

Yolks Wagon Assembly Instructions

Tools needed for assembly:

- two 9/16" wrenches (or one 9/16" socket and one 9/16" wrench)
- one 5/32" allen wrench
- Phillips screwdriver
- 1/4" nut driver or socket

You will want to have another person to help you with assembly. If you have the proper tools and a helper you can expect it to take approximately two hours. Doing the assembly on a level floor will also make the job easier.





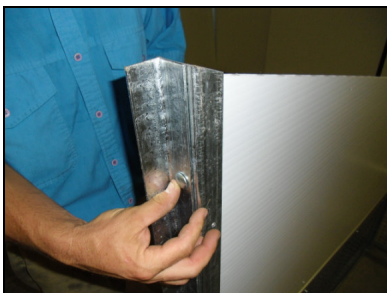
1.) Lay out the ends and sides of the Yolk Wagon with the angles of the frame face down.



2.) Fasten the rear frame piece to the right end piece with a 3/8" x 1" carriage bolt at the top and a 3/8" x 1" hex bolt at the bottom. For now, only finger-tighten them.



3.) Set up the left end, fastening it the same way, with one carriage bolt at the top and one hex bolt at the bottom.



4.) Fasten the front piece to the ends with two carriage bolts on top and two hex bolts on bottom.



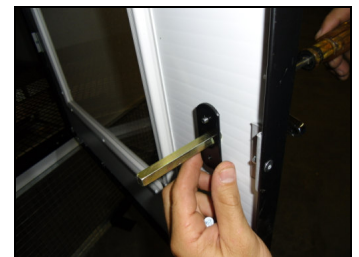
5.) Slide the floor into position between the end pieces, resting it on the support angles. When facing the unit, the front or tall side of the ladder and access hole should be on your left. Remove the temporary screw holding the ladder in the raised position.



6.) Position the roof on the unit, paying attention that the angle cuts on the roof frame match the vertical angle pieces of the side and end pieces.



7.) Using 1 1/2" screws, fasten the roof through the four holes at the top of the end pieces, and the floor through the holes at the bottom. Tighten the eight 3/8" bolts that hold the frame in place with wrenches.



8.) Install the T-handle latch on the front door using the backer plate on the inside.



9.) Install and adjust the D-handle so that the door is snug when closed.



13.) Install the rear lift levers on both the right and left sides using 3/8" x 1" hex bolts. The pedals are installed with the shoe grip on top.



10.) Position the front panel and fasten it with 1 1/2" screws. Be sure to fasten the three inside the bottom of the door.



14.) Fasten the catches on the right and left sides with one 3/8" x 1" hex bolt.



11.) Position the rear panel with the EZ access door on your left, using 1 1/2" screws.



15.) Install the front lift bracket with two 3/8" x 1" hex bolts.



12.) Raise the entire frame on blocks approximately 2" off the floor.



16.) Assemble the front-wheeled lift lever by sliding the wheels onto the axles and securing them with cotter pins. Insert the pin into the hole on the front lift bracket.



17.) Place the nest against the back wall, centered in front of the EZ access door. Place the roost anywhere on the floor where there is adequate room. The protruding screws fit into the floor to hold them in place.

18.) To install the optional skirting, raise the rear of the pen and lock it in place. Place the skirting against the mesh and secure it with retaining rods. The end of the rod with the spring should be pointing down.

Note: To install skirting on the front of the pen, you may need to put blocks under part of the pen.

The Yolks Wagon is now ready for use. To move it, raise the rear of the pen by lowering the two rear wheels until they latch in place. Push down on the tongue to raise the front end and pull or push the Yolks Wagon to a new location.

Feed is an important consideration. Though chickens will benefit from grazing and scratching there is not adequate nutrition in grass, weeds, bugs, and dirt for a hen to produce consistently. You can choose from a variety of organic, natural, or medicated feeds depending on your preference and the needs of your little flock.

For bedding in the nest box we have found that floor-dry, a product that mechanics use to dry up oil spills, works well. It is generally a natural product made of dried clay, inexpensive and readily available at any auto parts store. It helps to dry up any moisture and is of the kind of texture that deters the hens from playing in it like they sometimes will in straw.

The Yolks Wagon has been designed with simplicity, utility, and longevity in mind. It should give you many years of trouble-free service. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

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