



Monument Installation Instructions

Video of this install can be found on YouTube here :

https://youtu.be/iS_aEHcs4NU?si=Nc5DZACANKnB0TsH

Or by searching on YouTube : upstate stone works headstone install

Tools/Materials Needed:

1. level (you could also download bubble app on phone)
2. tape measure
3. shovel (preferably flat)
4. post hole digger (optional)
4. sak-crete (1 bag will usually suffice for flat markers, 2 for die and base)
5. tube of 100% clear, light gray, or black if stone is black silicone (only if installing die & base)
6. 4 pennies (only if installing die & base or slant with base)
7. wheelbarrow (for dirt removal)
8. paper towels
9. painter's tape (optional)

Installation:

1. Examine your grave plot corners and find the middle of the plot at the head so you can get an idea of where you need to dig.

(it's important that you've cleared your install with your church or cemetery before digging.)

2. Dig around the area where your stone will be installed with your shovel. Give yourself 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 6". If the stone is a die and base, dig another hole straight down in the center with a post hole digger approx. 1 foot deeper. This hole, once filled with concrete, creates a concrete post that will keep your stone from leaning for years to come.

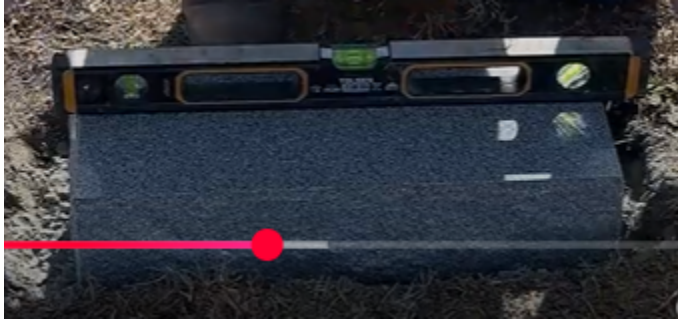
4. Level the hole



5. Pour sak-crete in the hole while it is dry. A few inches of sak-crete should be plenty¹. Level the sak-crete (you won't need to add water to the sak-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.²



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

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

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



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

8. If you are installing a die as well, now you will use your pennies. Lay the die down and put a small amount of silicone on the pennies. Place them on all 4 corners of the die.



9. Run a generous bead of silicone in the center of the base. Then, place the die (upright part of the stone) on the base. Use your tape measure and move it around to center it on the base.





10. 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.

USING PAINTER'S TAPE (OPTIONAL STEP)

11. Put painter's tape around the perimeter of the die on the base, and also on the bottom of the die.



12. Run a bead of silicone around the entire edge of the upright stone in the joint you created. Then, use your finger and run it around the entire perimeter on your joint removing excess silicone as you go. This will ensure you make a good seal around the dies edges and keep any water from getting in between the two pieces.



13. Remove the painter's tape



Great Job! The install is complete. It will take a few days for the concrete to set up. The silicone should cure within a day. 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.

Thanks for your business!