



Bird Spike Installation Tips



successful bird spike installation.

Bird spikes are an ideal bird control product to keep large pest birds like pigeons and gulls from landing on flat or curved surfaces and are one of the most economical and effective bird deterrent products on the market! In this guide we will review the steps necessary to ensure a



Step 1 - Measure, measure, measure: The first and most important step is to measure the area where the bird spikes will be installed. It is important that the entire surface be covered with spike strips so birds cannot land behind them and use the spikes as a spot to build their nests. It is important to take a good length and width measurement before purchasing product. The width of the area to be covered will determine which spike to use; 3" width, 5" width or 8" width. In some situations, more than one row of spikes will be necessary.

Step 2 - Clean-up: The majority of bird control jobs include cleaning the mess left behind by pest birds - bird feces, nesting materials and debris. Bird spikes should not be installed until the waste and debris are properly removed and the area is disinfected.

Cleaning Bird Droppings:

If bird droppings are one inch or deeper, an enzyme product should be used as part of the cleaning process. If there is less than one inch of droppings, wet down the affected area with a fine spray of water. After the area is saturated, shovel the debris into **DOUBLE BAGGED** heavy-duty garbage bags and ensure that the bags are properly disposed. Wash down the site with water / power wash.



Removing Nests and Dead Birds:

Removal of nests, materials, dead birds and nestlings is often necessary and should again be double bagged and disposed of prior to washing and sanitizing the area. The area should be treated with a reliable and fast acting insecticide to kill all ectoparasites, which are usually present.

Disinfect the Area:

Disinfecting the area with Microcide SQ will protect you and your customer from the diseases that can be transferred from bird droppings to pets and humans.



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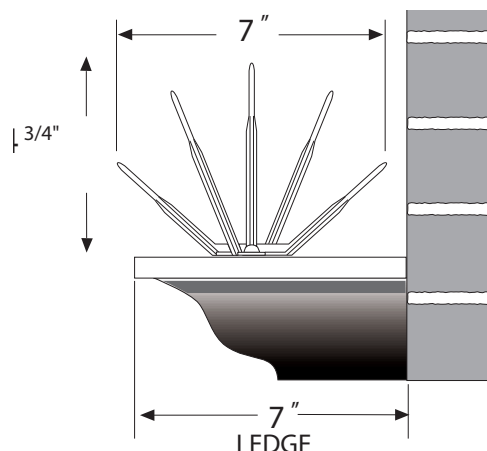


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Step 3 - Determine attachment method:

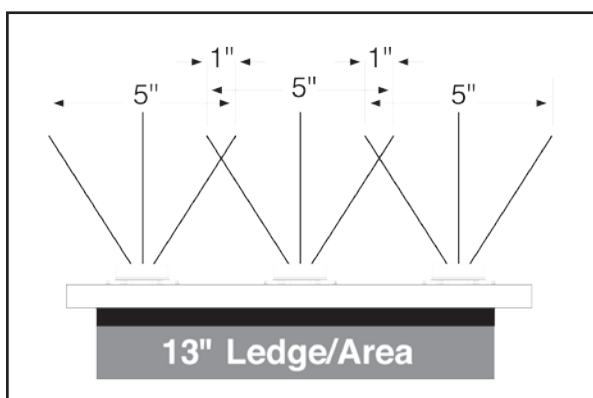
- **Wood surfaces:** When attaching bird spikes to wood, use wood screws to secure the spikes to the surface. Make sure the ends are secured tightly and that at least one screw is placed every six inches.
- **Concrete surfaces:** When attaching the spike strips to concrete, brick, stone or other hard surfaces, use an outdoor construction grade adhesive. Our plastic bird spikes have a convenient glue trough on the base, just add a bead of adhesive and press the strip down. For extra security, screw or bolt down the spikes along with using adhesive.
- **Pipes & Conduit:** When using bird spikes on conduit or overhead pipes, zip ties can be used to hold the spike strips in place. This is also convenient if repairs are necessary or the spikes need to be removed.

Due to the infectious diseases associated with bird feces, be sure to use extreme care when removing nests and droppings.



Step 4 - Install the bird spikes:

If you measured correctly in step one you should have enough bird spikes to install on the area affected by the birds. If installing one row of spikes, start at the far edge; use the appropriate fastener for the substrate to which the spikes are being attached. Make sure to line up the bird spike 1 1/2" or less from that back wall or window ledge; allow bird spikes to overhang a minimum of 1/2" in front. When installing more than one row of spikes, start with the row furthest from you and be sure to leave no more than 1" of space between rows of spikes. If you can cross the spikes between rows so that the birds have no access to the area.



Glue troughs along the base make for easy installation. Bird•B•Gone® offers construction grade adhesives.



To Install: Surface should be clean and dry before installation. Select width of bird spike based on the surface to be covered.



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