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**POST CAP CARE AND HANDLING**

Thank you for your purchase. The following pages contain information to help you install and maintain your post caps for years of enjoyment.

## Installation Instructions

If your post cap is not listed here, please check for installation instructions inserted in or printed on the package.

### Post Caps

To attach each post cap style to the post, apply an exterior-grade construction adhesive to the underside of the post cap and place firmly on the post (see Figure 1).

**Important:** All solar post caps and lights will need 24 hours of direct sunlight to fully charge.

### Solar Post Caps

To activate your new solar post cap:

- 1 Remove top by pressing inward on the side of the clear lens, grasping the edge of the top and lifting it off (see Figure 2).
- 2 Install the batteries.
- 3 Replace top by snapping onto side panels. (Ensure the holes in the sides are matched up with the stubs on the top.)
- 4 Your solar post cap light is now ready to be attached to your post (see Figure 1).

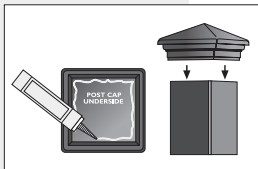


Figure 1

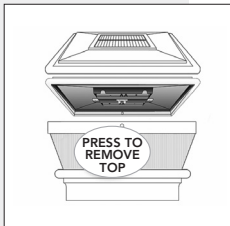


Figure 2

Some solar post caps have on/off switches. If your cap includes an on/off switch, make certain it's in the "on" position when you plan to illuminate your lights. Batteries are included with solar post caps but may not be installed. Ensure batteries are seated firmly in place when installed.

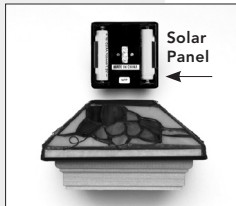
### **Solar Tiffany-style Post Caps**

To activate your new Solar Tiffany-style Post Cap:

- 1 Remove the solar panel by lifting it straight up from the top of the cap (see Figure 3).
- 2 Install the batteries.
- 3 Replace the solar panel.
- 4 Your Solar Tiffany-style post cap is now ready to be attached to your post (see Figure 1).

### **Post and Stair Lights**

- 1 Slide plastic lens back to separate from top portion.
- 2 Open battery compartment.
- 3 Remove the plastic tab from the battery compartment to allow connection to the terminal.
- 4 Ensure battery is firmly in place and switch is in "on" position.
- 5 Attach bracket to post using screws included in package.
- 6 Slide the Post and Stair Light onto the bracket.



**Figure 3**

## Solar Post Caps

Our Solar Metal Post Caps and Solar Tiffany-style Glass Post Caps are among the unique, yet classic touches you can add to your outdoor project. By day, they add beauty to your deck. By night, they enhance your setting with a welcoming glow, without the hassles of wiring or electricity.

By installing a solar post cap light on your deck, you are contributing to a greener environment. Solar post caps get their energy from the sun, the Earth's most available energy source. This helps offset greenhouse gases and reduces the need for dry-cell battery disposal. They are also economical – keeping your deck illuminated with solar post caps will not increase your electric bill.

Looking for a softer glow? No need to illuminate all of your post caps. Batteries can be taken out of the post cap, or the tab can be reinserted into the battery compartment, to keep the light inactive. Keep in mind that batteries will need to be allowed to recharge when reinserted. Some post caps have on/off switches. Make sure the switch is in the "off" position if you don't want a particular cap to illuminate.

Included with each of our solar post caps are LED light bulbs and rechargeable batteries. With a normal usage of 6 to 8 hours per

day, our LED light bulbs will have an average life of 10 years. The rechargeable batteries will last an average of one year. They must be replaced with rechargeable batteries – using regular batteries in the sun will destroy the solar collector in the post cap.

Please note that our LED light bulbs are part of the whole solar cell component and are not designed to be replaced. If it is necessary to replace your light bulb or your solar collector, we have Solar Collector Replacement Units available.

Contains nickel-cadmium rechargeable batteries. Battery must be recycled or disposed of properly.

## **Post Cap Care and Maintenance**

### **Metal Post Caps**

Our copper, stainless steel, and brass post caps come with a thin, clear marine lacquer designed to protect them before and during installation. Once exposed to the elements, the sun's ultraviolet rays, moisture and pollution begin to break down this coating, exposing the metal underneath.

## **Copper**

In its natural state, copper breaks down in the elements and develops a patina. In general, copper progresses from a natural salmon color to a series of russet browns and grays, and finally to a blue-green or gray-green patina.

- To maintain the shiny look, apply a car wax immediately after purchasing the cap, and reapply every 3 to 6 months.
- To remove an already tarnished finish, remove the old coating with mineral spirits and grade 0000 steel wool. Buff with grade 0000 steel wool for a satin finish. For a mirror-like finish, apply a car wax or spray with a clear lacquer or polyurethane and let dry, and then apply a car wax.
- To encourage a natural patina, remove the lacquer with mineral spirits and grade 0000 steel wool.

## **Stainless Steel and Brass**

Stainless steel has a hard oxide coating making it resistant to stains. To maintain this coating, clean periodically with a mixture of vinegar and club soda. As with the copper, our brass post caps are protected with a thin, clear coating of lacquer. Periodic reapplication of this clear coating will help to protect the brass.

### **Colored Metal Post Caps**

Our Victoria post caps come in a variety of colors, including white, green, real patina, pewter and black. These colors are a powder-coated, baked-on finish that is extremely hard and durable, rarely requiring maintenance.

### **Wood Post Caps**

As with all wood products, we recommend that you coat these with a high-quality exterior finish to preserve the wood's natural beauty and ensure a lifetime of enjoyment. Apply to all wood areas, including the underside of the cap, before installation.

### **Glass Post Caps**

Exposure to the elements may cause the copper-wrapped solder on your glass post cap to oxidize and lose its original color. Applying car wax before placing the post cap outdoors will help to prevent the initial oxidation. Reapply the car wax every 3 to 6 months as needed.

**Note:** *If your post cap has a wood base, apply a high quality exterior finish to all wood areas before installation. We recommend reapplying the finish annually to preserve the wood's natural beauty and protect it from the elements.*

## Limited Warranty

UFP Warranty Corporation (the "Warrantor") is pleased to extend this Warranty to you, the original consumer/end user (the "Consumer") of the post cap product. This Warranty is valid for all Deckorators post caps ("Post Cap") and may not be assigned or transferred by you.

Warrantor will repair or replace any Post Cap that exhibits defects in materials or workmanship, for all but the Solar Light Components in a solar post cap, for a period of two years following date of purchase. Warrantor will repair or replace any Post Cap that exhibits defects in materials or workmanship in the Solar Light Components for a period of one year following date of purchase.

Solar Light Components includes the solar panel, the low voltage solar cell and the L.E.D. light bulb. This Warranty does not cover the rechargeable battery.

This Warranty does not cover cost of installation, removal or reinstallation. Warrantor's sole obligation is limited to repair or replacement, and Warrantor shall have no further liability or obligation except as expressly stated herein. If a claim is made under this Warranty on a product that is no longer available, Warrantor reserves the right to provide a similar product of equivalent quality and value.



## Limitations On Warranty

The Warranty does not apply to any Post Cap that:

- Is damaged by physical abuse, acts of God, acts of war, or other chemical or biological factors.
- Has not been installed or maintained in accordance with Warrantor's installation and maintenance instructions.
- Has been abused, or placed under or subjected to abnormal use conditions.
- Has been used, modified or otherwise treated in any manner other than as intended by Warrantor.
- Has been disassembled or repaired by anyone other than Warrantor.

Failure to follow any restrictions or warnings supplied with the product shall make this Warranty null and void and of no further effect. Warrantor reserves the right to investigate any claim and to inspect the materials for which the claim is made. Any use of product must be in accordance with local zoning and/or building codes. The Consumer assumes all risk and liability associated with the construction or use of this product.

WARRANTOR SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE USE OR OWNERSHIP OF THIS PRODUCT. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts and/or do not allow the exclusion of incidental or consequential damages so the limitations and exclusions herein may not apply to you. This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights that vary from state to state.

## **Claim Procedure**

To make a claim under this Warranty, the Consumer must, within ninety (90) days of actual or constructive notice of damage covered by this Warranty, do the following:

- 1** Prepare a letter that includes the following information:
  - A list of the number of pieces for which the claim is made;
  - Proof of Purchase of the product, as shown on the original invoice or receipt; and
  - Proof of Warranty, as evidenced by the original UPC copy of the product label.
- 2** Mail the above information to:  
UFP Warranty Corporation  
2801 East Beltline NE  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525

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