considered and specified pre-construction as installation considerations should occur prior to plaster board, other wall liners or cornice work. It can be fitted during construction, or a clean reveal can be prepared for an after construction fit.

This track can also be built out to occur over deeper fabric wrapped or other material panels. We recommend the T Track Cover to ensure a clean finish.

The top blocks are front loading and slot into place, making this a quick, easy and conveninent track when installing or changing artworks.

CODE: H6200

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Function

Artwork hanging track (rail) system.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Dimensions 15mm width x 31mm vertical height.

Sold in 2.5m lengths

Loading Fixings must be into hardwood or metal

> for maximum support. The standard fixing (300mm) will support artworks up to

150kgs when hung on two suspended

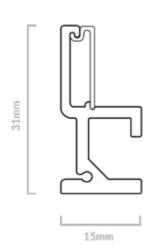
supports.

Material Anodised aluminium extrusion (available

in either Silver or powder coated White).

Finish

Available in bespoke RAL colours. Customise



Recruitment company offices, Barbican, London, installed above fabric panels.

C TRACK (RAIL)

C Track is our solution for hanging artworks when you absolutely can't fix to the wall, for example when you need to protect wooden panelling. It is slim, just 16.5 mm wide, and provides a simple and clean fixing point to hang artworks from the ceiling.

For a flush finish, C Track installation detailing should occur whilst the ceiling is being designed, and installed during construction.

Alternatively, C Track can also be surface mounted as a project requires. Artworks can then be hung at any position along the track using a choice of translucent Cord, Stainless Steel Cable or Stainless Steel Rod.

As the track is installed into the ceiling, top blocks are inserted through a mouth opening on the underside of the track.

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PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Artwork hanging track (rail) system.

16.5mm width x 15mm vertical height. Dimensions

Sold in 2.5m lengths.

Loading Fixings must be into hardwood or metal

> for maximum support. The standard fixing (300mm) will support artworks up to 15kgs when hung on two suspended supports. When fixed securely at 150mm centres, the track can support artworks up to 25kgs in weight when hung on two

suspended supports.

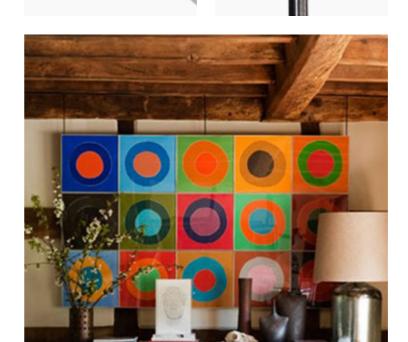
Anodised aluminium extrusion (available Material

in either Silver or powder coated White).

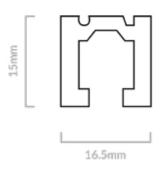
Finish

Customise

Available in bespoke RAL colours



C Track in situ installed into a wooden ceiling.



PANEL CLIP HANGING SYSTEM

Drill-Free Hanging: Sold as a complete set, the Panel Clip Hanging System is for installations where the wall surface is clad with panels and has an accessible top edge. The Stainless Steel clips fit over the top of the panel and provide attachment points for our Hanging Sets. The clips have a neoprene pad on the inner surface that sits on the panel preventing sideways slip and cushioning the load.

Our Panel Clips Hanging System includes a pair of Panel Clips as well as a pair of Hanging Sets (hanging lengths, top blocks and fixings). You will need one set/pair per artwork.

All accessories can also be purchased separately should you wish to hang more than one artwork per hanging length set. Pairs of Panel Clips are also available to purchase

seperately to the hanging sets.

CODE: H7015

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British Land Headquarters, London, UK.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Function Artwork Hanging Solution

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Dimensions} & Internal mouth of 20mm, designed to fit} \\ & a 19mm \ veneered \ panel. \ 45mm \ high \ x \\ \end{tabular}$

15mm front.

Loading Panel Clips will only support up to 50kg

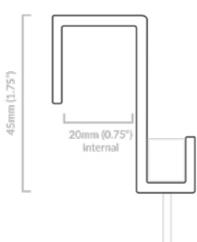
per artwork no matter the type of Hang-

ing Set elements selected.

Matt stainless steel, with a broad back

and narrow (15 mm) visible front that can easily be painted to match your

decor.



length type an component.

TRACK (RAIL) HANGING SETS

Don't Forget, all of the hanging sets for each track type are available in Perlon Cord, Stainless Steel Cable or Stainless Steel Rod (pictured), and available with Ryman Barrel (pictured) or Hook Barrel hanging components that connect the hanging length to the back of the artwork. For a refresher, please see pages 42-43.



FLUSH MOUNT HANGING SET



The hanging set designed to work with our Flush Mount Track, the top block is predetermined, choice of hanging length type and connection component.



C TRACK HANGING SET

CODE: H6325

The hanging set designed to work with our C Track, the top block is predetermined, choice of hanging length type and connection component.



T TRACK HANGING SET

CODE: H6215

The hanging set designed to work with our T Track, the top block is predetermined, choice of hanging length type and connection component.



PANEL CLIP HANGING SET

CODE: H7015

A simple and effective solution for hanging artwork on an applied panel without marking the surface. Rod, Cable or Cord Options. See page 52.



H TRACK HANGING SET

CODE: H6015

The hanging set designed to work with our H Track, the top block is predetermined, choice of hanging length type and connection component.



ADDITIONAL HANGING COMPONENTS

CODE: H6501 (Ryman) H6502 (Hook)

The component that connects the hanging system to the back of your artwork, available to purchase in pairs, seperately from the full sets.

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RYMAN HANGER

RYMAN HANGER - SECURE, STRONG & MULTI-PURPOSE

Our most popular solution for hanging artworks, used by an international body of galleries large and small, such as the Tate galleries and MoMA, due to the options of security levels, strength and flexibility of use they provide for those handling artworks, meeting the needs of curators, technicians and conservators alike.

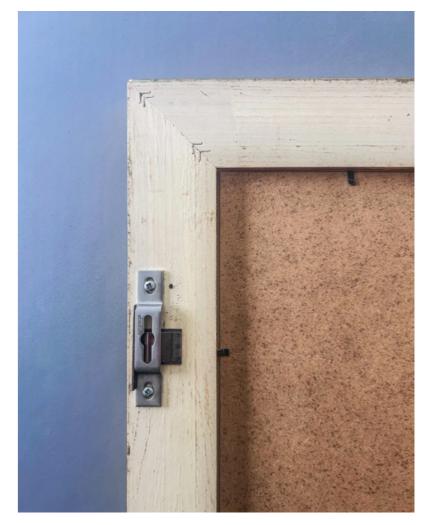
Rymans can be used when attaching directly to the wall, when hanging on our track systems and when hanging on Storage Hooks, meaning from storage to display only one attachment is required on the back of the frame, especially important when working with delicate frames or older artworks.

WEIGHT LOADING

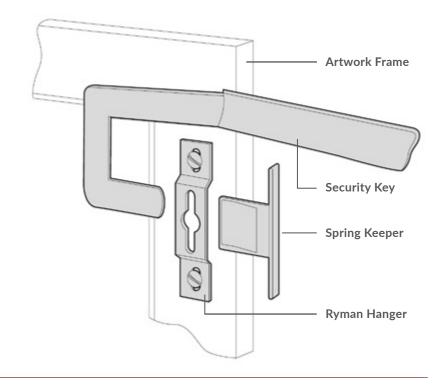
Our Ryman Hangers can support artworks up to the following weights: Small Ryman 25kg, Large Ryman 75kg, Extended Ryman 150kg (per pair). It is important to note that this relies on the frame being in good condition. Heavier artworks can be supported, please contact us.

The illustration right demonstrates how our Rymans work when used in conjunction with High Security Spring Keepers - the Keepers can only be removed when our Security Key is used. All Security Keys are numbered and logged.

The hole in the centre of the Ryman Hanger fits over a screw in the wall, the Ryman Barrel (if using our Track System), or our Storage Hooks (if using on a storage rack). You then gently lower the artwork and it is fixed in place in the upper narrow channel. You can then insert your Spring Keepers for added security.



Pictured above: Large Ryman Hanger with Ryman Secure Spring Keeper (mid-level security option) on the back of a frame.



RYMAN HANGER

The Ryman Hanger is our most popular solution for hanging artworks and is used by an international body of galleries, large and small including the Tate galleries and MoMA.

Designed primarily to attach artworks tight to the wall with no visible fixings, they are easy to install, enable adjustment, and have a choice of three levels of security: Standard, Secure, and High Security. The latter two (Secure and High Security) incorporate the use of our Ryman Spring Keepers, which, once in place, prevent the artwork from being removed without the appropriate tool.

The Ryman Hanger is sold in pairs and is available in three sizes, able to support artworks of up to 150kgs, and can be used when mounting artworks directly to the wall, onto our track systems or onto storage screens, when used in conjunction with our Storage Hooks.



PRODUCT SPECIFICATION - RYMAN HANGER

Artwork Hanger Function

Dimensions Small: 11mm x 55mm (tested for weights up to 25kg) & loading

Large: 16mm x 85mm (tested for weights up to 75kg) Extended: 16mm x 105mm (tested for weights up to 150kg).

Far heavier weights can be supported, please contact

us for a consultation.

Stainless Steel grade 304 Material

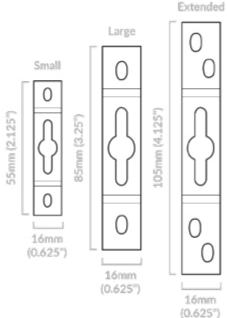
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RYMAN HANGER COLLECTION



RYMAN SECURE SET

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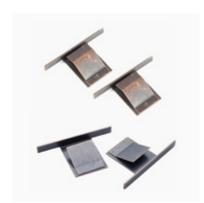
Mid-level security option, Ryman Hangers with Secure Spring Keepers.



RYMAN HIGH SECURITY SET

CODE: H111

Highest security option, Ryman Hangers with High Security Spring Keepers.



SPRING KEEPERS

CODE: H105

Secure or High Security Spring Keepers, available to purchase separately.



RYMAN TWEEZERS

CODE: H1400

Assists with the insertion & removal of the Ryman Secure Spring Keeper.



RYMAN SECURITY KEY

CODE: H1140

The only way to remove High Security Spring Keepers, is with this key.



STORAGE HOOKS

CODE: H1005

Used to hook artworks on storage screens. Work with our Ryman and Link Hangers.

BROWSE THE COMPLETE RYMAN COLLECTION ONLINE

To find out more about the Ryman Hanger and the Ryman collection please visit our website using the QR Code (right).



LINK HANGER

Strong, simple and secure, the Link Hanger is a very popular solution, used by museums and galleries large and small including the Tate galleries, for hanging larger works of art up to 150kg in weight, and has been designed to accommodate deeper rebated frames as well as flat backed frames.

Made up of three key parts; the wall plate, the frame plate and the link that joins the two, which provides an immensely strong support between wall and frame and

automatically bridges the gap that is so often found on older, heavy artworks with large frames.

The Link Hanger has a 'bronzed' finish that blends quietly with the shadows behind the artwork, and incorporates measures to improve security, allow for adjustment during installation or connect with storage options when not on display. Sold in pairs.



PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

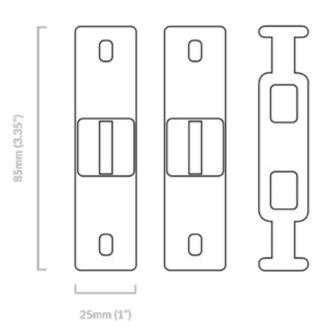
Function	Artwork Hanger
Dimensions & loading	85mm high x 25mm wide. The 'link' measur
	75mm from plate to plate. Hang artworks of
	up to 150kg.
Material	Steel with an electroplated 'bronze' finish
Finish	

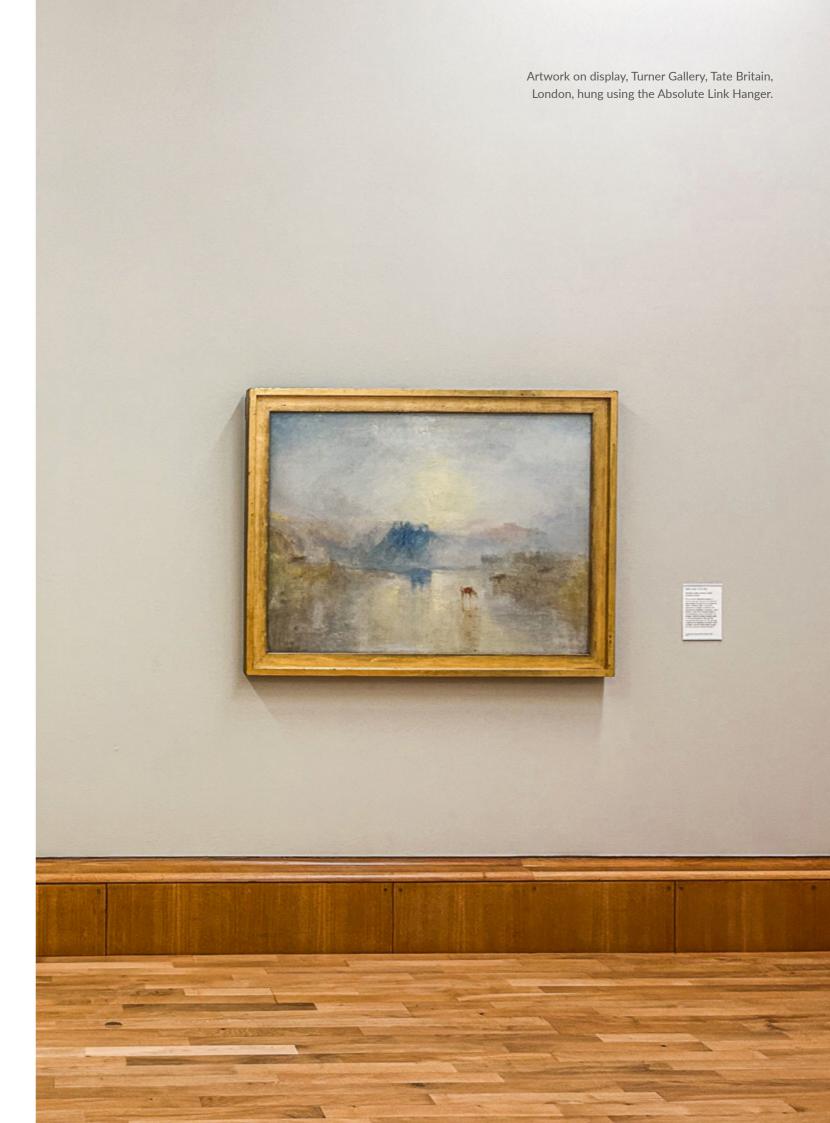
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CHAIN HANGER

The Chain Hanger is the perfect mechanism for hanging artwork from a chain, whether you are seeking a Victorian look or some extra security, as used in the Lord Chancellors apartments, Palace of Westminster.

The Chain Hanger is simply secured to the back of the artwork using the two adjustable screw slots. The artwork is then suspended from the chains by simply hooking into the appropriate links. Once the picture frame is levelled and centred, the artwork is securely 'locked' in place by closure of the hook using the supplied captivated allen screw.

Small but strong: Our Chain Hangers follow the Absolute ethos of being well-designed, simple to install and as discreet as possible. The stainless steel construction means that a pair of Chain Hangers will safely support artworks up to 30kg in weight when installed using the appropriate fixings.



Function Artwork Hanger

Dimensions 65mm in height, 11mm wide and 12mm deep. & loading

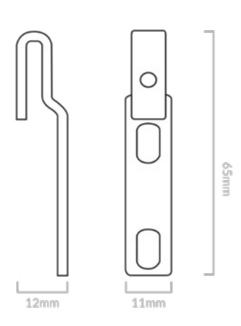
Hang artworks of up to 30kg.

Material Stainless Steel

Finish







L BRACKET

The L Bracket is the recommended additional support for wide or very heavy paintings. Two or more of these brackets are used to form a ledge beneath the artwork, which supports the bottom section of particularly heavy or wide paintings, thereby removing the strain from the corner joints.

The L Bracket is particularly useful for hanging heavily glazed works. When the weight of the artwork is supported by the L bracket it is then secured against the wall with Ryman Hangers.

We recommend using the L Bracket in conjunction with our Ryman Hangers. Dependant on the wall structure and fixings used, the L Bracket can provide additional support for artworks up to 500kgs. Please contact us for advice when hanging particularly large or heavy artworks.



75mm projection. Provides additional support for artworks up to 500kg (dependant on wall structure and fixings)

Material 5mm thick stainless steel with a neoprene pad on the ledge to provide grip for the artwork.

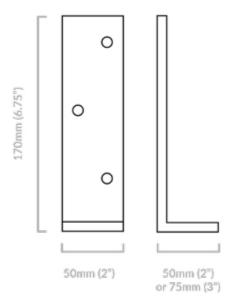
Finish

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STORAGE HOOK

Our Storage Hooks are a neat and straight forward solution that connect into our various hanging fittings, including the Ryman Hanger or Link Hanger.

The Storage Hook allows you to hook your artwork onto storage screens. Its is extremely simple to use and does away with the need to screw yet another fitting to your artwork. This means that one fitting on the back of your

frame came be used for storage and display, something that conservators value particularly when working to preserve the integrity of old or fragile artworks.

Two Storage Hooks should be used per artwork, and they are sold in pairs.

CODE: H1005

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PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Function Artwork Hanger for storage racks.

Dimensions & loading

Approx. 150mm high Dimensions vary depending on the type selected.

Stainless steel with a matt grey finish

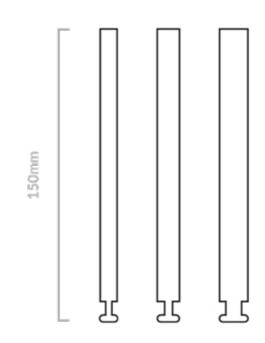
Finish

Material





Artwork Storage, Imperial War Museum, London, UK.



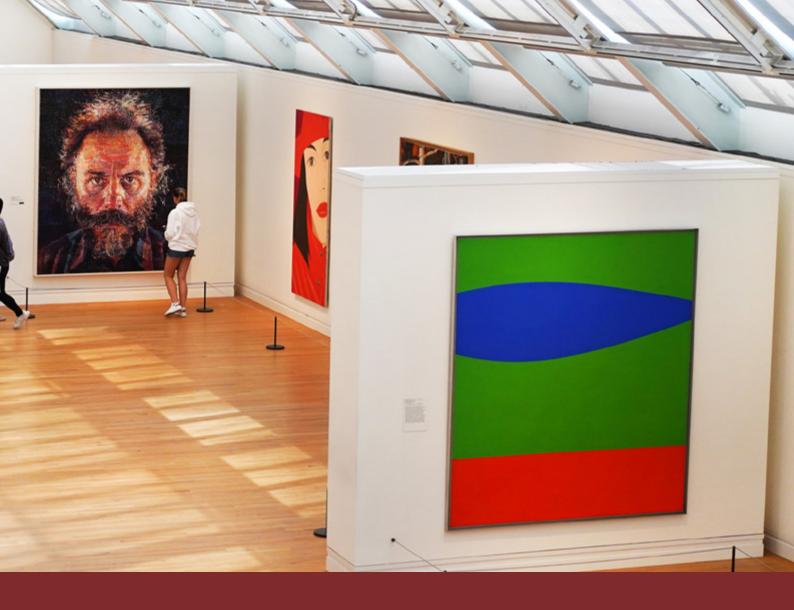


Notes

Don't Forget, We Are Here to Help

Having worked closely with museum and gallery professionals, architects, designers and installers over three decades on projects large and small, we have a wealth of expertise that we would be delighted to share with you if you would like any help or advice.

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