



Monument Installation Instructions

- Tools Needed:
1. level
 2. tape measure
 3. shovel (preferably flat)
 4. sack crete (1 bag will usually suffice)
 5. tube of 100% clear silicone (only if installing die & base)
 6. 4 pennies (only if installing die & base)

Installation:

1. examine your grave plot corners and find the middle of the plot so you can get an idea of where you need to dig.
2. Dig around the area where your stone will be installed with your shovel. Give yourself 1-2 inches of additional room around the entire stone (ie. if the stone is 24" x 12", dig 26"x 14").
3. The depth will depend on the stone you are installing. If it is a flat marker (4" thick), dig 5". If the stone is a die and base, a couple of inches will be fine.
4. Level the hole
5. Pour your sack crete in the hole while it is dry. An inch or two of sack crete should be plenty¹. Level the sack crete (you won't need to add water to the sack crete because the moisture in the ground will set up the concrete)
6. Place your stone in the hole. If it isn't level, use your hands to maneuver the stone until it is completely level. This is an important step, so make sure your stone is completely level².

¹ If you are installing a flush marker, be sure to leave exactly 4 inches of depth in this step. Otherwise your stone will be above level ground and not flush.

² This is especially important for two piece installs. You do not want your stone to lean in any direction once it is on it's base.

7. Fill in the small gaps around your stone with the dirt removed to dig the hole.

8. If you are installing a die as well, here is where you will use your pennies.

**FLUSH MARKER INSTALLATION IS FINISHED AT THIS POINT.
GO ON IF YOU ARE INSTALLING A DIE & BASE**

9. Place the die (upright part of the stone) on the base. Measure around it making sure it is centered on the base.

10. Tilt your stone forward and backward, placing a penny under each corner. Once this is done and while you have the stone tilted, put a generous bead of silicone on the base under the center of where the die will sit.

11. Bring the stone back to center letting it rest where it will permanently sit. The pennies will allow the silicone to stay in between both pieces of stone for a good bond. If there is excess silicone coming out from the die use a rag or paper towel to remove it.

12. Run a bead of silicone around the entire edge of the upright stone, while using your finger to remove excess silicone from the joint. This will ensure you make a good seal around the dies edges and keep any water from getting in between the two pieces.

The install is complete. It will take a few days for the concrete to set up, and a few hours for the silicone to dry. Be sure to take any excess dirt you have removed from the ground with you when you leave. Some cemeteries have dirt piles within eyesight. You may place it here if you wish.

As always, you'll want to get permission from the cemetery you wish to install the stone in prior to installing. Some will require a professional to install your stone, and there may be other rules and regulations.

Thanks for your business!