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# Mode Upright Installation Guide

Everything you need to know to successfully install Mode uprights in your store.

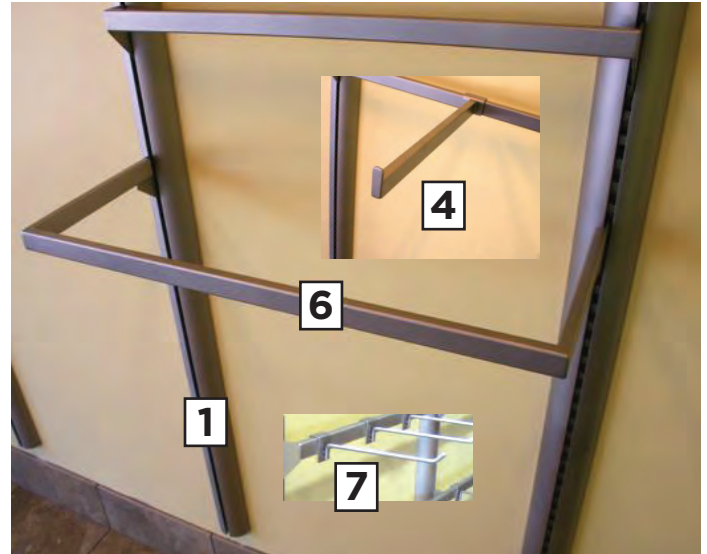
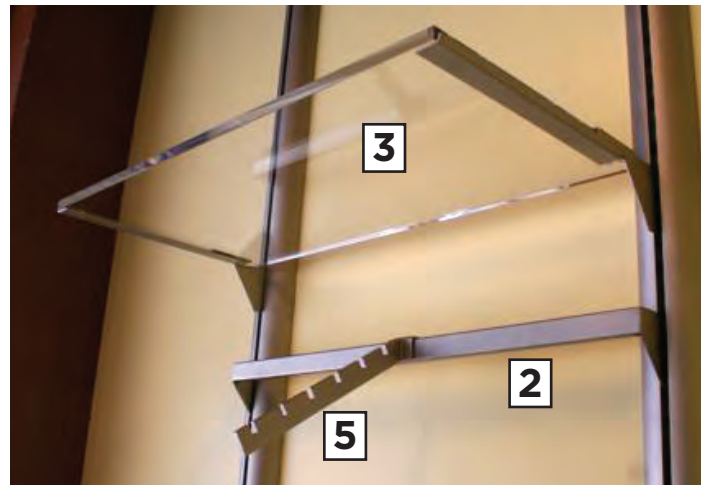


# Getting to know your fixtures

Here are some of the key pieces you will likely receive from Fixture Lab:

1. Mode upright
2. Crossbar
3. Acrylic shelf with shelf brackets
4. Straightout/Faceout
5. Waterfall
6. Hangrail
7. Hook

All of these items (except the Mode upright) will also be used along with your gondolas from Fixture Lab.



## Before you start

### Determine your wall type.

The perfect installation is going to depend on you making a few key decisions about the wall anchors you need to use before you start.

By far the most common wall type that we see out there is drywall. We also see a fair amount of walls covered with wood of one kind or another. If you have either of those, this guide will make quick work out of determining how to install.

**If you have any other type of wall (brick, fake brick, cement, metal, etc.) please give us a call and discuss the anchor strategy with one of our experts.** The wrong type of anchor might only take an extra minute or two each, but if you multiply that times all the anchors in the store, you can be looking at hours and hours of wasted time.

## Anchors for drywall installation

You will need to purchase drywall anchors and screws. We recommend purchasing the following:

- Buildex E-Z Ancor, Sel-Drilling Drywall Anchor (we prefer the metal ones, but plastic also works)

**Tip:** Make sure you pay attention to the size of the anchor/screws. If they are too big it's really hard to use them. The gap that the screw head needs to fit through is **7.9 mm**, so make sure the head of the screws is smaller than that.

Estimate 10 drywall anchors and screws per full-length (9-foot) upright, so count the number of uprights in your order and multiply by 10.

**Tip:** To save money, buy the biggest packs you can find.

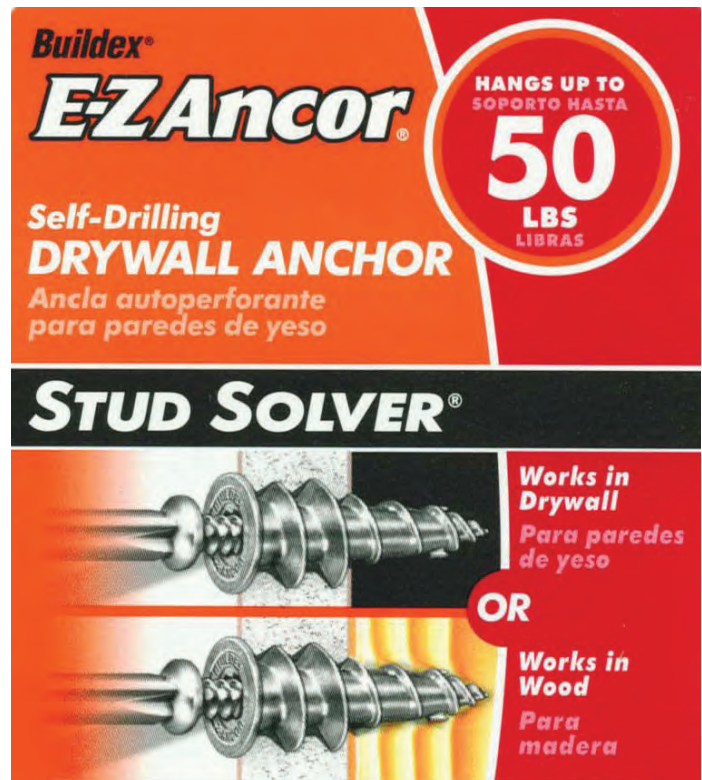
## Anchors for wood wall installation

If your wall is wood, or another material that is sturdy enough to simply drive screws into, then you have it made. Using simple screws is the easiest way to install Modes!

Go purchase enough screws to put 10 into each Mode upright. (You may not use 10 per Mode, but better safe than sorry. More screws=more secure fixtures).

**Tip:** Make sure you pay attention to the size of the screws. If they are too big it's really hard to use them. The gap that the screw head needs to fit through is **7.9 mm**, so make sure the head of the screws is smaller than that.

Some drywall screws work for this, some don't. Make sure you test the ones you want to use for the job.

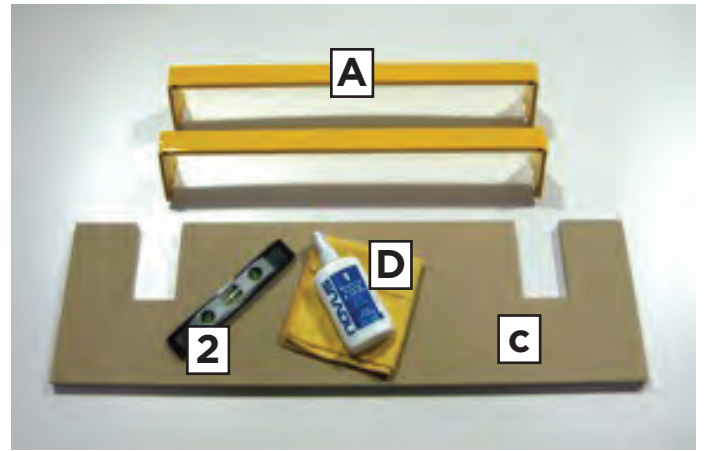




# Your installation kit

Here is what your installation kit should include upon arrival:

- A. 2 Yellow crossbars
- B. 1 Level
- C. 1 Wooden jig
- D. 1 Soft cloth and acrylic shelf cleaner



# Tools you'll need

- Good drill with long Phillips head bit
- Tape (blue tape that will not harm the paint)
- Pencil or awl
- Tape measure
- Drywall anchors and screws (see previous page)

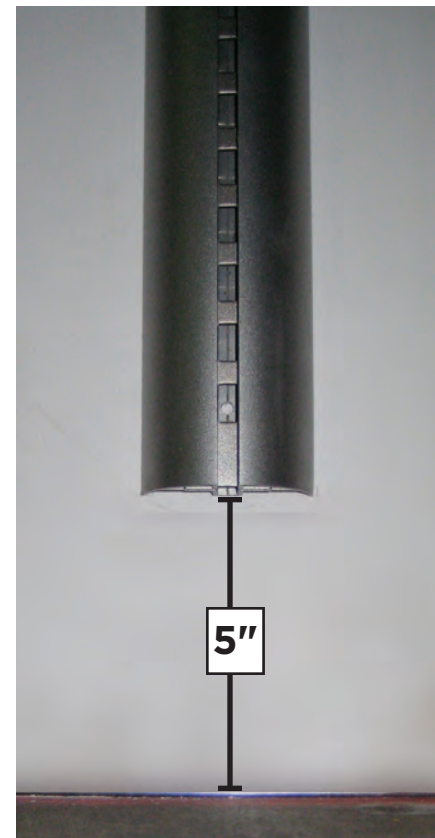


# Please call with questions

If you have any questions about these instructions, spacing for the uprights, or you need to cut your upright please call us. Uprights are expensive and cutting them can be deceptively tricky.

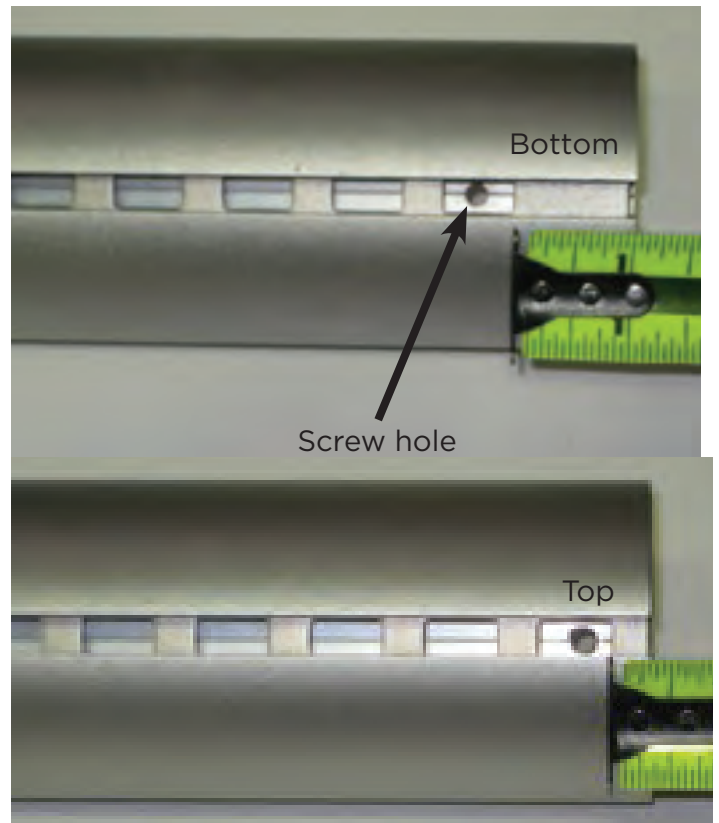
# Installation height

Most of the time, the upright is installed 5 inches from the floor, with at least the same amount of space between the top of the upright and the ceiling. Sometimes the baseboard gets in the way and you have to use a different spacing from the floor. That's okay. The important thing is to try to install them all at the same height. Keep reading.



# Getting started

**1.** Grab your first upright and establish which end is the top and which end is the bottom. To do that, look into the channel of the upright. The side that has a 1 inch piece of metal at the end of the channel is the bottom of the upright. The other end will have a piece of metal that is less than 1/2 inch - that is the top. You need to make sure all Modes are facing the same way or your fixtures will end up crooked.



**2.** Now it's time to figure out exactly where all the uprights will go on the wall. For example, if you are trying to center your clothing section on a wall, you will need to find the center of that wall and measure outwards from that center point.

**Tip:** This tip might save a whole day! Each upright will be 24 inches on center. Grab your blue tape, rip off a small piece and mark where every upright should be once it is on the wall. Usually you will center the set of uprights on a wall horizontally, so you might want to measure from the middle, out. **Here's the important part.** Once you have the tape marks on the wall, take a step back and ask yourself this question: "If I install an upright in each of those locations, are any of them going to hit anything?" **It is so easy to get to the last upright and figure out that it is going to hit something like a fire alarm or a light switch! Don't make that mistake. Take a step back, and ask yourself the question, then adjust the spacing and proceed.**



**Tip for studs:** It almost goes without saying, but we must say it...It is always better to anchor uprights to the wall where there is a stud. If you can place them where you will be screwing into a stud, then they'll always be rock solid. Problem is, most studs aren't 24 inches apart, and it's pretty rare to actually have them right where you need them anyway.

**3.** After you figure out the placement of the first upright, grab the wooden jig and place it against the bottom of the wall. Push it flush against the wall with your foot and place the bottom of the upright into the notch. The empty notch on the jig should be where the second upright will eventually go. Move the upright and jig until your upright is lined up with the tape on the wall for the first upright.

**Tip:** Sometimes, due to floor or baseboard conditions, the jig just does not work. It's not the end of the world. You can always measure the height of the upright by hand.

**4. Important!** Once your upright is lined up with the tape, grab your level and make sure that the upright is completely level vertically.

**5.** Once the upright is level, continue holding it in place and use a pencil to mark the wall where each anchor and screw will go. There are screw holes in the channel of the upright that will allow you to mark the wall. Remember, each upright should be held up by at least 8 screws.

**Tip:** When we are installing uprights we use an awl (or ice pick) instead of a pencil to mark the wall. By just pressing the awl into the surface of the wall, you create a great little dimple where the drywall anchor is going to start.

**Tip:** It pays to mark every screw hole, even if you don't use all the marks in the next step.

**6.** Now that you have marked the screw positions on the wall, you can place the upright aside. Grab your drywall anchors and drill them into the wall where each of your pencil marks are.



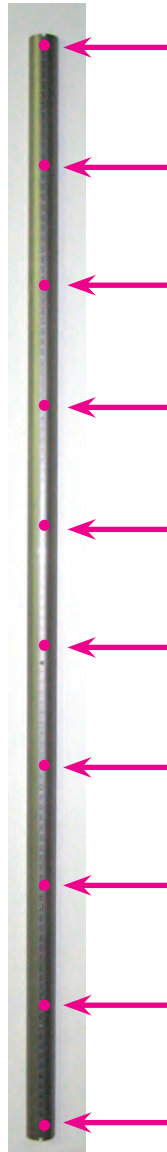
**Tip:** Every once in a while you will run into a stud and your drywall anchor will not screw in all the way. In this case, you can bypass the drywall anchor by taking it out and just directly screwing the upright into the wall with the screw.

**Tip:** How many screws should you use? Each upright has 10 holes for screws. If you can, it's best to put a screw into every hole. Certainly, don't use fewer than 7 or 8 in each.

Sometimes there is an obstruction in the wall here or there that prevents your anchor from going into the wall. Don't stress too much over that. Just make sure you don't skip more than one mounting hole.

**7.** After screwing in all of your anchors, place the upright back against the wall with the bottom of the upright in the jig. Use a drill to secure the upright to the wall with your screws. After it is secure, once again use your level to make sure it is straight. You have just installed your first upright! Don't go to lunch yet. It's just getting exciting!

**8.** With the first upright in place, you are now ready to put up your second. Grab your second upright and establish which side is the bottom. Your wooden jig should still be under the first upright, so just stick your second upright snugly into the other notch.



Put a screw in every hole. Seems like overkill, but once you load the fixture with products, there is a LOT of leverage on these uprights.



**9.** Once the upright is on the jig, grab one of the yellow crossbars out of the kit. The crossbar will click into the channels of both uprights to make sure your spacing is correct when installing the second upright. You will want to place the yellow crossbar somewhat close to the top of the uprights so the spacing is as accurate as possible. When we are installing, we also place the second yellow crossbar on the uprights toward the bottom. Once in place, take a step back and make sure that the uprights look even, and the yellow crossbar is level.

There are two reasons this is important:

1. Sometimes the floor is uneven, and you don't want the merchandise on the wall to be uneven.
2. If the crossbar is not level it will affect the space between the uprights that you are installing. Even 1/4 inch makes a huge difference.

**10.** Once you are sure the second upright is in the right spot, screw it to the wall just like you did in steps 5, 6 and 7.

**11.** When the upright is screwed to the wall, remove the yellow crossbars and grab a couple regular crossbars from your fixture order. Test fit them onto the new uprights just to make sure everything is perfect. It will be. We believe in you.

**12.** Repeat steps 5 through 11 until all the uprights are up. Now it's time to send someone out to pick up lunch, because these will start to go up fast now.

## **CONGRATS!** **You're an installation pro!**

If you have questions before or during your installation, please feel free to contact us:

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