A stabilizing bar is a long metal bar that extends from short end to short end across the bottom of the crib. The bar will stabilize the crib as well as act as the release mechanism for the moving side. Standard stabilizing bars MUST work with gate shoes. There are several styles of bars and gate shoes.

In order for your crib to function safely and be properly stabilized, the foot release stabilizing bar must be securely attached to the headboard and footboard by using machine screws and inserts. The foot release stabilizing bar must also be used with the correct gate shoe configuration for the side rail to be safely locked into the up position.

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

Foot Release System = Foot Release Stabilizing Bar + Inserts & Machine Screws + Gate Shoes

NOTE: Make sure foot release and gate shoes are installed correctly. Check all screws periodically. Tighten screws as necessary.

Stabilizing Bar:
- Attaches to short end of crib by screwing machine screws into 2 threaded inserts or metal end plates.
- One stabilizing bar and two gate shoes are required per moving side.

Gate Shoe:
- Located inside of bottom wooden rail on the moving side.
- Two gate shoes and one stabilizing bar are required per moving side.

Q: “How do I know if my crib uses a standard foot release to release the side rail?”
A: 1. Check on the headboard or footboard for end plates or threaded inserts.
A: 2. Check on the long side/s for gate shoes.

Attach the stabilizing bar to the short ends of the crib. Line stabilizing bar end flange up with buried inserts (located directly above lower rod angle as shown in photo above) so that foot lever is pointing down and able to be pushed in towards the inside of the crib. The notches in the foot lever will point to the outside of the crib. Insert machine screw through top hole in end flange of bar and screw into buried insert. Do not fully tighten yet. It may be helpful to have another person available to assist in holding the bar level. Repeat for opposite end of bar. Next insert machine screw into lower hole in bar end flange and screw into lower buried insert. Repeat for other end of bar. Go back to top screws and tighten, repeat for lower screws. 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.