



Beaux-Artes



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How to install Beaux-Artes Decorative Grilles



remove old grille



clean dust from plenum



paint duct flat black



drill screw-holes



Install grille with screws

Beaux-Artes Decorative Grilles can be installed with or without a damper. If you are installing grilles without dampers we strongly recommend painting the ductwork directly behind the grille with flat black paint. Flat black paint does not reflect light, therefore making the duct disappear. If installing a grille with a damper, the damper is painted flat black and may not require any additional painting of your ductwork (see our instructions for installing dampers). If for any reason you still see ugly ductwork, paint it flat black, before installing the grille.

You should **select mounting screws to match the finish of the grille**. Bronze, Old Wood and Black look best with a black drywall screw. For Gold and Brass finishes use gold or brass colored screws. Pewter looks great with silver finish screws. **For white or black grilles cover the screws with "Screw Covers"**, made by House Mates Hardware, available at Home Depot or Lowes. "Screw Covers" come in different colors such as white, black, and almond. Screws can also be painted the same color as the grille. Please ask for touch up paint when you order your grilles and we will include a small bottle with your order. **To drill mounting screw holes, we suggest using a #6 counter-sink bit**. Drilling or cutting grilles is easy since they are made of a high quality urethane resin. For all grilles **the screws should be located in the corners**.

All grilles mounted on walls or ceilings need to be anchored securely. Take care to find the wood or metal behind the drywall. If the screws miss wood or metal, anchors must be added. We recommend "E-Z Anchor" made by Buildex which are a new type of self drilling drywall anchor, available at both Home Depot or Lowes. Never rely on screws secured into drywall alone, for a good installation.

For large grilles screws should be in the corners plus on all sides. Locate screws no less than 12" apart. For large ceiling grilles 24" x 24" or larger, we suggest installing a central support beam made out of a metal or wood 2x3 stud. Attach the 2x3 stud to the duct work, flush to the drywall so screws can be used to securely anchor the center part of the grille to the beam. Install the center beam before painting the duct with flat black paint. Then paint both the center beam and ductwork flat black.

Never Use nail guns, Velcro, double sided tape, Liquid-Nails or any unapproved method of installing Beaux-Artes grilles. Follow the above instructions for the best trouble free professional installation.

For installation questions, advice or help call Beaux-Artes at 410-867-0790, we'll be glad to help.