



Cable Railing System Accentuates Linear Aesthetic and All-Natural Elements at Midvale Courtyard House

The Scenario.

When Dino Maniaci and Jason Hoke first set out to build their dream home, the overall vision was to create a house with a museum-like element, intermixed with some all-natural materials of the surrounding environment for a harmonious blend of industrial architecture and nature.

So when it came to incorporating a stairway and deck railing system complementing that overall motif, linear aesthetics and material selection were just as important as safety and durability.

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The Solution.



Originally, a local fabricator was selected to create the interior and exterior railing systems throughout the slightly-over 2,500 sq. ft. property. However, the time needed to build the system, not to mention the overall product and installation costs, greatly exceeded what the homeowners had budgeted.

So, after some intensive internet research and considering numerous options, **they instead selected the Rainier cable railing system from AGS Stainless**, featuring a wooden hand rail and custom-made stainless steel posts; **giving them the high-quality product they wanted – but within their budget.**

“We really liked Rainier for its overall high-quality look that nicely accentuated the home’s horizontal aesthetic with its

linear cabling lines,” explained Stephen Bruns, Principal of Bruns Architecture and lead architect on the project. “And there’s a certain delicacy when blending the thin, stainless steel cabling with the wooden hand railings that’s really quite nice – it melds the home’s overall industrial feel with the all-natural accents throughout in a very elegant and subtle way, not to mention how it’s well engineered as an easy-to-assemble system.”

Rainier cable railing systems from AGS Stainless are an ideal solution when looking for an exceptionally sleek and modern railing system for interior/external applications on residential, commercial and institutional structures – especially outdoor decking and interior stairways. And, Rainier’s time-proven durability and simplicity offers a contemporary look designed to last a lifetime – able to withstand the brutal Mid-Western winters on this project dubbed the ‘Midvale Courtyard’ house.

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Rainier is part of the Clearview® family of stainless steel railing systems that is well-revered throughout the industry. Rainier features a wide array of options allowing you to completely personalize your railing system. These options include numerous hand rail styles and post mounting choices, hundreds of powder coating finishes and numerous infill products including tempered safety glass – giving you a completely custom railing system at an affordable cost.



“Everyone loves the overall fit and finish of our railing systems, but when they learn about how simple-and-inexpensive they are to install – they get really excited,” explains Kevin T. Harris, Director of Sales & Marketing at AGS Stainless. **“Each AGS railing system is custom-made at our factory so every nut, bolt**

and hand rail fitting is just right for smooth on-site installation – greatly reducing the labor expense normally associated with locally-fabricated railing systems. **And homeowner’s love those installation cost savings.”**

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With AGS Stainless, the overall design and fabrication process is straightforward and simple. Sketches and approximate dimensions are submitted to the AGS design team. Then, an AGS railing designer is assigned to work directly with the homeowner/contractor to make certain every detail of the project is just right. Precise computer-aided design drawings (CAD) of the railing system are then created.

Once final drawings are approved by the homeowner/contractor, fabrication begins. Decades of experience combined with

meticulous attention to detail and attentive service by AGS ensures precise fabrication, unsurpassed product quality, prompt delivery and ease of installation. When asked how AGS Stainless was able to build a custom-designed, stainless steel railing system for a lot less than a local fabricator could, Harris responded; “We have been building custom stair and railing systems for more that twenty-seven years. Railings are our only product and we are very good at what we do.”

The Result.

Since completing this project in early 2013, Bruns Architecture – an award-winning design/build firm – has specified numerous stainless steel cable railings systems from AGS Stainless on additional projects. “We really like how well-designed and engineered the systems are and have specified them on a number of projects since Midvale.” “Best of all,” continues Burns; “they really complement our style of architecture...**homeowners love them and the installation process is a breeze.**”

Project Details.

Project Name:	Midvale Courtyard House
Geographic Region:	Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan
Railing Products:	AGS Stainless Rainier Cable Railing System – Wood Top Rail on Stainless Steel Top Mounted Posts (interior) and Stainless Steel Side Mounted Posts (exterior) with Stem Reducers and 1x19 Stainless Steel Cables www.AGSStainless.com/railing-systems
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