

SoundPost systems



When your story is bigger than your sign, add cannon fire, battle hymns, soldiers reading letters from home.

Digital SoundPost systems from Vista Group let outdoor signs do more. They welcome your visitors to current attractions. They become naturalists helping visitors recognize bird songs. The clear crisp messages benefit everyone and provide access for the blind.

With the combination of weatherproof graphic structures and today's maintenance free audio technology, your special story will be ready for every visitor.

Typical SoundPost:

- Messages are stored on digital message repeaters. No moving parts to wear out.
- Push buttons start messages.
- Weatherproof speakers.
- Durable, coated aluminum base and graphic panel frame.
- Electric line level, battery or solar powered.
- Concrete pad or in ground mounted.

Sample Application:

The award winning Peace Garden designed to honor Mattie Stepanek's short life features natural forms and water themes and includes a solar powered SoundPost from Vista Group. Despite Mattie's ever-present illness, he became a nationally known poet and public voice for peace. The SoundPost lets visitors to his memorial hear Mattie reading favorite selections. Discreet in appearance, the SoundPost lets the focus be on the sculpture of Mattie and his dog, but provides a touch of life that otherwise would not be possible.

Vista Group also manufactures the popular family of hand-held SoundStik® products for museums, libraries, historical societies, halls of fame, nature centers, tradeshow and corporations, and provides services for tour guides and self-guided audio tours.



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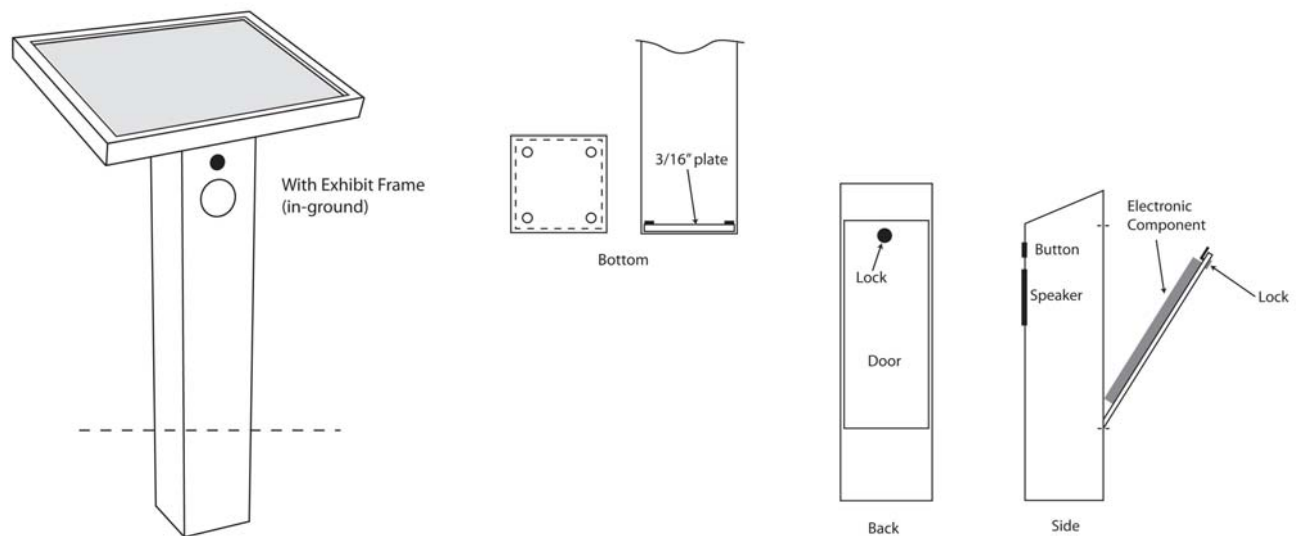
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SoundPost Basics

Deck Mount SoundPost The typical SoundPost structure is 12" w x 8" deep and 32" tall to the front of the 30° sloping panel which rises to 36". Made of 1/8" aluminum and powder painted, the SoundPost is designed to look good after years of visitor use and abuse.

A weatherproof speaker and one or more vandal resistant pushbuttons are mounted on the column.

Start Options Push button, token, keypad, or motion detector start are available.

Removable Equipment Panel The electronics are mounted to a removable, securely locked aluminum panel for easy message updates and maintenance.

Message Repeaters Industrial quality digital message repeaters give clear, crisp sound year after year. They are on-site recordable for frequently changing messages. The message is saved even if the power goes off.

Graphic Panels Weatherproof graphic panels are usually made from client-supplied artwork conforming to the production process appropriate for the material selected. Design support is available. Clients may also supply their own panels.

SoundPost Color Options Colors of gray, green, brown and black are standard. Color samples are available. Custom colors optional at additional cost.

Power Source Options SoundPosts may be powered by electric stub, rechargeable batteries or solar power.

- **Electric Stub:** Line level electric is the easiest way to power the SoundPost. The message repeaters require very little power, 10 milliamps in idle and about .5 amps when playing. They come with a 12V regulated power adapter.
- **Rechargeable Batteries:** When used, twin batteries are placed on a removable wooden platform. A switch enables maintenance staff to transfer power to a fresh battery from a drained battery eliminating down time while recharging. Ideal for remote sites with light usage.
- **Solar Power:** A solar panel mounted on a nearby pole outputs to a 12V lead-acid battery placed on a shelf in the base. An over-charge controller prevents excessive charging that can damage the battery. The solar panel and mounting kit are provided. The client supplied pole that supports the solar panel is usually about 15' high to deter vandalism. Some locations may not be suitable for solar power.

Installation: Installation is by client; complete documentation is provided.