Crib Rod Assembly & Application

Crib Rods are long metal rods that the moving side (drop side) of the crib slides up and down on. The crib rod will attach the long side rail gate to the crib ends as well as act as a part of the release mechanism for the moving side. Standard crib rods MUST work with either a hand or foot release mechanism and rod support angles. There are several styles of crib rods and release systems.

In order for your crib to function safely and be properly assembled, the crib rods must be securely attached to the headboard and footboard by using machine screws and inserts. The foot or hand release must also be properly installed as directed in order for the side rail to be locked in the up position. Rod support angles are necessary to serve as lower guides for the rods, as well as lower stops when the side rail is unlocked into the down position.

It is important to correctly identify the original configuration of the crib when selecting a replacement crib rods and/or attachment hardware. Call 800-772-1041 for assistance.

Crib Rod System =
Foot or Hand Release System +
Inserts & Machine Screws +
Rod Support Angles & Springs

Crib Rod Styles by Application

Q: “How do I know if my crib uses crib rods?”
A: 1. Check on the short end of the crib for threaded inserts at the top of the leg where the rod/s would attach.
A: 2. Check on the long side/s for holes for the rods to travel down through.

Insert the metal crib rod into the wood side top through the holes (and plastic inserts if present). Plastic inserts may be located inside the hole within the side rail to improve smooth glide movement of the side rail on the rod. If your crib uses a hand release mechanism, the rod must be guided through the hand release so that the notch in the rod engages with the hand release lock. Next, guide the rod down through the spring. Then guide the rod down through the lower wood side hole. As the rod clears through the hole, slip the lower spring onto the rod. Lower the rod further and guide through the lowest angle bracket hole. Return to the top of the rod and tighten the machine screw into the buried insert to secure the rod to the headboard of the crib. Repeat for the remaining rods. If missing inserts or having installation difficulty please call Products America for direct assistance.

NOTE: Periodically be sure to check all screws for tightness, tighten as necessary.