

Each Barrel Tensioner is capable of tensioning 660 ft. of straight rail, but you must deduct 100 ft. from that length for directional and elevation changes.

STEP ONE: Determining Barrel Tensioner Locations

- **1.** Pilot holes must be drilled first. Mark the desired height of the fence rail onto the post as shown in **Illustration 1-A**.
- Measure down 2.75 inches from the first mark and make a second mark onto the post as shown in Illustration 1-A. This mark is where the first pilot hole will be drilled. For additional Barrel Tensioners, use the same spacing that was used when installing fence line post brackets.

STEP TWO: Attaching Barrel Tensioner to Post

- **1.** Using a 3/8" drill bit, drill pilot holes for all Barrel Tensioners.
- Attach the Two-Way Barrel Tensioner using the supplied lag screw [A], washer [B], plastic grommets [C] and insulator sleeve [D] in the order shown in Illustration 2-B. ISO Pad required for Hot Rail[®] Electric Fence System.

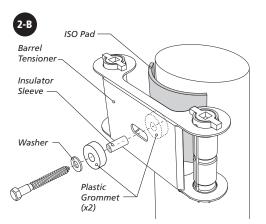
The insulator sleeve sits within the plastic grommets that mount flush to the front and back of the

barrel tensioner, helping to shield the lag screw from energized tensioner hardware. **Illustration 2-C.**

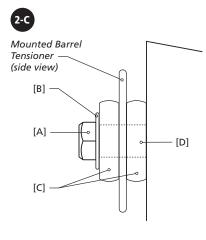
NOTE: The barrel tensioner sits between the two grommet pieces as called out in **Illustration 2-C.**

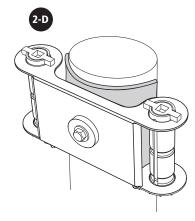
3. The Two-Way Barrel Tensioner should be mounted as shown in **Illustration 2-D**, making sure the locking block is facing down toward the ground.

NOTE: DO NOT over-tighten lag screw. Over-tightening may cause damage to the insulated components.



Two-Way Barrel Tensioner with ISO Pad (shaded gray) shown on Hot Rail® Electric Fence System





Two-Way Barrel Tensioner with ISO Pad (shaded gray) required for Hot Rail® Electric Fence System



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Two-Way Barrel Tensioners for Hot Rail®

Since Hot Rail[®] is electrified, the tensioners must be insulated from the post. Two-Way Barrel Tensioners must be insulated with an ISO Pad, supplied by Centaur[®] (sold separately). ISO Pads are sold in lengths measuring 7" W x 48" L.

Prior to installation the ISO Pad (sold separately) must be cut to size (7" W x 12" L) for each Two-Way Barrel Tensioner.

Mark the center point by measuring 3-1/2" from the top edge and 6" from the side. Then, drill a pilot hole using 3/8" drill bit. This helps to ease the lag screw through the ISO Pad when installed between the Barrel Tensioner and the post. **Illustration 2-E**.

STEP THREE: Mark and Cut Rail

- Hold rail up to Barrel Tensioner and mark the rail as shown in Illustration 3-F. If the fence you are tensioning is less than 200' long, then mark the fence at line A (right next to the lag screw). Mark it at line B (halfway between the lag screw and the edge of the tensioner) if the fence is 200' - 450' long. Mark the fence at line C (even with the edge of the tensioner) if the fence is 450' - 660' long.
- 2. Once the rail is marked, cut the polymer using a straight edge to ensure the end of the rail will be square. Cut the excess wire off using wire cutters.

STEP FOUR: Tensioning Rail

 Insert end of rail into slot on barrel as shown in Illustration 4-G. Next, insert a 1/2" drive ratchet into the square hole on the end of the barrel. Begin turning the barrel to wrap the rail around it as shown in Illustration 4-H. Use the square locking block on the bottom of the barrel to prevent the rail from uncoiling as it is tensioned.

IMPORTANT: When tensioning a Two-Way Barrel Tensioner, be sure to apply tension in small increments to both sides to avoid causing the post to lean or break off. **See Illustration 4-I.**

 Continue to coil rail onto barrels until the rail is satisfactorily tight. DO NOT over-tighten the rail, as this will reduce the flexibility of your Centaur[®] fence.

Photo 4-J shows a mounted Two-Way Barrel Tensioner with non-electric fence. ISO Pad is required for Electric Hot Rail[®] Two-Way Barrel Tensioner installation.

