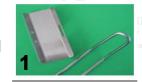
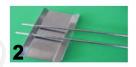
ASSEMBLY

1. Orient the plate face down (with the flanges facing upward) and the ground post with the angled top section pointing up as shown in Photo 1.



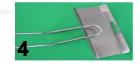
2. With the plate and post in the above position, insert the ends of the ground stake into the to round holes of the plate as shown in Photo 2.



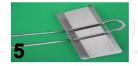
3. Slide the plate up along the legs until it passes the angled top section of the stake as shown in Photo 3.



4. Continue sliding the plate until it reaches the closed loop of the ground stake shown in Photo 4.



5. Pinching the legs of the stake together at the bend, slide the plate back down toward this bend, and insert the closed loop portion into the oval opening at the top of the plate as shown in Photo 5.



6. Your plant marker is now fully assembled and ready to enhance your garden!



7. Your new markers are held in a 'captive' position and won't fall off. You can easily remove the plate by reversing the above steps, if ever the need arises.



Metal nameplates can have sharp edges, so please be take care during assembly.



Thank you for using Highland Rim Engraving for your custom plant marker needs.

We are proud of the fact that our stainless-steel markers are made in the USA with American-made materials. We strive to offer you the best in products and service, and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

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Care and Cleaning of Stainless-Steel Garden Markers

Your new garden markers are made of 100% stainless-steel, one of the most durable and recyclable materials on the planet.

Although stainless-steel is extremely resistant to rust, it is important to understand that <u>no</u> metal is completely corrosion proof, especially when used in outdoor applications.

By following our care and cleaning instructions, you can prolong the life and maintain the appearance of your stainless-steel garden markers for years to come!

We suggest applying an *oil-based* stainless-steel cleaner and polish to the nameplates seasonally to maintain luster and water repellency. No need to buff this product off – just spray and walk away!

We use Sprayway brand Stainless Steel Cleaner and Polish on each nameplate prior to shipping so all you need to do now is assemble and install.

Routine Cleaning: Clean as needed through the growing season to remove dirt, debris, pollen, and any potential contaminants from the nameplates. In most cases this can be accomplished by simply rinsing your markers with a gentle spray of water from a garden hose. For stubborn grime or hard water deposits, you may use a soft cloth or sponge and a mild soap solution to gently wipe down the surface of the markers.

Avoid Abrasive Cleaners: Do not use abrasive cleaners, scouring pads, or metal brushes on stainless-steel surfaces, as they can scratch or damage the finish.

Avoid Harsh Chemicals: Avoid using harsh chemicals, bleach, ammonia-based cleaners, or rust removers on your stainless-steel garden markers as they can cause discoloration or damage to the metal and markings.

Store Properly: If you elect to store your markers in the off-season, clean with a stainless-steel cleaner and polish before storing them in a protected environment.

Inspect Regularly: Periodically inspect your garden markers for any signs of damage or corrosion and address issues promptly to prevent spread. If you notice corrosion that appears to be rust, it could be free-iron particles, dirt, or a residue that has contaminated the surface. Clean the nameplate as indicated above and apply a rust-inhibitor if signs of corrosion are present.

Monitor Outdoor Conditions: Be mindful of environmental factors such as exposure to salt air, acidic soil, or extreme weather conditions, as these can affect the longevity of your markers. Consider applying additional protective measures to the nameplates.

Other <u>optional</u> steps include applying a light coat of a car or marine wax, micro-crystalline wax polish, or a clear coating designed for stainless steel to the nameplates. Please visit our website for examples of products we have tested and approved. www.hrengraving.com/permanent-plant-markers

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