# Bird Trap Instructions & Information

Thank you for purchasing your bird trap from Tomahawk Live Trap. Please look for your trap model in the table of contents for additional instructions about how to deploy and/or set your trap. If you can't find your trap, then additional information isn't necessary. This pamphlet may still be helpful by providing you with general information about how to properly bait and set your trap. Good luck with your trapping efforts!!

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Snap Traps

Snap traps are simple to use with proven results. When deployed the trap lays flat like an open suitcase. When birds disturb the food tray the trap is triggered causing the spring loaded nylon net to swing completely around and close over birds to trap them quickly and safely. The snap trap is powder coated for rust resistance. Nylon netting is weather treated with a special weather-protective coating for longer net life. This trap can be mounted on buildings, walls, and can even be put in trees. There are three models of the SNAP trap. Model SNAP17 measures 17 x17 " and is designed to catch woodpeckers, sparrows, pigeons, starlings and similar sized birds. Model SNAP24 measures 24 x 24 " and is designed to capture pigeons, ravens, crows, magpies, grackles and similar sized birds. Model SNAP36 is 36 x 36" and is designed for ducks, chickens, ravens, and other large birds.
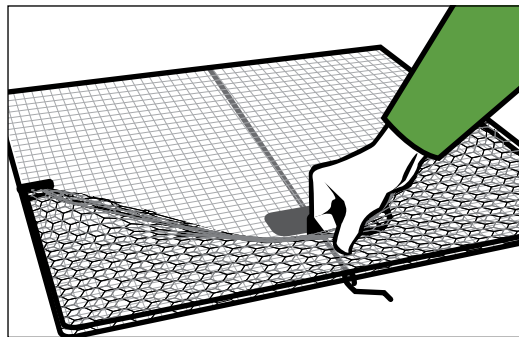
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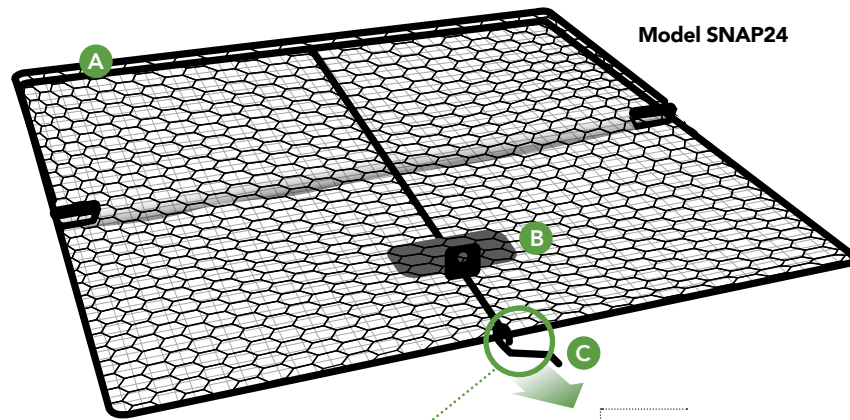
1) Make sure trigger pin is pointed away from the trap to provide clearance for swinging trap jaw.

A. Swinging Trap Jaw
B. Food Tray
C. Trigger Pin
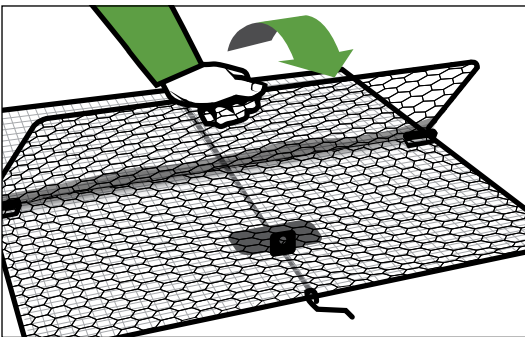
2) Grasp the spring loaded swinging trap jaw (opposite of the trigger pin) and fold over to the other side, flat against the trap base.

3) While holding swinging jaw in position, pull trigger pin over swinging jaw and insert into food tray hole. You must align hole with trigger pin and lift up on food pan in order to insert trigger pin into food tray hole.
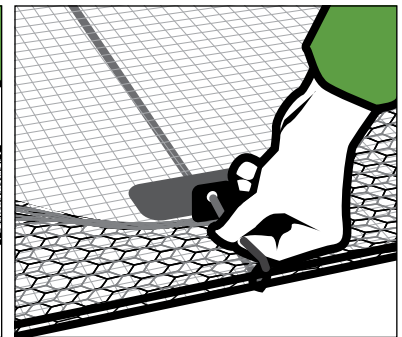
CAUTION: Once trap is set and you are ready to bait, firmly hold swinging jaw in place when placing bait on food tray to prevent it from accidentally triggering
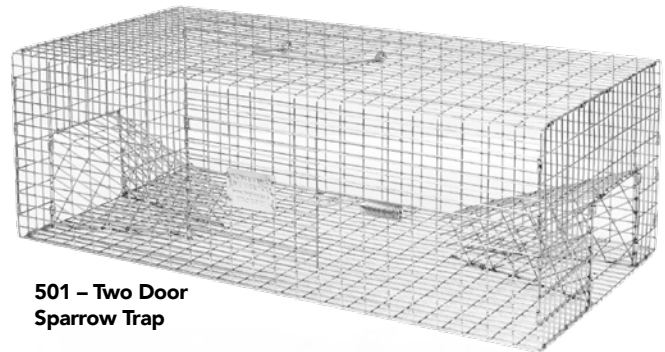
Starling and Sparrow Traps

These traps come ready to use with no special instructions required. All have funnel style trap doors that allow birds to easily walk into the trap. The funnels have prongs that discourage birds from exiting. The prongs are set at the factory to the appropriate size depending on your trap model. You can adjust the prongs to make the door opening larger or smaller. All models are equipped with an easy release door to remove trapped birds.
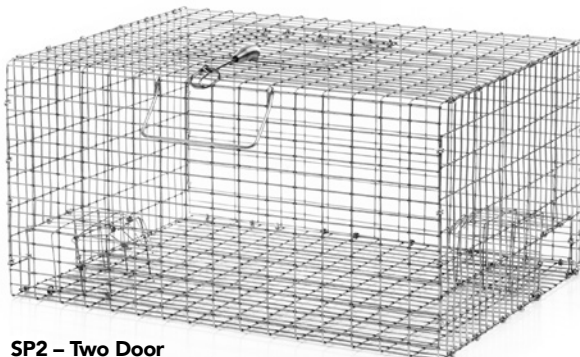
Starling and Sparrow Trapping Tips

Pre-baiting is necessary for successful bird trapping. Begin baiting your trapping site a few days prior to trapping. Bird seed, cracked corn, sunflower seeds, millet, and bread crumbs can be used for sparrows, starlings, and grackles. Place your trap in a desirable location. Place bait outside in front of doors and a generous amount inside the trap. If you have difficulty trapping birds, you may need to purchase decoys to place inside the trap. Decoys calm nervous birds and give them confidence to enter the trap.
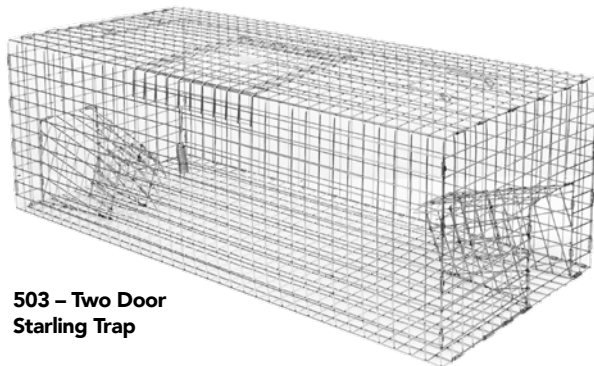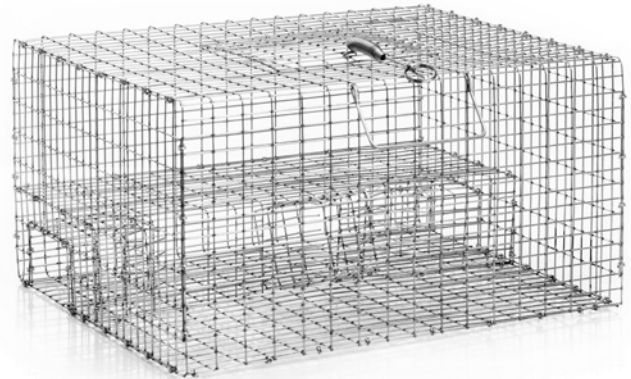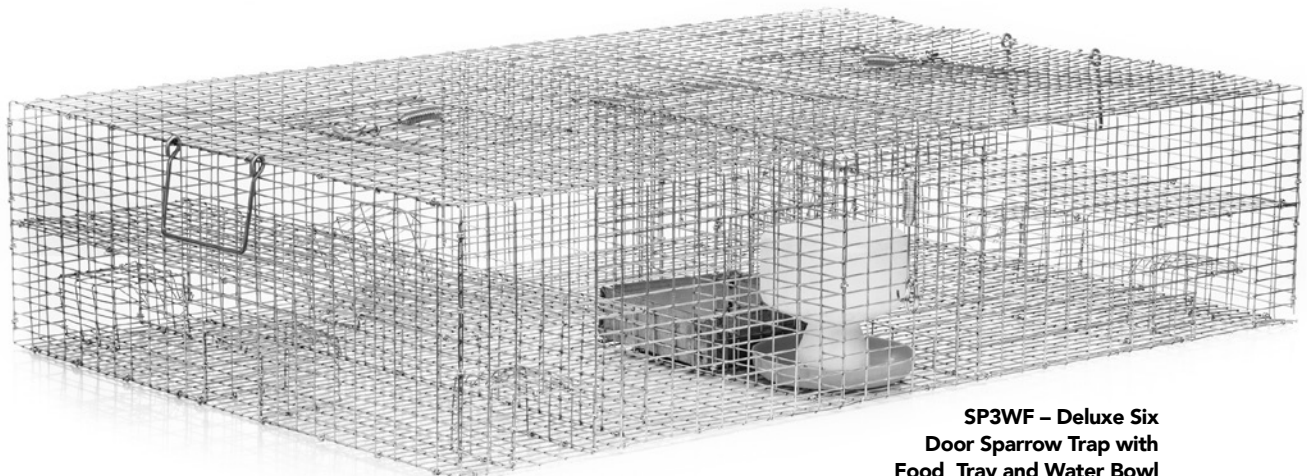

503 – Two Door Starling Trap

501 – Two Door Sparrow Trap
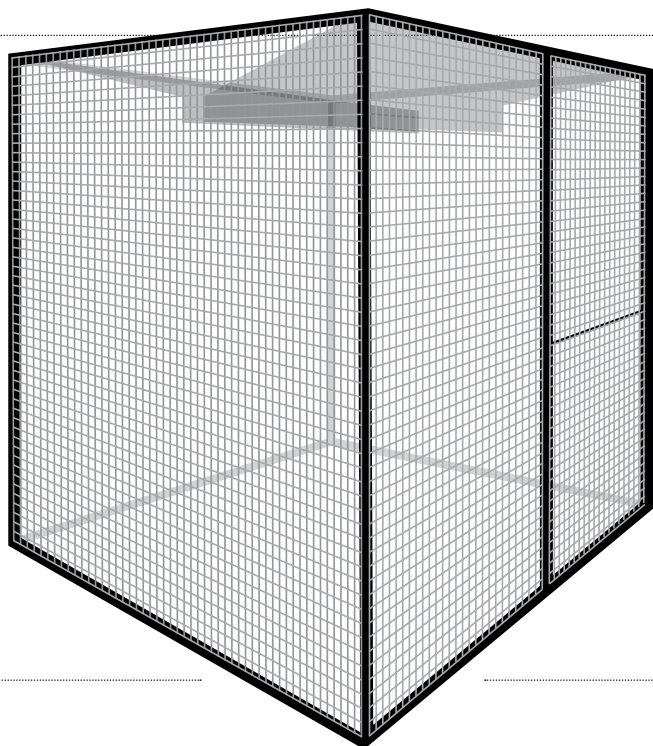

SP2 – Two Door Sparrow Trap

SP1 – Two Door Sparrow Trap w/Holding Chamber

SP3WF – Deluxe Six Door Sparrow Trap with Food Tray and Water Bowl

# Extra Large Starling & Sparrow Trap Instructions

Model STSPEXLG

Extra-large heavy duty starling and sparrow trap capable of capturing 200+ birds at one time. This solid and proven trap measures 60W X 60L X 72"H. It is constructed from 1/2 X 1" 16 gauge galvanized wire mesh panels with a 1-1/2 x 1-1/2" angle iron frame. Frame comes powder coated to withstand the elements. This trap utilizes the V–top style trapping method which has proven to be the most effective. It includes a walk in entry door.

YouTube Video Clip Available — You can also see our U-Tube video at Tomahawk LiveTrap to watch this trap being set up.

A
B (shown folded)
C (shown folded)
D
E
F
G   **H**
K
L   J-tab
I
J
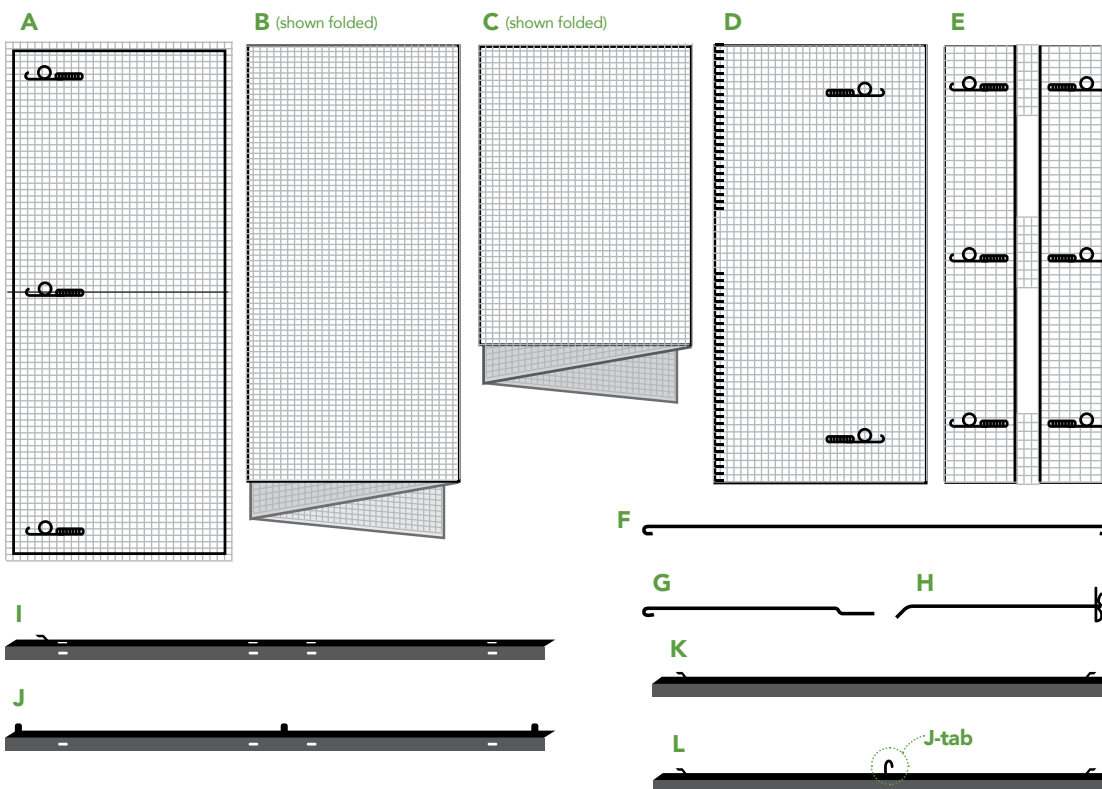
Parts List

A	1 -	Cage Door
B	3 -	Side Panels
C	1 -	Door Side Panel
D	2 -	Top Panels
E	1 -	V-Top Assembly
F	2 -	Top Panel Support Rods
G	24 -	Panel Clamps
H	2 -	Top Panel Support Rod Locking Pins
I	4 -	Standard Uprights *(8-cutouts)*
J	1 -	Door Upright with 3 hinges
K	6 -	Standard Supports
L	2 -	Door Supports with J-tab

1) Identify standard supports (K) and door supports (L).
NOTE: There are 6 – 5' standard supports and 2 – 5' door supports. The door supports have a J shaped wire rod tab (J-tab) welded to them about 24" from the end to accommodate the cage door upright.

2) Assemble bottom supports. Select 3 standard supports and 1 door support and lay them on the ground in the shape of a square. Be sure the tabs at the ends are on the inside of the square. Secure each corner with a nut and bolt. (figure 2)

3) Determine corner where cage door will be located. This will be the corner with the door support that is closest to the J-tab.

4) Identify uprights. 4 standard door uprights (I) and 1 hinged door upright to accommodate the door (J).

5) Install hinged door upright. Insert hinged door upright into the corner of the door support. The door support has the J-tab. To insert, push the door upright straight down behind the open tabs. If done correctly, the upright will be snugly held in position by the support tabs. Be sure the open tab near the top of the upright is pointing up
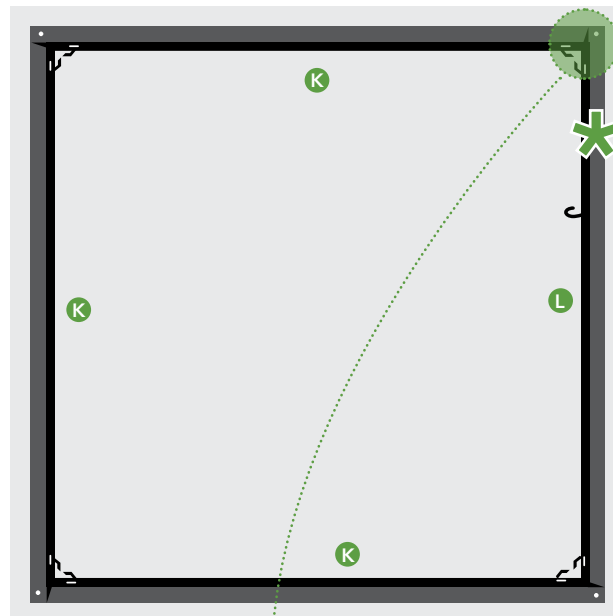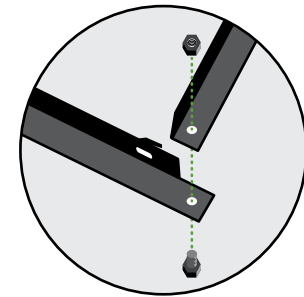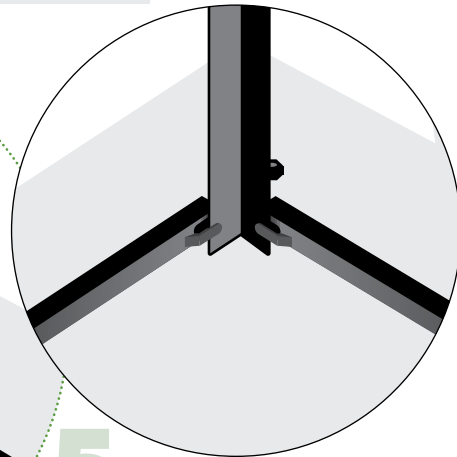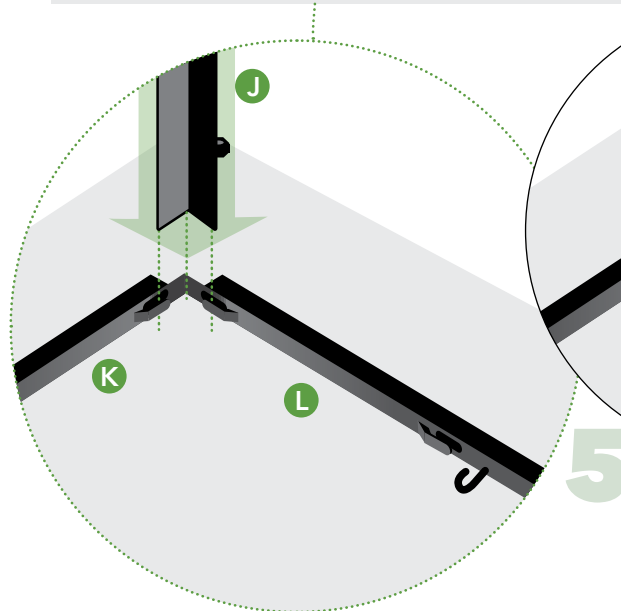
**Cage Door Location**

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Figure 2

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6) Install the 3 standard uprights in the remaining corners (I). Insert uprights in the corner support tabs. They should fit snugly when in position. Be sure the open tab near the top of the upright is pointing up.

7) Install remaining standard upright in door support Locate the door support which has the J-tab. Slide remaining upright into the J-tab and support tab simultaneously. Be sure the open tab near the top of the upright is pointing up. It should be held snugly in position if done correctly.
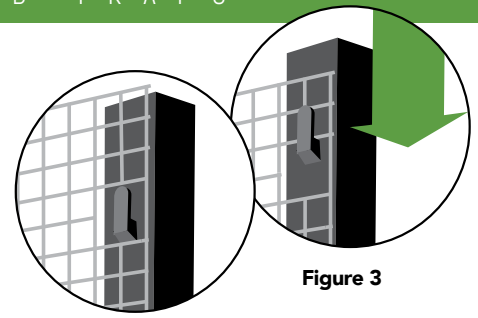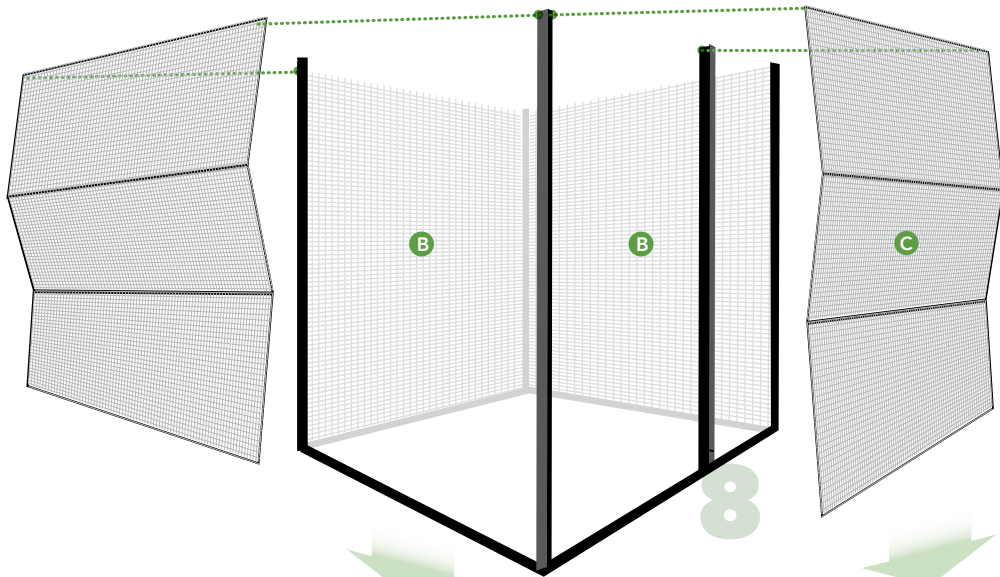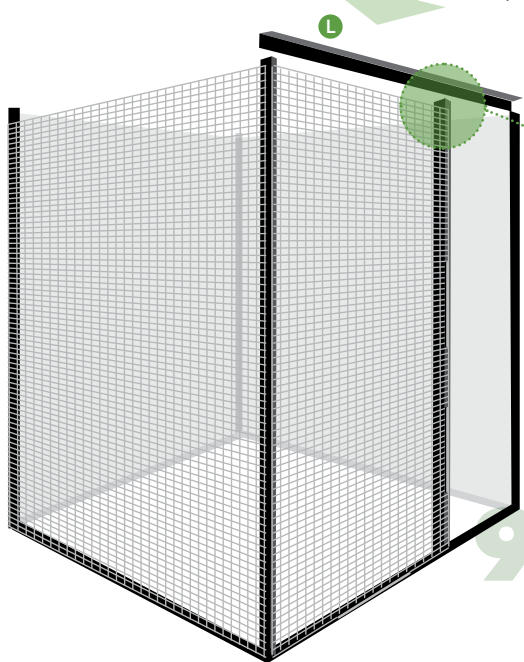
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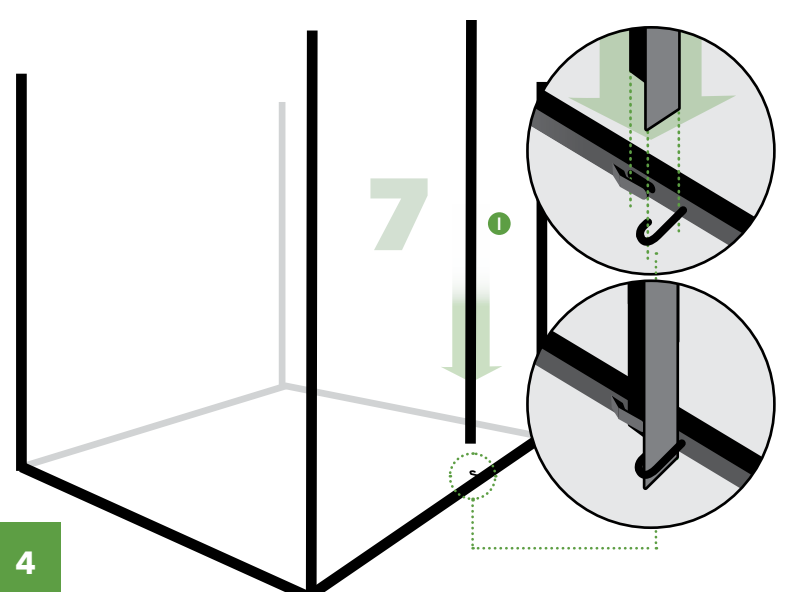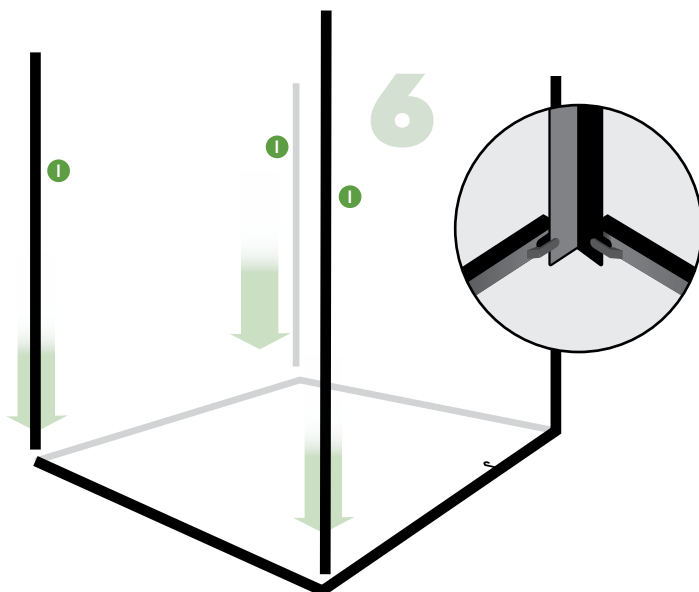
Figure 3

8) Install side panels (B) on the three sides without the door. Hold the mesh panels in position up against the uprights. Align the 1 x 1" cutouts at the top corner of each panel over the upright tabs (figure 3) at the top of the support. Drop the panel into the tab which will hold the panel in position. Repeat the process for **(C)** Door side panel - 3'W x 5'H.
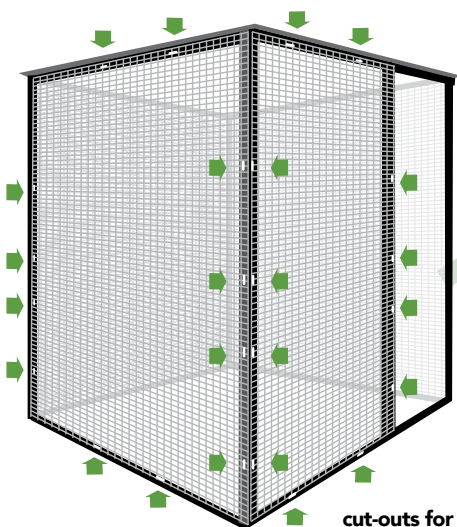
L   K

REFER TO STEP #7 FOR J-TAB ALIGNMENT
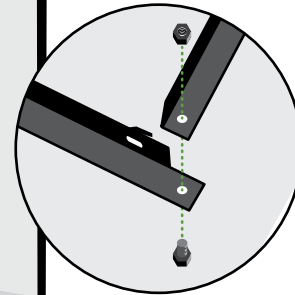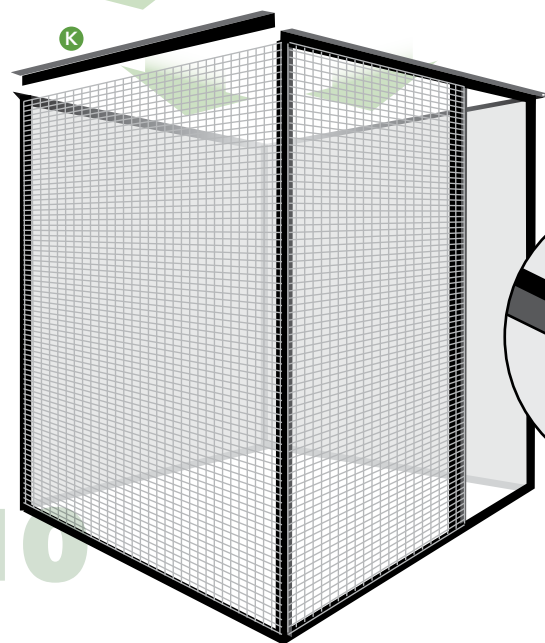
9) Install top door support. Select the remaining door support with the J-tab **(L)**. Make sure the J-tabs are 24" from the same end on top and bottom door supports. Slide the top support into the open tabs of the three uprights (two corner and one door uprights).

10) Install the 3 remaining top supports (K). Slide them into the open tabs on the three remaining uprights.

11) Secure top supports Insert nut and bolt in each corner.

12) Secure panels with panel clamps. There are 6 panel clamps **(G)** required to secure each panel, 2 per side, 1 for the top, and 1 for the bottom. Insert straight end of panel clamp thru cut out in mesh and into hole in support or upright. Then lift up on panel clamp and push loop end thru cutout in mesh and into oblong punch in upright or support. Then push down on panel clamp such that the clamp is tight against the upright or support and the loop is down on the bottom of the oblong hole.

cut-outs for panel clamps applies to all sides

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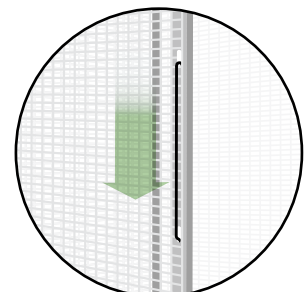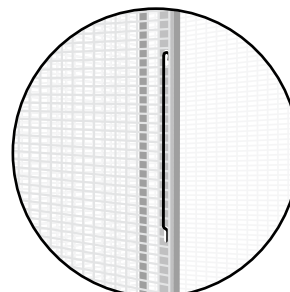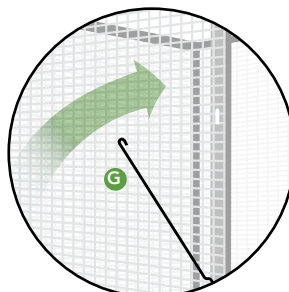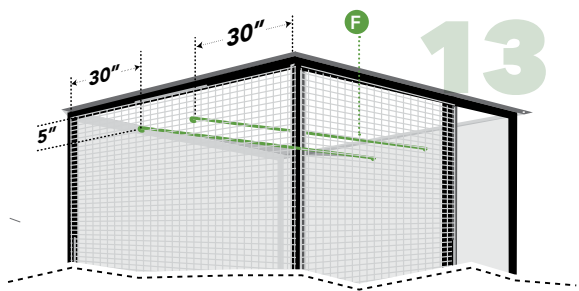
13) Install top panel support rods (F). There are 2 of these that are 5' long with closed loops at each end. From inside the trap, insert each of these completely thru the cage at 5" from the top and 30" from the side.
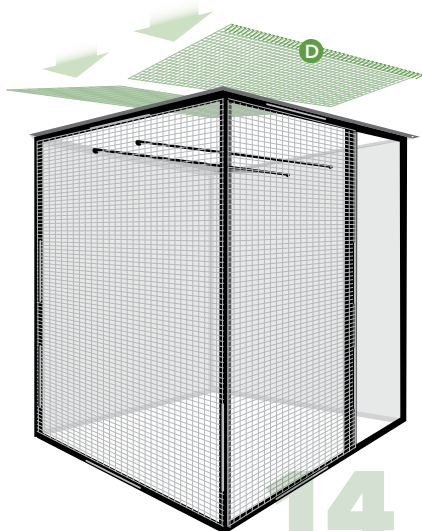
14) Place top panels in position. There are 2 top panels that are 5'x3'. Both have a 1" bent mesh flap attached to it. The bent mesh flaps are designed to hook around the outer edge of the top support. The other side of the top panel should rest on one of the support rods.
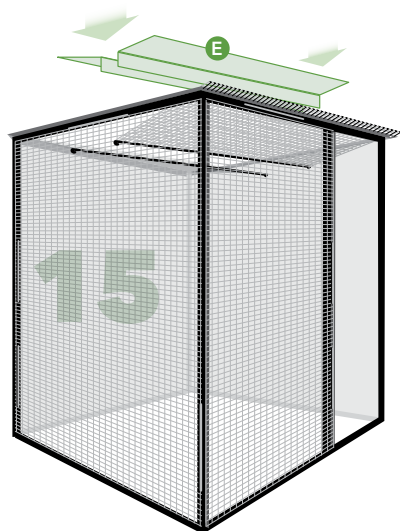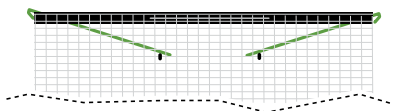
15) Install V-Top Assembly. Set the V-Top Assembly with the V opening pointing down into the gap between the two top panels. The wings of the v-top assembly should lay on the top panels such that there is no gap on the top.

16) Secure the V-top in position by attaching the 6 J-springs to the underside of the top panels. (figure 4). When secure, attach the J-springs located on the underside of the top panels to the side panels
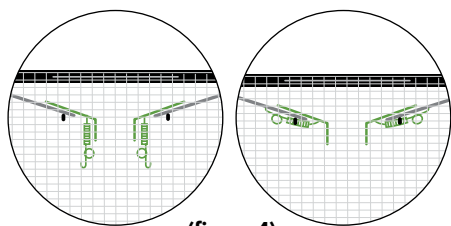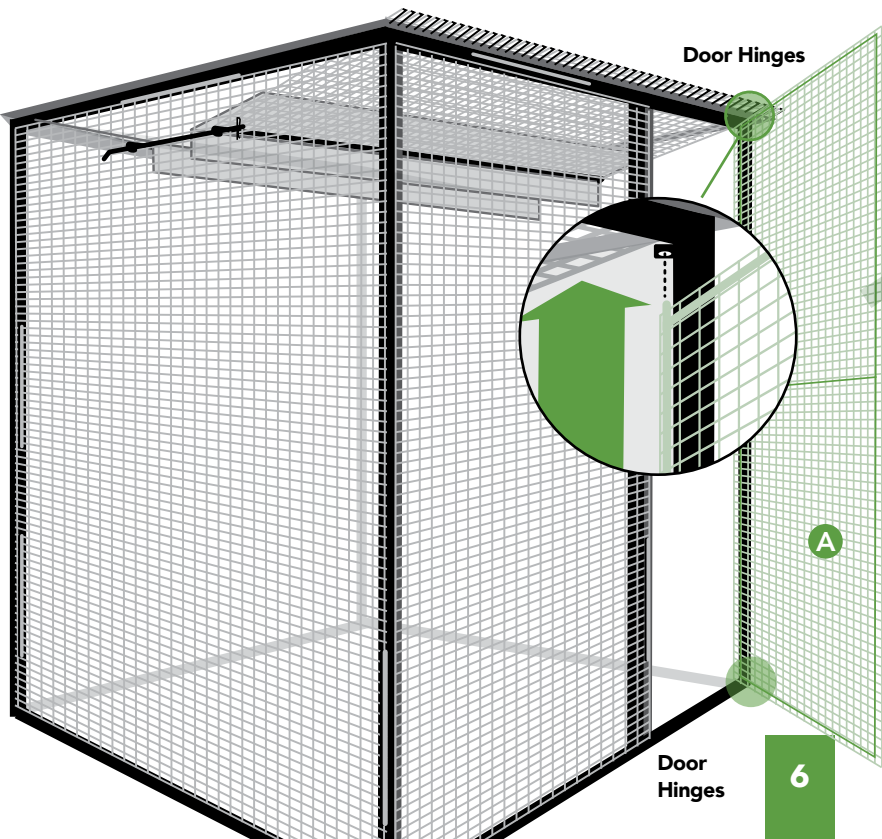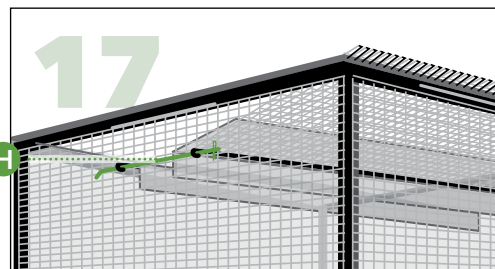
TOP VIEW

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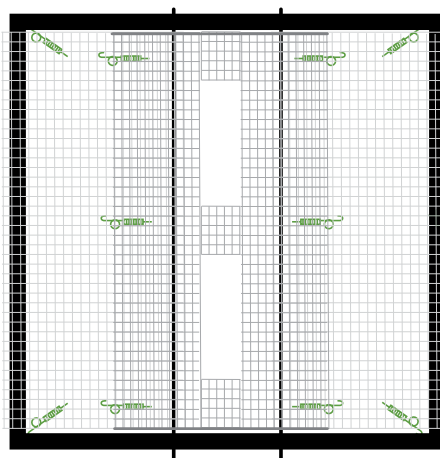
Door Hinges

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17) Secure the support rods with locking rods. There are 2 "L" shaped locking rods which should be inserted thru the open loops of the support rods. Use the cotter pin to keep lock rods in position.

18) Install door. Grab the door making sure the J-springs are not inside the trap. Lift door and insert hinge pins into upper door hinges on the door upright. Align the lower hinge pins into lower hinge on the door upright and insert. After baiting, use the J-springs to secure the door.

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Chicken Traps

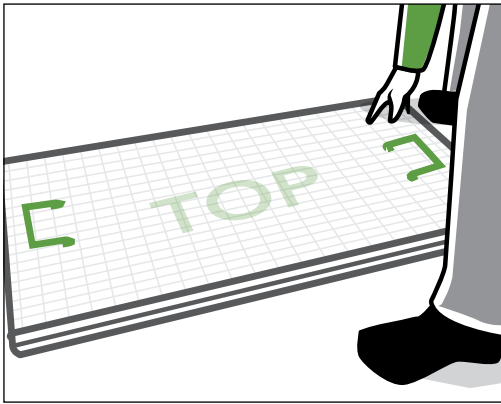**YouTube**
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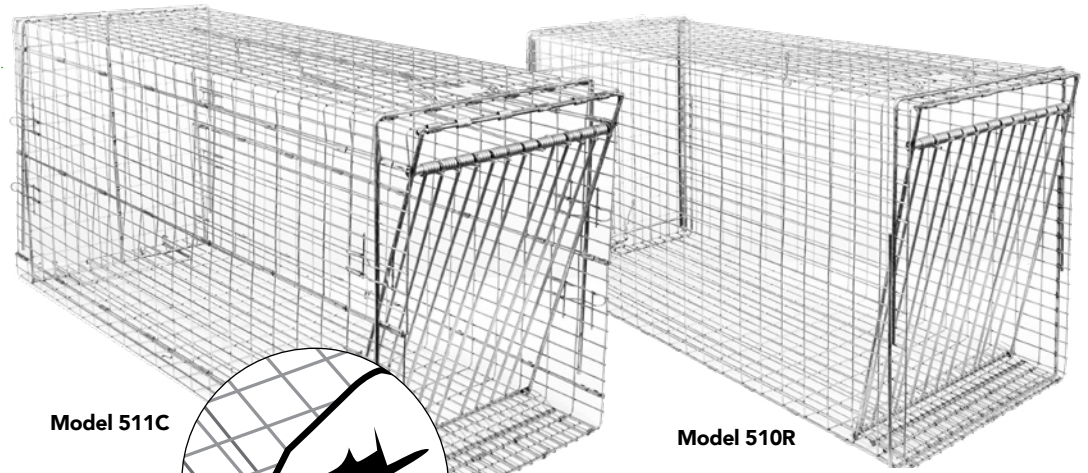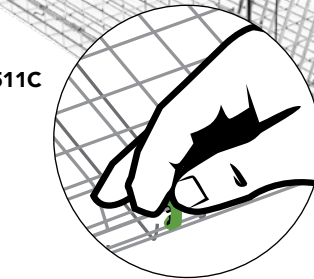
Set up instructions for Model 511C collapsible chicken traps.

Model 511C

Model 510R

**3)** Unhook both roll-hooks which are holding the trap in the folded position.

1) To begin, place the trap on a flat surface such as the ground or floor with the top facing up. You should see the trap handles located near each end if you correctly have the trap facing up. **2)** Remove and discard all plastic cables ties used to secure the trap.
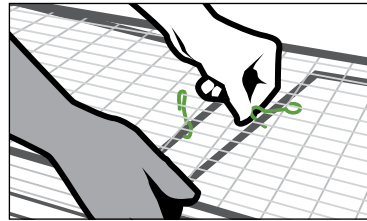
4) Unhook the 2 open-ended loop hooks securing the front and rear doors by pulling the front door frame out of the loop hook.
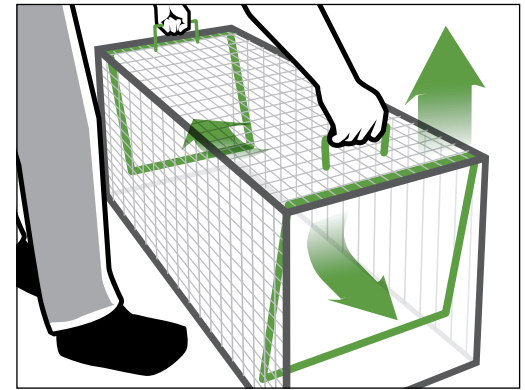
5) Grab each handle on top of the trap and lift up. The trap should pop open into position and the front and rear doors should drop down holding the trap upright. Note: If trap doesn't open, make sure roll-hooks and the open-ended hooks are unhooked.

figure 6a

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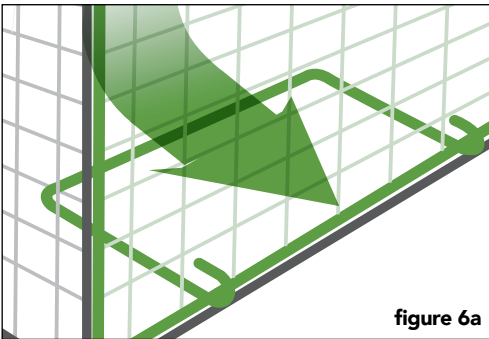
6) Position and secure the rear door. *Note: The rear door is without swinging bobs.* It should swing back until each side of the door is resting against a rear door stop. There are two rear door stops, one for each side of the rear door. The stops have a half-loop at the top, and each side of the rear door should be up against and inside the half-loop **(see figure 6a)**. With the rear door in position, lift the back of the trap slightly and secure the roll hooks on the bottom of the trap to the bottom of the rear door **(see figure 6b)**.
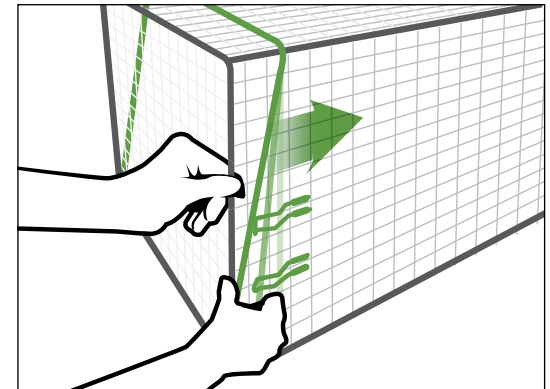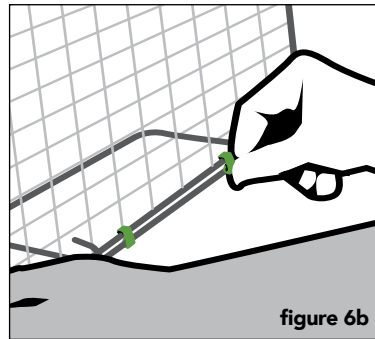
7) Move U-bars into position and secure with U-bar clips. The U-Bars are U shaped ¼" rods attached to the top and bottom of the trap. Simply swing them into position and into the U-Bar clips located on each side of the trap. Set up is complete. Your trap is now ready to be deployed.

Steps to collapsing the chicken trap for storage (refer to the above steps for part location).

1) Unclip the U-bars from the U-bar clips and swing into position at the top and bottom of the trap.

2) Unhook the roll hooks holding the door in position and swing the door up to the top of the trap. Secure the door to the top with roll-hook.

3) Push the front door back and all the way to the top of the trap and secure with the "open ended loop hook".

**4)** Your trap should now collapse easily and is ready for storage.

Chicken Trapping Tips

1) Corn and grain of most any kind are excellent baits for chicken.

2) Pre-bait the area for several days before you begin trapping.

3) Bait the trap with the front and rear doors open and secured at the top of the trap. This will get chickens feeling confident about entering the trap. They will be able to see completely through it and have confidence to enter.

**4)** Bait the trap and put the doors down and into trapping position.

Pigeon Traps

Tomahawk Pigeon traps were designed by wildlife professionals to be the most effective and affordable pigeon traps on the market. The improvements that make these traps great include, no step ups for pigeons when entering the trap, angled trap doors to guide pigeons into the trap, one way doors to allow easy entry, and release door for easy access to captured pigeons.
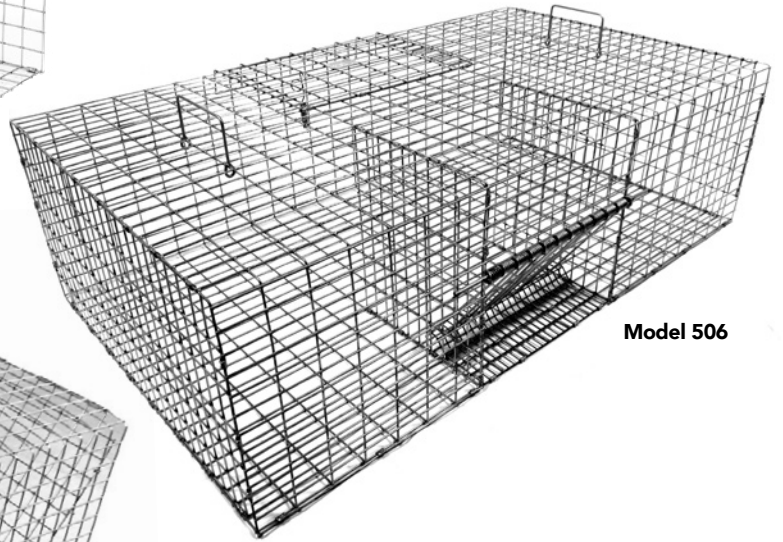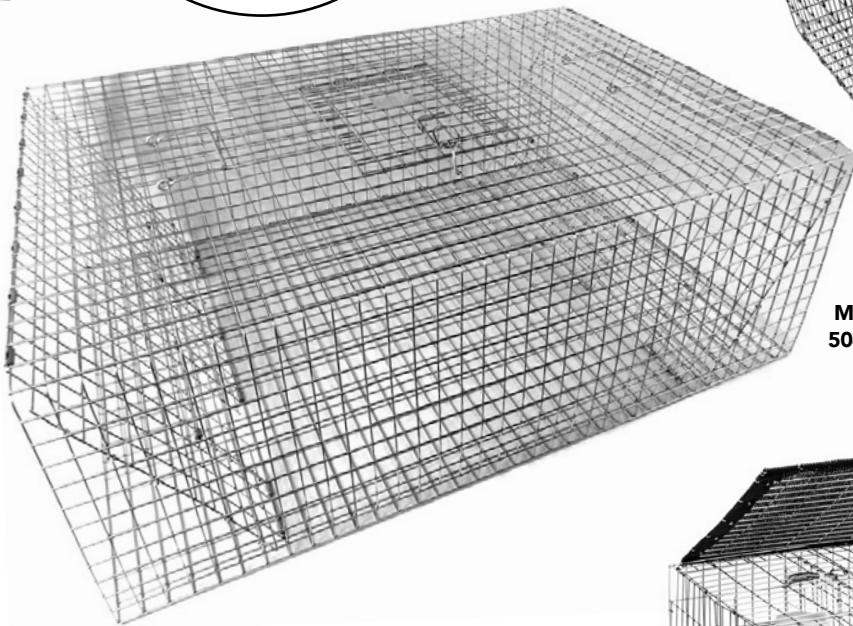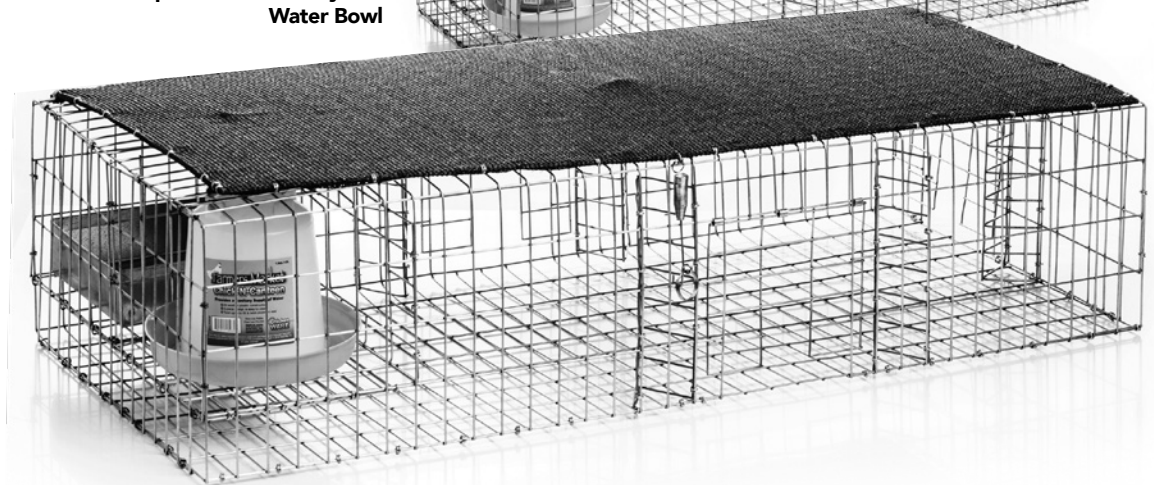

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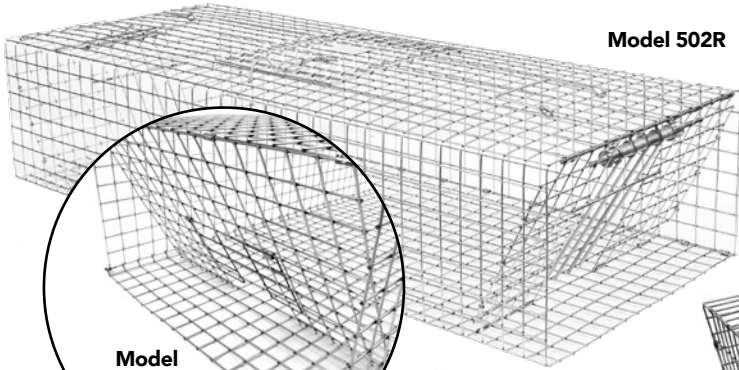
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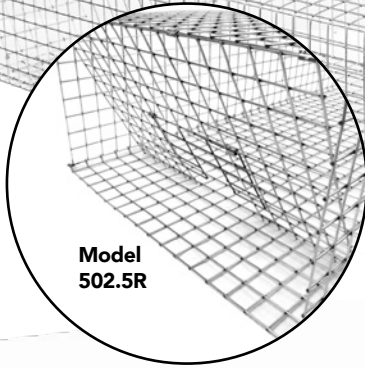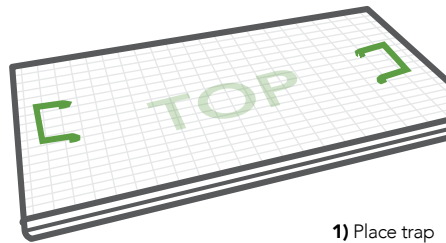
Model 506

Model 504.5R

PT3516SWF – Shaded Ridged Pigeon Trap with 4 Trap Doors, Food Tray and Water Bowl

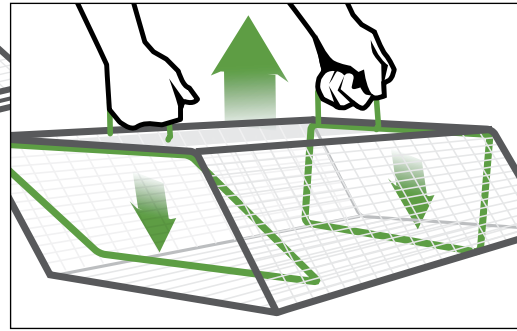## Pigeon Trap Set-up Instructions

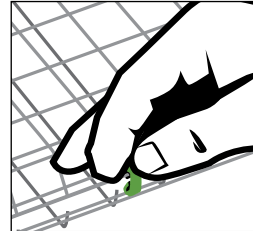Model 502, 502.5, 504 and 504.5 Collapsible Pigeon Traps

Model 502.5

Model 504.5

1) Place trap on a flat surface with top of trap facing up. Top side of trap has release door and handles.

2) Unhook the roll-hook which holds trap in collapsed position. *For models 504 and 504.5 remove zip ties holding trap in collapsed position.*

3) Grasp handles and lift so end panels drop into place and trap takes its shape.

4) Secure panels by pulling them toward the end of the trap so the end panel prongs rest between the 5th and 6th wires along the bottom of the trap. Trap is now deployed and ready to trap pigeons.
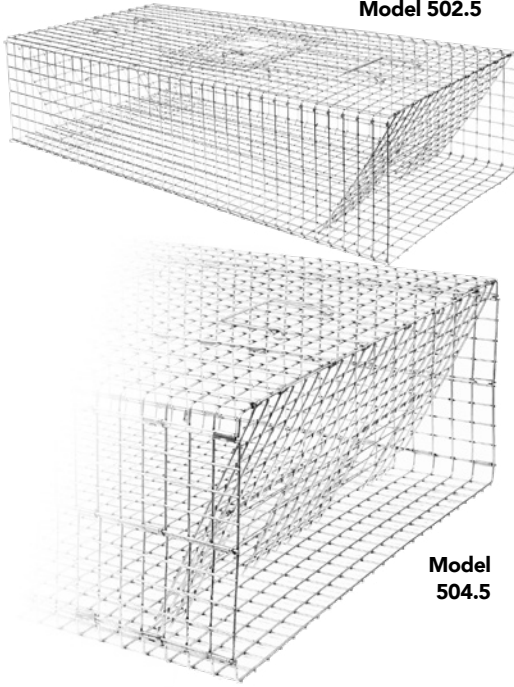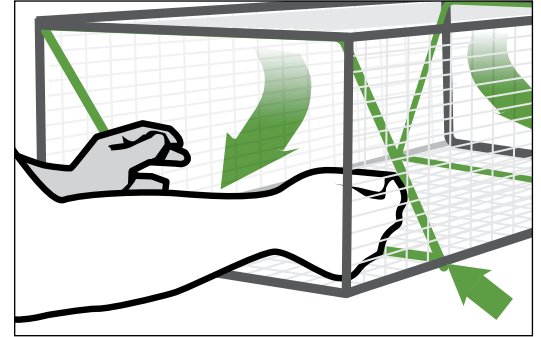
Pigeon Trapping Tips:

Select an appropriate site where you will trap. Then spread bait around the area and repeat as necessary a couple of times a day until pigeons are coming to feed. Pigeons often feed early in the morning just after coming off the roost, so you may need to place bait in late evening or very early morning before sun up. An excellent bait for pigeons is whole corn because smaller birds can't feed on the large kernels. Other good baits include sunflower seeds, bread crumbs, peas, dried bread, and popcorn. Pigeons need water near their food so be sure to place a small source of water nearby.

After pigeons are feeding at your site, place the traps with the door tied or propped open. Scatter bait up to the trap entrance and place bait and water inside. Be sure to place most of the bait inside the traps.

Once the pigeons have gotten used to the unset traps and are calmly entering to feed, untie the doors and set the traps. After you've trapped some pigeons, leave one or two live "decoy" birds in the trap to draw other birds in. Remove all other trapped birds regularly. Otherwise, other pigeons will be scared off by too many fluttering, trapped pigeons in the trap. Try to keep a low profile when checking and emptying traps. If trap shyness develops, leave traps open for two to three days and then reset again for four to five days.
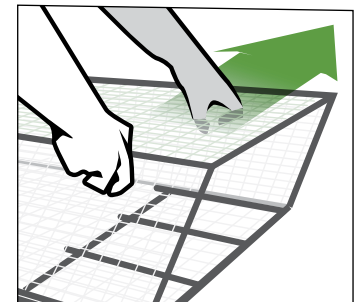
Pigeon Trap Collapse Instructions
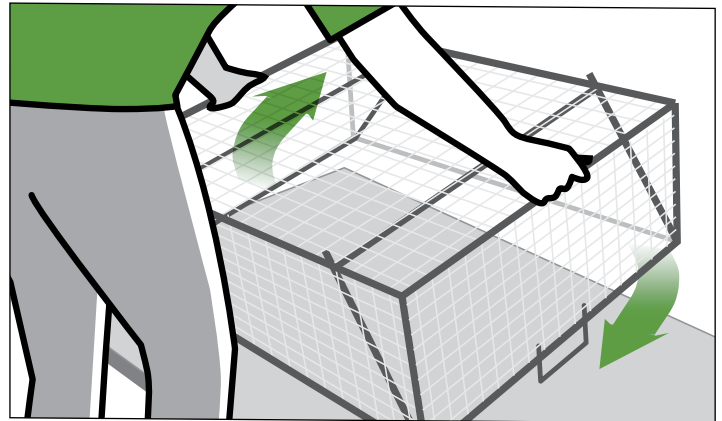
1) Lay trap upside down on a flat surface.
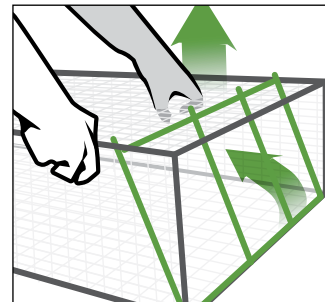
2) Pull on bottom panel so end panel prongs clear bottom of trap and end panel drops into the trap and comes to rest on the inside of the trap.

3) Repeat step one for other end panel.

4 (For models 502 & 502.5) After both end panels are flat against top of trap, push trap frame sideways until it collapses.

4 (For models 504 & 504.5) After both end panels are flat against top of trap, push sides of trap inward until it collapses.

5) Secure collapsed trap with roll hook. *For models 504 and 504.5 zip ties can be used to hold trap in collapsed position.*
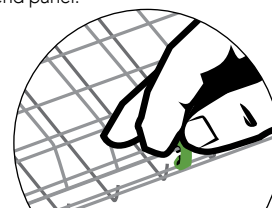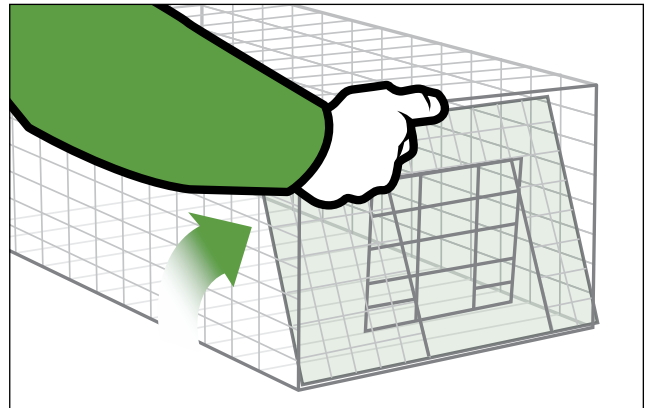
Follow these instructions to deploy any of these collapsible pigeon trap models:

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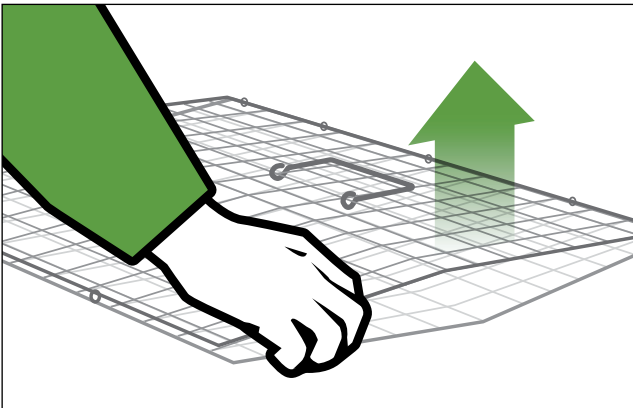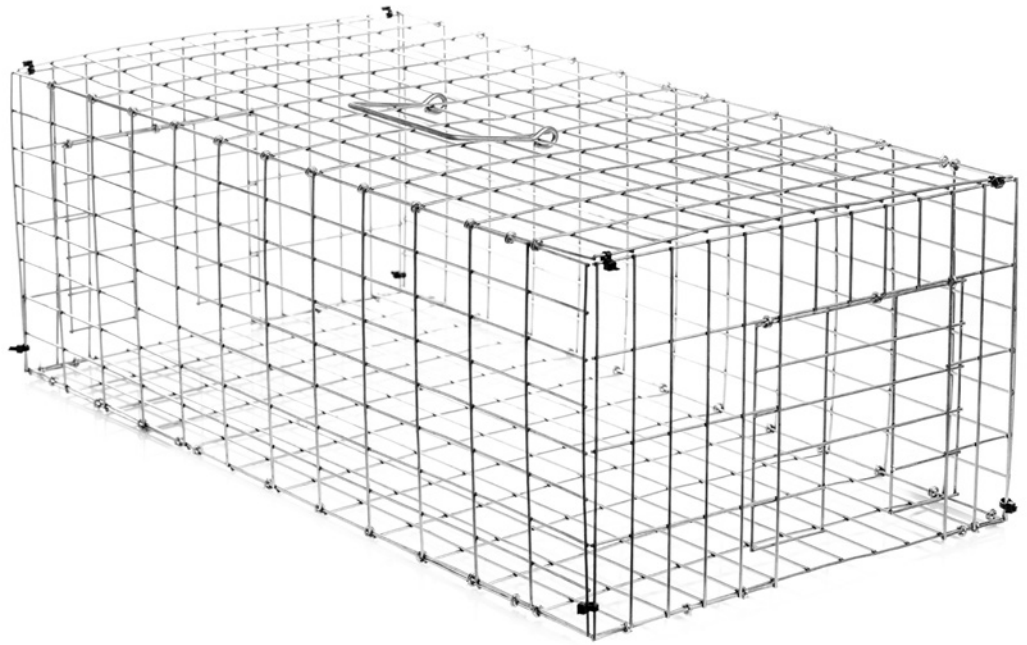
1) Lay flat on solid surface with hands located at both ends of the cage. Make sure the handle is facing up. Lift the trap to a rectangular position.

2) Once in a reactangluar position, raise one end with entry door up to the cage
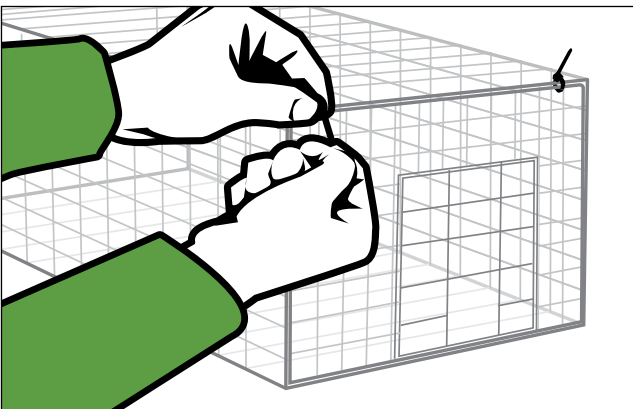
3) Secure in place with zip ties starting in all corners. Repeat process with the opposite end. Once the ends are secure, add more zip ties as needed for added stabiltiy.

Model PT3624SR
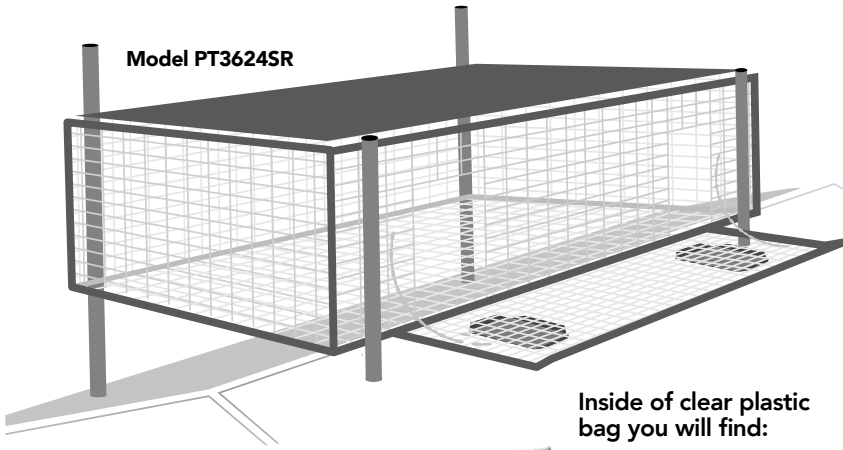

Roof Top Pigeon Trap

Large rigid pigeon trap designed for roof tops, even pitched roofs! Adjustable legs at each corner allow this trap to be leveled on almost any roof. Legs have plastic inserts to prevent roof damage. This trap has six trap doors with door guards located on all sides. And drop down landing ramps with built in food trays located directly in front of each door to guide pigeons directly into the trap. It includes a 36 x 24" shade screen which covers the entire top to prevent birds from overheating in direct sunlight. It also has a built in 5.5 x 5.5 x 2" food tray and 1 gallon water bowl to accommodate trapped birds for extended periods. And it features a slide out galvanized sheet metal tray that covers the entire bottom which prevents messy and damaged roofs. There are also two access doors for easy bird removal. This trap measures 36L x 24W x 10"H and weighs 23 pounds. It is designed to catch and hold up to 30 pigeons.

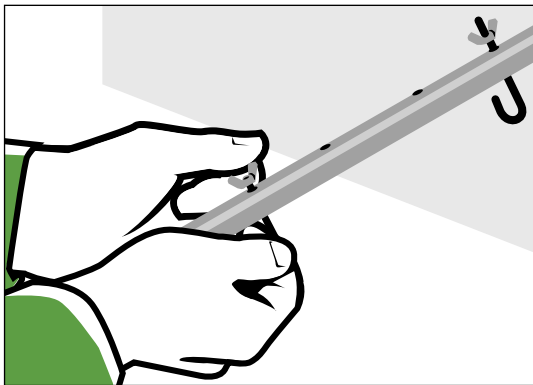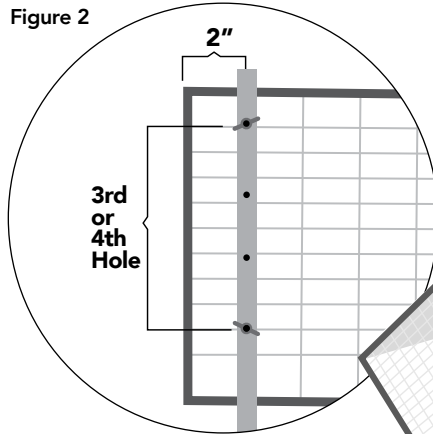### Inside of clear plastic bag you will find:

8 – J-bolts
8 – thumb screws
2 – 12" trap legs
2 – 24" trap legs
4 – plastic leg inserts
    (already inserted)

1) Prepare the legs by inserting two J-bolts into appropriate leg holes to achieve desired trap height. J-bolts must be spaced 3-4 holes apart for adequate support. Loosely place the wing-nut onto the J-bolt.

Figure 2

2"

3rd or 4th Hole

2) Lay trap so one of the longest sides faces you, Tip up on the long edge to start adding the legs.

Note: place the same length legs on the same side of the trap

Be sure plastic inserts in the legs are at bottom of trap to protect from damaging your roof

3) Secure leg to trap by looping both J-bolts around trap wire 2" from corner and tighten wing nuts until snug. See figure 2 and 3

4) Repeat this process for remaining legs. Once complete, your trap is ready to be placed on your roof.
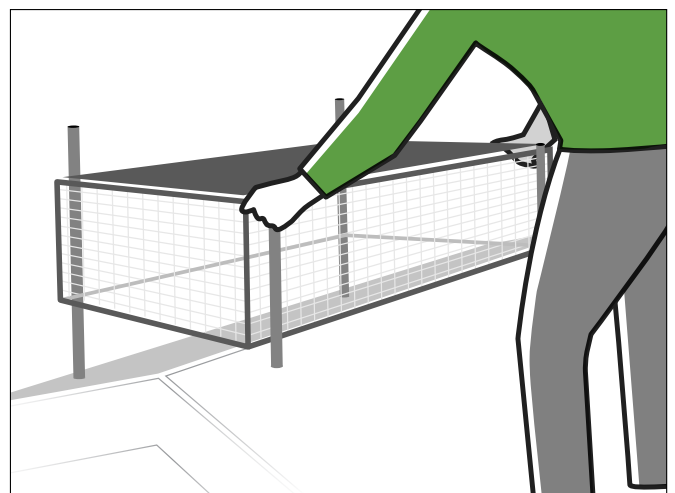
Baiting Your Trap

5) To bait, unlatch the ramp by lifting up on the J-spring until free. Let the ramp swing down until the chains are fully extended.

6) Secure ramp J-spring to trap to prevent ramp from moving.

7) Add food to the ramp pans as well as the main trap pan. Water can be added to the included water container. Just open the shaded lid to access.
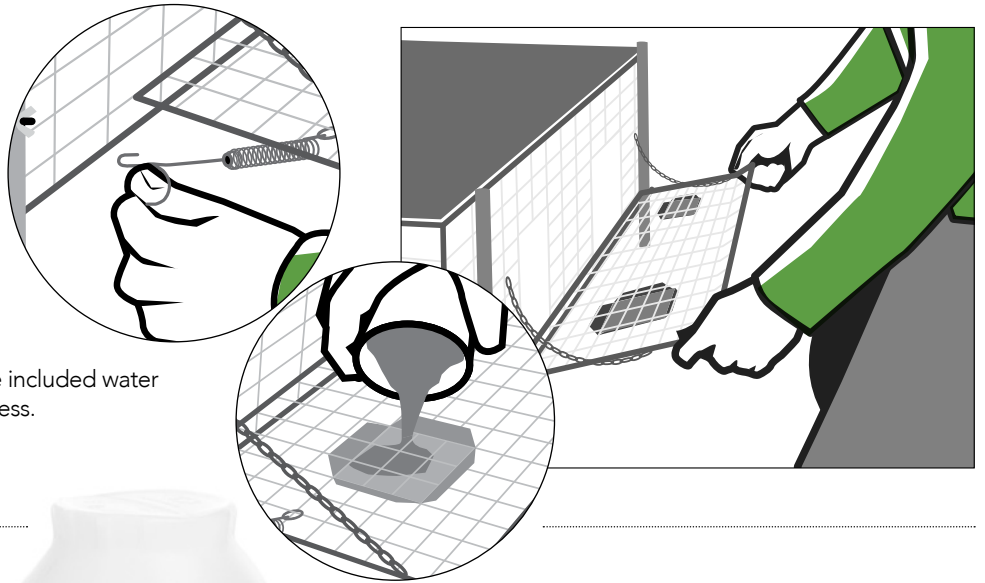
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