

How to Install Metal Dowel

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Tools Required

- drill
- depth stop
- pencil
- square
- screwdriver or hex key
- mallet when required

Hardware Required

- Metal Dowel
- matching dowels or bolts
- panel components

Key Measurements

- panel thickness
- drilling diameter
- drilling depth
- edge distance
- connector length
- tightening angle

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Use this guide as a planning reference, then request support for drawings, samples, and production installation checks for Metal Dowel.

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Product Installation Overview

Metal Dowel installation focuses on panel thickness, hole diameter, hole depth, dowel or cam alignment, tightening direction, and flush joint quality in the Furniture Connectors and Knock Down Fittings assembly.

For B2B furniture production, use this Metal Dowel guide to standardize marking, drilling, mounting, fastening, and final inspection before the hardware is approved for cabinet, panel, or furniture assembly.

Important installation note:

This is only a simple installation tutorial. Specific adjustments should be made according to the actual furniture, panel material, and hardware specifications.

Product

Metal Dowel

Category

Furniture Connectors and Knock Down Fittings

Installation profile

Furniture Connector and Knock-Down Fitting Installation

Priority

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Industry Data

Use these installation signals to prepare tools, verify measurements, and avoid common alignment or fastening mistakes before production use.

- **Tools to prepare:** drill, depth stop, pencil, square and screwdriver or hex key Prepare these before drilling or fastening the hardware.
- **Measurement checks:** panel thickness, drilling diameter, drilling depth and edge distance Confirm these measurements against the panel, door, drawer, or frame before installation.
- **Hardware and supplies:** Metal Dowel, matching dowels or bolts and panel components Check compatibility with the actual furniture material and order specification.
- **Step sequence:** Mark drilling positions on both panels, Drill holes to the required diameter and depth, Insert dowels, Align the panels and push them together and Tighten cam locks or connector bolts Follow the sequence so alignment errors are caught

before final tightening.

Metal Dowel

Detailed Metal Dowel Installation Tutorial

Before You Start

Before installing Metal Dowel, dry-fit Metal Dowel on the furniture part and confirm the panel thickness reference. Mark from one clean datum edge, not from a damaged corner, so repeated pieces land in the same position. Confirm panel thickness, cam or dowel hole diameter, and drilling depth before joining panels.

Installation Method

During the Metal Dowel work, use drill first, then drill or fasten gradually. Keep the hardware square to the panel, leave adjustment screws loose until alignment is checked, and compare the result with the Furniture Connector and Knock-Down Fitting Installation profile requirements. Drill with a stop, insert parts in the correct direction, and tighten only after panels are seated flush.

Final Check

After Metal Dowel is mounted, operate, pull, load, or lock the part in the same direction a user will use it. Recheck gaps, screw seating, clearance, and surface damage before approving the Metal Dowel installation for production. Inspect the joint for gaps, swelling, twist, or breakthrough before the assembly moves to packing.

Visual Step-by-Step Installation Guide

Step 1 of 6: Mark drilling positions on both panels

Furniture Connector and Knock-Down Fitting Installation diagram for Metal Dowel, synchronized with the six installation steps and showing two furniture panels, cam lock, dowel, connector bolt, drilling holes, alignment arrows, tightening rotation.

Step by Step Installation Instructions

1. 1

Mark drilling positions on both panels For Metal Dowel, mark all dowel, cam, bolt, or connector centers from the correct panel face. Use drill for this operation and keep "panel thickness" as the main measurement check. Keep Metal Dowel in position without fully forcing it until the alignment is verified. Before moving to the next step, confirm opposite panel marks line up before drilling begins.

2. 2

Drill holes to the required diameter and depth For Metal Dowel, drill each connector hole with the required diameter and depth stop. Use depth stop for this operation and keep "drilling diameter" as the main measurement check. Keep matching dowels or bolts in position without fully forcing it until the alignment is verified. Before moving to the next step, confirm holes are square, clean, and not deeper than the board allows.

3. 3

Insert dowels, cam locks, bolts, or connector bodies For Metal Dowel, insert dowels, cams, bolts, or sleeves in the orientation shown by the drawing. Use pencil for this operation and keep "drilling depth" as the main measurement check. Keep panel components in position without fully forcing it until the alignment is verified. Before moving to the next step, confirm parts sit fully seated and face the correct tightening direction.

4. 4

Align the panels and push them together For Metal Dowel, bring panels together while supporting both faces so the joint does not twist. Use square for this operation and keep "edge distance" as the main measurement check. Keep Metal Dowel in position without fully forcing it until the alignment is verified. Before moving to the next step, confirm panel faces meet flush before the connector is fully tightened.

5. 5

Tighten cam locks or connector bolts For Metal Dowel, tighten gradually and alternate between connector points on long joints. Use screwdriver or hex key for this operation and keep "connector length" as the main measurement check. Keep matching dowels or bolts in position without fully forcing it until the alignment is verified. Before moving to the next step, confirm the joint closes evenly without swelling or board damage.

6. 6

Check panel flushness and joint strength For Metal Dowel, inspect the assembled joint under light pressure and from both faces. Use mallet when required for this operation and keep "tightening angle" as the main measurement check. Keep panel components in position without fully forcing it until the alignment is verified. Before moving to the next step, confirm the panel remains square, tight, and ready for packing or next assembly.

Common Installation Mistakes

- Drilling Metal Dowel connector holes without a depth stop.
- Mixing cam lock orientation between panels.
- Joining panels before dowels or bolts are fully seated.
- Over-tightening and damaging board material.

Safety and Installation Warnings

- Use drilling depth stops
- over-drilling can break through visible panel faces.
- Confirm drill depth and edge distance before assembling panel connectors.

Adjustment or Testing Notes

- Check that Metal Dowel pulls the panels tight without twisting the joint.
- Inspect panel faces for breakthrough or swelling.
- Confirm the joint remains flush after tightening.

Installation FAQ

What tools are needed to install Metal Dowel?

Typical tools include drill, depth stop, pencil, square, screwdriver or hex key. For production work, add jigs, depth stops, or templates when repeatable positioning is required.

What measurements should be checked before installing Metal Dowel?

Check panel thickness, drilling diameter, drilling depth, edge distance, connector length before drilling or fastening. Confirm dimensions against the product drawing and panel thickness.

Can Metal Dowel be installed in MDF or plywood furniture?

Most furniture hardware can be installed in MDF, plywood, particle board, or solid wood when the pilot hole, screw length, load rating, and tightening torque match the material.

What is the most common installation mistake for Metal Dowel?

Drilling Metal Dowel connector holes without a depth stop.

Can Metal Dowel be ordered for bulk furniture production?

Yes. Use the guide to define installation drawings, samples, tooling, and inspection standards before bulk furniture hardware production.