

# Pro Cyc PC160-NS Portable Green Screen Setup Instructions



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## PC160 Assembly Instructions

Take care when unpacking your Pro Cyc® Portable Green Screen to avoid scratching, bending or damaging the surface of the green material.

### Your contents include: (Fig. 1)

- 2 each: 80” wide x 24’ long strips of Pro Matte® IV
- 1 each: Roll of no-residue double-face tape
- 2 each: 80” long, white, two-part Pro Matte® IV background support crossbars; Consists of:
  - 2 each: 80” long, white crossbar bottom part w/ rubber stripping
  - 2 each: 40” long, white crossbar top
  - 1 each: 80” long, white crossbar top
- 30 thumb screws
- 3 each: American Grip Stands
- 6 each: 1/2” flat washers
- 3 each: 1/2”-13 hex nuts

*\*Note: The PC160 MUST be placed on a clean, flat, hard surface (e.g. wood or concrete). The PC160 is not meant to be used on carpet of any kind. Debris left under the Pro Matte® IV material may cause defects in the surface of the flooring.*

**3. Getting Pro Matte® IV Ready:\*** Position both strips of Pro Matte® IV side by side with the textured side up and with the head of each strip in approximate position for lifting to top of American Grip stands.

*\*Note: Do not bend or fold Pro Matte® IV during handling*

**4. Squaring the Top:** Use scissors or straight edge to square the top end of each strip of Pro Matte® IV.

**5. Applying the Double-face Tape:** Adhere no-residue double-face tape along the inside edge of the textured side of one of the strips of Pro Matte® IV with the tape facing up. Leave the paper backing on the tape (Figs. 2, 3).

**6. Overlapping the Seam:** Lay the piece of Pro Matte® IV that is without tape on top of the piece of Pro Matte® IV with the tape facing up (do not peel the backing off yet). Make sure that the top piece does not overlap the tape by more than 1/8 inch all the way down the seam, being careful to keep the pieces square to each other. The textured side should be facing up on both strips of Pro Matte® IV.

**7. Joining the Pro Matte® pieces together:** At the top end where the pieces of Pro Matte® meet, lift the top layer back slightly and begin to peel off the first 6-12" of paper backing on tape (Fig. 4). Pull paper backing down and away from the seam and trail behind with your hand by about 12" rubbing the over the seam to promote tape adhesion (Fig. 5). Once the paper backing is completely removed from the no-residue double-face tape, rub over the entire length of the tape seam one more time.

**8. Putting the Pro Matte® on the Background Support Crossbar:** At the head of the Pro Matte® IV, lay the two 80" white crossbar bottom pieces (with rubber stripping) end-to-end, with threaded inserts toward the floor and *away* from the Pro Matte® IV. Carefully lay the joined pieces of Pro Matte® IV on top of the spongy rubber stripping material on the bottom crossbars, leaving just the holes exposed for thumbscrews (Fig. 6).

Place one 40" white crossbar top over the bottom crossbar on either the right or the left side so that the Pro Matte® IV is between the top and bottom crossbars, being careful to line up the holes. Next, place the 80" crossbar top right next to the end of the 40" crossbar top, then place the remaining 40" crossbar top next to that. All holes should line up at this time (Fig. 7).

Loosely secure crossbar top to the crossbar bottom using the thumbscrews (Fig. 8). Do not tighten yet; the Pro Matte® IV should still be able to move between the crossbars.

**9. Tighten Thumb Screws:** Gently push Pro Matte® IV between the top and bottom crossbar pieces against the thumbscrews to make sure that they are straight and aligned across the entire length of the crossbar. Tighten all thumbscrews to secure the Pro Matte® IV. Finger tight should be enough.

**10. Placing the Crossbars on the Stands:** Place one 1/2" flat washers over the threaded fitting at the top of each light stand. Using two or three people, lift Pro Matte® IV assembly up onto studs on top of American Grip stands, placing one stand at each end and one at the middle of the crossbar (Fig 9). Place the remaining 1/2" flat washers over the top of the crossbar on each threaded fitting and finger-tighten the 1/2"-13 hex nuts over the washers onto the stands (Fig. 10).

**11. Raising the Stands:** Using at least one person on each stand, grip the stands firmly with both hands, loosen the handle and raise each stand simultaneously until they are at the desired final height (Fig. 11). Use the drilled safety holes as a reference point to make sure all three stands are at equal height. Once desired height has been confirmed on all stands, tighten securely with the handle, then insert the cable secured cotter pins on each stand in the safety hole closest to and just above the handle, then lock with the wire clip (Fig. 12).

**12. Creating the Sweep Radius:** At the leading edge on the floor, pull the Pro Matte® IV forward until a gentle radius is created at the transition between vertical and horizontal. Once you are satisfied with the sweep to the floor and alignment of the Pro Matte® IV, weight it down with sandbags or with double stick tape on the underside of the material. (See final photo of completed setup)

## **Pro Cyc® PC160-NS (No Stands) Supplemental Setup Instructions**

### **Setup Option 1 – Using Junior Stands Supplied By You:**

**See the supplied PC160 Setup Instructions.**

If you already have three junior stands you can use the three supplied Junior Stand Adapters (as shown in the photo below) to mount your PC160-NS on your existing junior stands.



## Setup Option 2 – Mounting To Gypsum Drywall:

**In addition to the materials listed on the supplied PC160 Setup Instructions (and the three Junior Stand Adapters mentioned in Setup Option 1) your PC160-NS also includes:**

- 7 each: 5/16" x 4" Lag Screws
- 6 each: 3/8" x 1-3/4" Lag Screws
- 13 each: 5/16" Flat Washers
- 3 each: 1/2"-13 x 1-1/4" Hex Cap Screws
- 3 each: 1/2"-13 Hex Nuts
- 3 each: Angled Mounting Brackets

### **Materials and Tools Not Supplied by Pro Cyc:**

If you intend to attach your PC160-NS to a wall (without using stands) you should make sure you have a block of wood to attach the supplied angled mounting brackets to. Pro Cyc recommends using Premium #2 and Better Douglas Fir Lumber (or equal) 2" x 6" x at least 13' 10" long. (You can also use two blocks at half-length if you prefer.) The block(s) can be painted before installation for aesthetic purposes.



In addition to the 2" x 6" block(s) of wood, you will also need the following tools:

- 1 each: Stud Finder
- 1 each: Electric Drill
- 1 each: 15/64" Drill Bit
- 1 each: 5/16" Drill Bit
- 1 each: 1/2" Socket Wrench
- 1 each: 9/16" Socket Wrench
- 1 each: 9/16" Flat or Combination Wrench

### **1. Attach the Wood Block(s) to Your Wall**

The block(s) of wood can be attached to the wall using the supplied 5/16" x 4" lag screws with 5/16" washers. One lag screw for every other stud in your wall should be enough to provide a secure mount. Use a stud finder to locate your studs. Use a 15/64" drill bit as a pilot for the lag screws. After using the 15/64" drill bit use a 5/16" drill bit at a depth of about 1/2" to allow clearance for the shank on the lag screw. Use a 1/2" socket wrench to tighten the lag screws.

## **2. Attach the Angled Mounting Brackets to the Wood Block(s)**

The top of the PC160 Crossbar Assembly has 1/2" diameter holes spaced on center approximately 11-1/8" apart. Three of these holes will be used for mounting the PC160-NS to the wood block(s) using the three supplied angled mounting brackets. Two of the angled mounting brackets should be attached to the wood block(s) near each end. The third should be near the center of where the PC160 Crossbar Assembly will be mounted.

Determine which of the 1/2" diameter holes at the top of the PC160 Crossbar Assembly will be used for mounting. Next, after carefully measuring for position, attach the angled mounting brackets to the wood block(s) using the supplied 3/8" x 1-3/4" lag screws with 5/16" washers. Use a 15/64" drill bit as a pilot for the lag screws. These lag screws should not be tightened all the way. Wait until after the PC160 Crossbar Assembly is installed. This will allow you to adjust the mounting brackets as needed when you are installing the PC160 Crossbar Assembly.



## **3. Complete Steps 3-9 Shown on the Supplied PC160 Setup Instructions.**

This work should be done on the floor directly in front of the wood block(s) mounted on your wall.

## **4. Attach the Green Screen Assembly to the Angled Mounting Brackets**

Next, install the three supplied 1/2"-13 x 1-1/4" long hex cap screws with 1/2" washers and 1/2"-13 hex nuts into the three holes at the top of the PC160 Crossbar Assembly. Finger tight is OK. These should be the same three holes that will match the locations of the angled mounting brackets installed on the wood block(s).



Using three people (one at each hex cap screw) carefully lift the green-screen assembly up to the angled mounting brackets and drop the three bolts through the holes in the mounting brackets. Make sure that you do not fold or crease the Virtual Green® Pro Matte® material during this step.

Attach a 1/2"- 13 hex nut to the bottoms of the three hex cap screws. Finger tight is OK.

Finish tightening the 3/8" x 1-3/4" lag screws into the wood block(s) using a 9/16" flat or combination wrench.





