

splitting fiberglass and wood columns



1. Prepare two sawhorses by wrapping cloth material at the support area to prevent damage to the column. Nail or clamp blocks to the sawhorses to hold the column in place while splitting.



2. Mark the center of the column at the bottom of the shaft. Pull a string across this mark along the center of the shaft to the top (a stave glue line can be used as a guide for wood columns). In-sure the string is centered along the shaft and snap a chalk line.



3. Use a circumference measuring tape to mark the other line dividing half the circumference at the top and bottom of the shaft. Using the marks as a guide, snap the second chalk line.



4. Set the saw depth for cutting through the bead (astragal) portion of the shaft. Note: An abrasive cut-off blade should be used to split all fiberglass columns. Cut from the base end moving toward the top of the shaft. Rotate the shaft and repeat cut for the other side.

✓ Columns can be ordered split from the factory, or columns may be split at the job site.