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*Raised Beds & Sandpits
Assembly Instructions*

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Introduction

Please take time to read these instructions prior to installing your product. This will help you understand the product and prevent mistakes being made.

Recommendations for Storage and Delivery

In the pre-assembly period the wood is sensitive to variations in temperature and humidity. It is therefore necessary that you take the following precautions immediately after delivery. Wood is a living material and once cut the appearance of cracks, slight movements or changes in colour are normal and the planks (except in extreme circumstances) do not need replacing.

- Do not store the wood in direct sunlight or under a black cover as this will cause distortion which will make installation extremely difficult.
- Assemble the structure as soon as possible after receipt.
- Assemble the structure in one go, preferably in the morning while the temperature is cool.

The planks will have been recently treated and may be delivered to you still moist. In case of a rapid change in temperature these planks can dry very rapidly and lose 1 or 2mm of height. This might give you the impression that they are lifting up while they are actually shrinking. Whilst in cooler wet conditions the wood may expand back to its original size. This is completely normal.

- If the product must be stored then use a cool well ventilated place, sheltered from sun and rain.
- Components that are damaged, cracked or distorted due to bad storage and/or handling on site are not covered by warranty.

Kit Contents

As you unpack your product make sure that you have all parts required and that their condition is satisfactory.

Contact your dealer if you believe parts are missing or damaged.

Safety Precautions

Use safety goggles during installation to reduce risk of eye injury. Gloves should be worn to protect fingers.

At every point of manufacturing this product, care has been taken to provide quality and satisfaction to our customers. If any part of this kit is missing or damaged then you must contact our support team on **0800 043 0880** before proceeding with assembly of this product.

Wooden Sandpit/Raised Bed

Congratulations on your new purchase! We hope it provides you with many years of happiness in the garden.

This product has been treated with ACQ which is child friendly and warrantied against rot and insect attack (5 year warranty on 44mm wood and 3 year warranty on 27mm wood). Please remember timber is a natural product and can be prone to expanding, shrinking and natural defects. After receiving your timber product we advise that you unpack it and assemble it at the earliest opportunity. This product is heavy and some components may require two persons to lift.

Warranty

You must register your purchase at www.thegtcompany.co.uk/warranty-registration for your warranty to be valid.

Tools Required

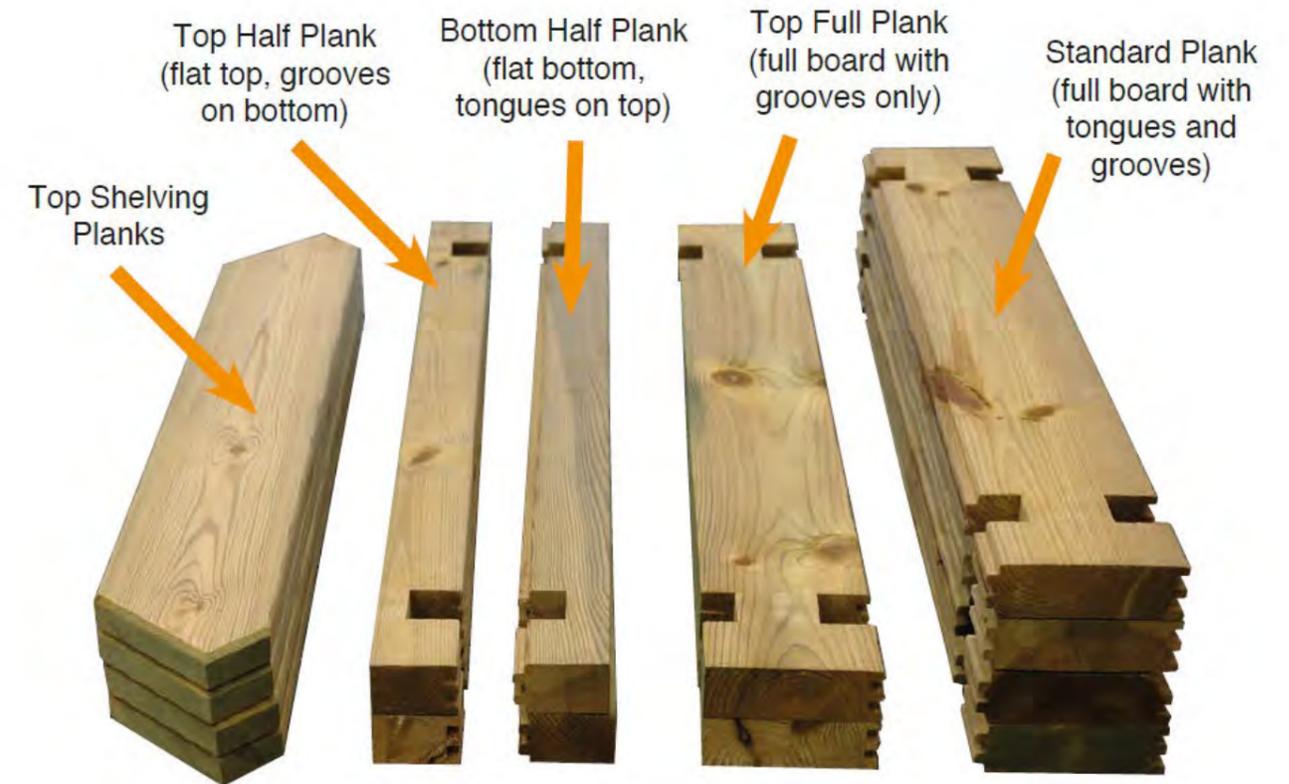


There are no specialist tools required in addition to regular hand tools the following will be useful.

- Cordless screwdriver with a No 2 pozidrive bit
- Knocking block (supplied if more than standard height)
- Tape measure
- Hammer
- Pencil
- Square
- Sharp Scissors
- Safety Goggles
- Gloves

Pack Contents

for a standard height sandpit/raised bed



Tips before you start

- The first thing to do when building the structure walls is to ensure the ground around the perimeter of the walls is fairly level.
- An option before you start to build up the walls is to use a weed guard fabric to prevent weeds growing within your wooden raised garden or sandpit.

Natural Timber Characteristics

Whilst we try to ensure that our timber products reach you in perfect condition, we have to remember we are dealing with a natural material and there are many characteristics which can arise.

These are completely normal and have no detrimental effect on the product. We also manufacture our products so that most natural defects are inside to product where you wouldn't see them. Or the plank may be reversible, so it can be used either way around.



Shake

Shake appears like a series of splits. With a timber section of this size you will always encounter some degree of this (usually on one side). This does not affect the strength of the product and you will find the shake opens in continued warm weather and then closes up when the weather is wet and cooler or there is a lot of moisture in the air.



Pith

Pith is similar to the above defect and quite often found along side each other. Most of this is typically machined to be on the inside of the product.



Knot

Knots are typically found in timber as shown. These are not generally an issue and can actually be beneficial relieving stress points in timber. In many peoples opinion these add character to the products.



Cupping

Cupping is mainly caused by the treatment of the timber. Where timber is kiln dried and then pressure treated it can cause cupping. Although we do limit this, the best way for you to counteract is, as you build the walls of your product, have one plank with the growth rings facing one way and the next with the rings facing the opposite way (counter cupping). This is only possible on square or rectangular products as the planks are reversible. On octagonal products if you have a problematic plank try it in another wall position to see where it will fit best.

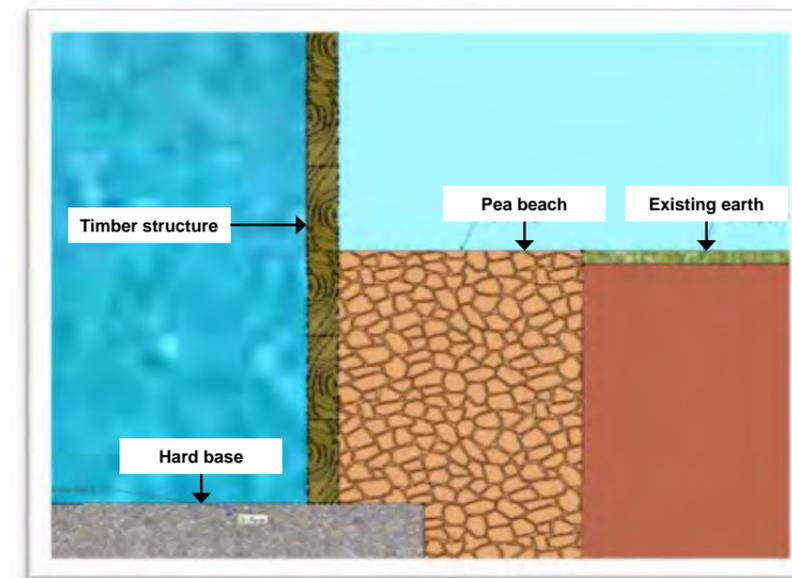


Counter Cupping

Total or Partial In-Ground Installation

These timber products can be installed above ground, partially in or fully in ground. However, if you do have your product fully or partially in ground you will need to ensure that there is adequate drainage so that the timbers are not to be permanently submersed in water. Use an adequate amount of pea beach around the structure if possible, with a run off to a soak away or similar, so that water cannot build up around the structure and rot the timbers. If an adequate amount of drainage in the form of pea shingle or similar has not been used, this may affect the warranty.

This product has been treated with ACQ which is child play friendly and is warrantied against rot and insect attack (5 years on 44mm wood and 3 years on 27mm wood).



However, if this product is being installed completely or partially below ground level, you will need to install adequate drainage around the product. We recommend 300-450mm width of pea shingle, all the way around the product. Never use a plastic membrane around the outside of product as this will accelerate any deterioration of a timber product.

The timbers are treated for ground contact only and are not to be submersed permanently in water. Please also note that any modification to a wooden structure including drilling or cutting of a wall plank will void the warranty on any plank which is affected. As a precaution if you do require to modify a plank, we suggest that you treat the cut area with a good quality timber preservative if below ground level.

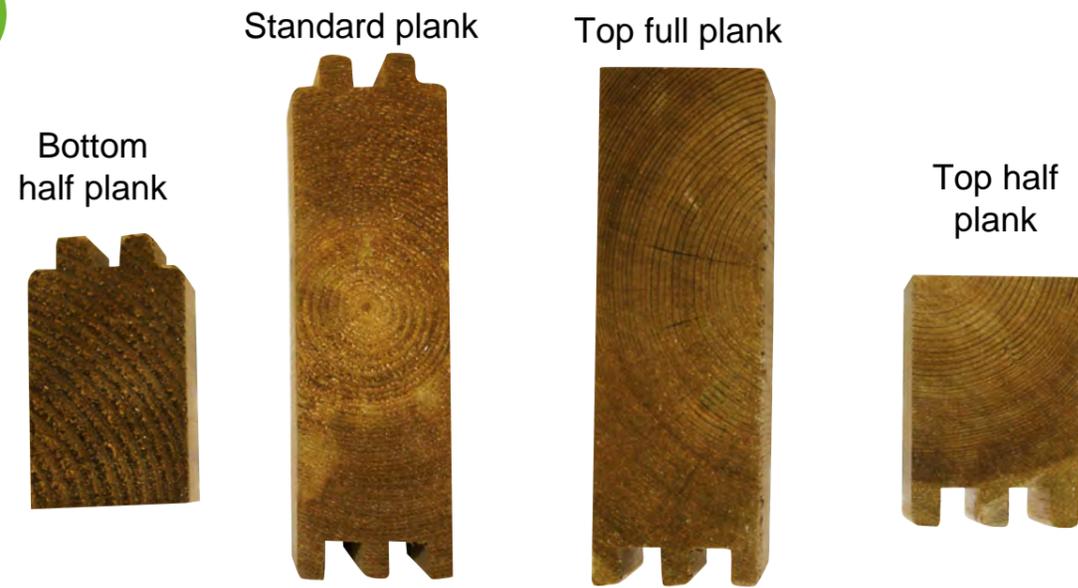
Warranty

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OCTAGONAL SANDPITS ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS



1



- Note the four different profiles used for building the structure walls. These will be a single tongue and groove profile for 27mm products.

2



- Lay out the “bottom half planks” (a narrow timber with a flat bottom and tongues on top)

3



- Then using “standard planks” (a wide timber with tongues and grooves) interlock the timbers using the cut out notches.
- You should now have the correct shape and base of your walls set out.

4



- Add the next layer of “standard planks” as demonstrated above.
- At this stage you can continue using all of the “standard planks”.

5



- Use the knocking block provided to firmly tap down the planks.

6



- The second to last layer fitted needs to be the “top full planks” (these have grooves on the bottom with a flat top)

7



- Finally you can add the “top half planks”
- Once all the wall sections are in place tap the walls down so that everything interlocks together properly.

8



- Take your time to position the top shelving evenly.

9



- Carefully fix in place using the screws provided.

11



- The build is now complete and you can add your required amount of sand to your new sandpit.

10



- Add the weed barrier fabric to the floor, either fold or cut the material to fit.

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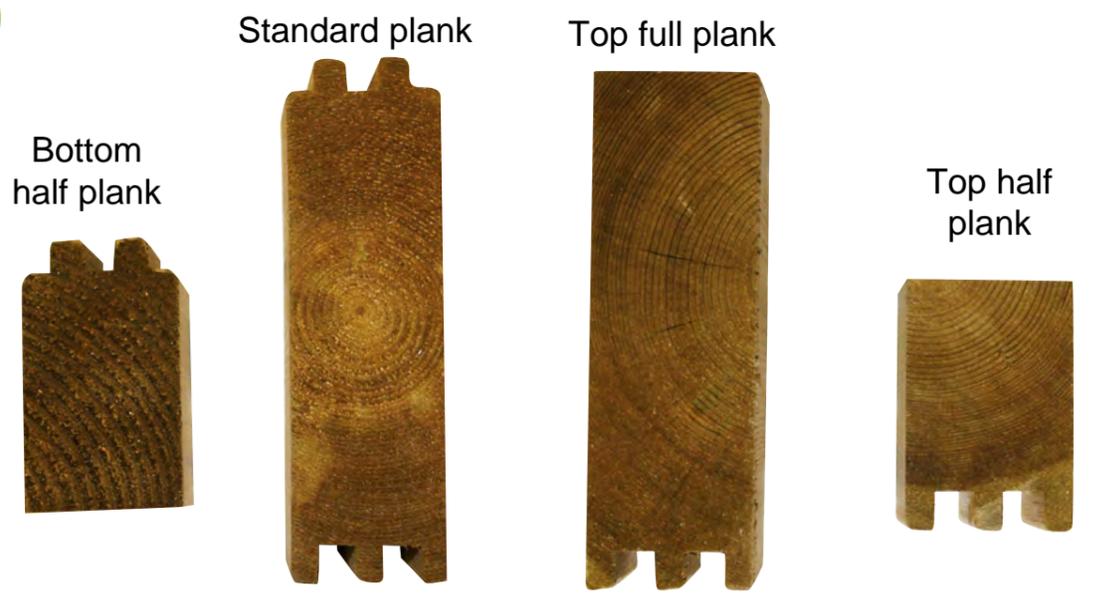


- Standard sandpit cover supplied.

SQUARE/RECTANGLE SANDPITS ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS



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- Note the four different profiles used for building the structure walls. These will be a single tongue and groove profile for 27mm products.

2



- Lay out the “bottom half planks” (a narrow timber with a flat bottom and tongues on top)

3



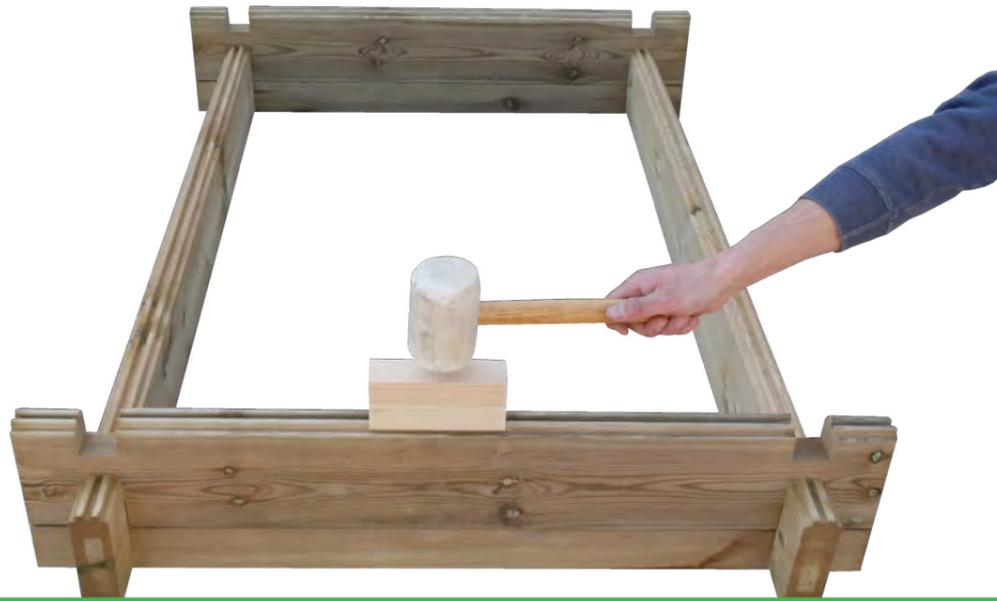
- Then using “standard planks” (a wider timber with tongue and groove) interlock the timbers using the cut out notches.
- You now should have the correct shape and base of your walls set out.

4



- Add the next layer of “standard planks” as demonstrated above.
- At this stage if you have more than the standard height walls, continue to add the “standard planks” for the extra layers you have purchased.

5



- Use the knocking block provided to firmly tap down the planks.

7



- Finally you can add the “top half planks”
- Once all the wall sections are in place tap the walls down so that everything interlocks together properly.

6



- The second to last layer fitted needs to be the “top full planks” (these have grooves on the bottom with a flat top)

8



- Take your time to position the top shelving (seats) evenly.

9



- Carefully fix the top shelving (seats) into place using the screws provided.

11



- The build is now complete and you can add your required amount of sand to your new sandpit.

10



- Before adding any sand make sure that you place the supplied weed barrier fabric to the base of the sandpit.
- Add the weed barrier fabric to the floor, either fold or cut the material to fit.

TARPAULIN COVER ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS



1



- Place the cover over the sandpit and position it correctly, to suit the shape of the sandpit.

2



- Each eyelet must have a bungee cord.

3



- Thread the bungee cord through from the front edge of the cover.

4



- Tie a bow as close as possible to the eyelet of the cover.

5



- Pull down the bungee cord vertically and mark a position for the bungee clip.
- Make sure there is tension in the bungee cord.

7



- Pull the bungee cord over the clip.
- Repeat as necessary providing a clip for each bungee cord.

6



- Using a screwdriver screw the clip to the wall of the sandpit.

8



- The finished cover should look like the image above, fixed to each wall section.
- For large covers use a ball or air pillow under the cover to prevent water from pooling.

WOODEN COVER ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

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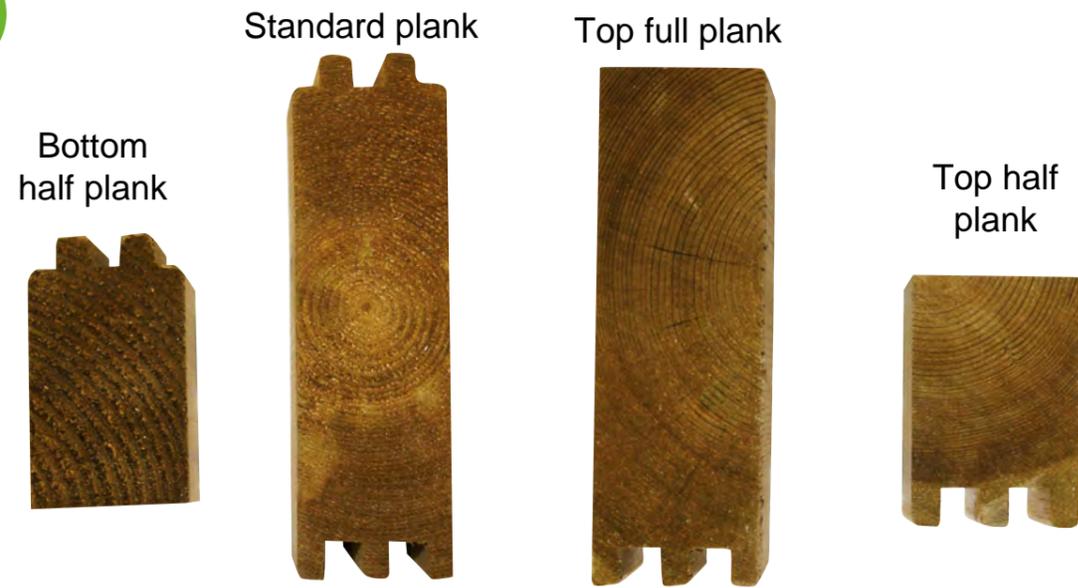


- If supplied you can now install your heavy duty wooden sandpit lid.
- If you have purchased our wooden sandpit lid, rest it in place on the topshelving (seats). Larger sandpit models may have a wooden lid which comes in two or three sections.
- **Please note:** Our sand pit lids are designed to keep debris and light amounts of water out of your sandpit, however they are not able to withstand excessive amounts of water being on the lid.

OCTAGONAL RAISED BEDS ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS



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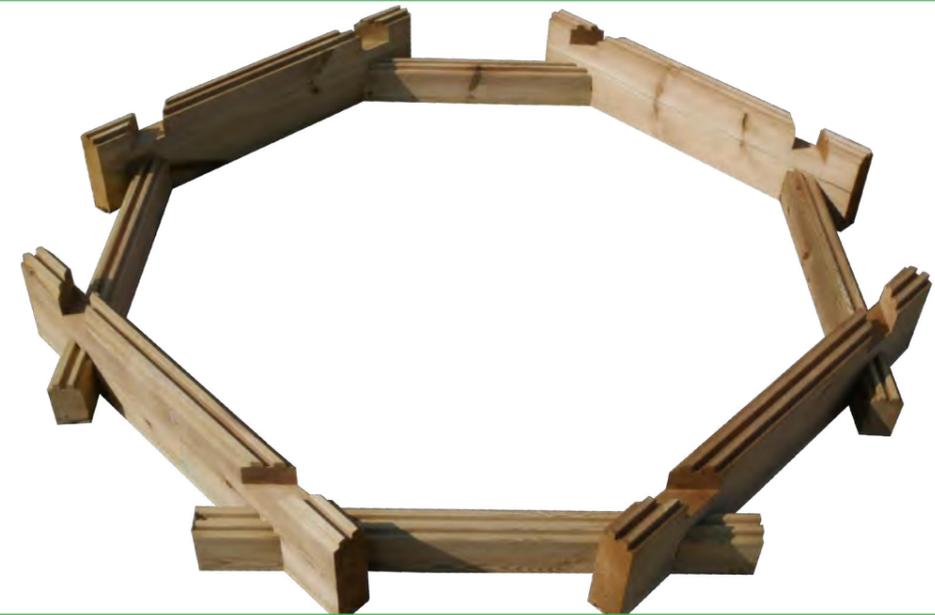
- Note the four different profiles used for building the structure walls. These will be a single tongue and groove profile for 27mm products.

2



- Lay out the “bottom half planks” (a narrow timber with a flat bottom and tongues on top)

3



- Then using “standard planks” (a wide timber with tongues and grooves) interlock the timbers using the cut out notches.
- You should now have the correct shape and base of your walls set out.

4



- Add the next layer of “standard planks” as demonstrated above.
- At this stage you can continue using all of the “standard planks”.

5



- Use the knocking block provided to firmly tap down the planks.

7



- Finally you can add the “top half planks”
- Once all the wall sections are in place tap the walls down so that everything interlocks together properly.

6



- The second to last layer fitted needs to be the “top full planks” (these have grooves on the bottom with a flat top)

8



- Take your time to position the top shelving evenly.

9



- Carefully fix in place using the screws provided.

11



- The build is now complete and you can add your required amount of soil to your new raised bed.

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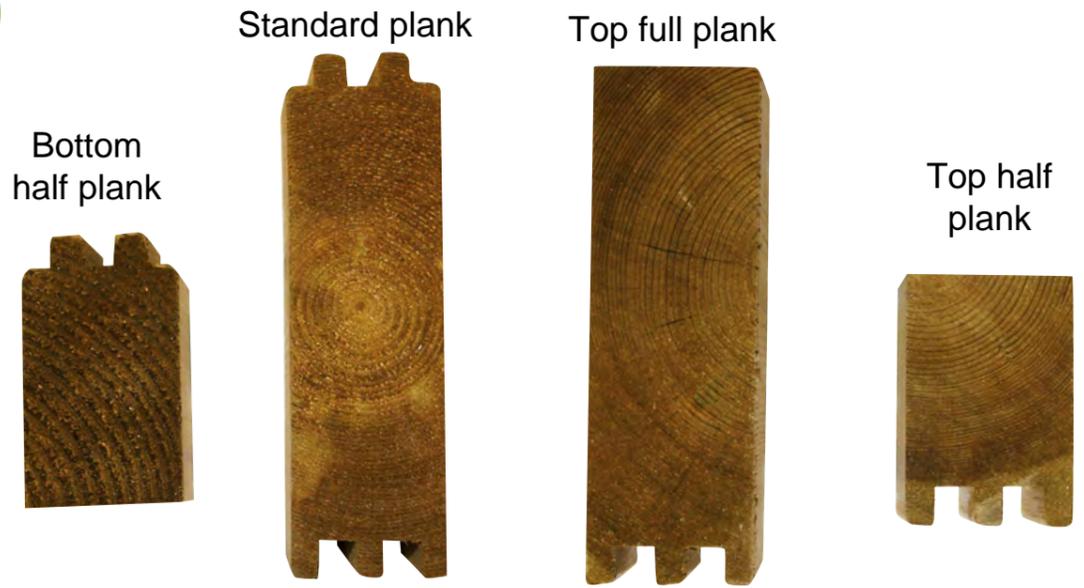


- Add the weed barrier fabric to the floor, either fold or cut the material to fit.

SQUARE/RECTANGLE RAISED BEDS ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS



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- Lay out the “bottom half planks” (a narrow timber with a flat bottom and tongues on top)

3



- Then using “standard planks” (a wider timber with tongue and groove) interlock the timbers using the cut out notches.
- You now should have the correct shape and base of your walls set out.

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- Add the next layer of “standard planks” as demonstrated above.
- At this stage if you have more than the standard height walls, continue to add the “standard planks” for the extra layers you have purchased.

5



- Use the knocking block provided to firmly tap down the planks.

7



- Finally you can add the “top half planks”
- Once all the wall sections are in place tap the walls down so that everything interlocks together properly.

6



- The second to last layer fitted needs to be the “top full planks” (these have grooves on the bottom with a flat top)

8



- Take your time to position the top shelving evenly.

9



- Carefully fix the top shelving into place using the 50mm screws provided.

11



- The build is now complete and you can add your required amount of soil to your new raised bed.

10



- Before adding any soil make sure that you place the supplied weed control fabric to the base of the raised bed.

Warranty

Wooden Sand Pits

The Garden Timber Company gives an extended 5-year parts only warranty on 44mm and an extended 3-year parts only warranty on 27mm wall structure planks only, against wood rot and insect infestation attack.

- Timber structure walls 5 years on 44mm OR 3 years on 27mm warranty
- Wooden Lids 2 years warranty against wood rot
Top Shelving 1 year warranty

Terms and conditions on the wall structure planks:

Original Proof of Purchase must be supplied, along with details of any valid warranty issues with photographic evidence.

All warranties must have been registered at www.thegtcompany.co.uk (to extend to 3 or 5 years as above) within 60 days of purchase date.

This warranty is between The Garden Timber Company and the original purchaser and is non-transferable.

The product must be installed in accordance with the installation manual.

The Garden Timber Company will not be held responsible for removal or reinstatement of any components or accept any responsibility for any consequential loss.

Any modifications carried out to our products will void any warranty or claim.

Any warranty is on a pro rata basis over time e.g. For a 5-year warranty, a problem at 36 months the warranty will cover 40% of the cost of replacement parts on any valid claim. For a 3-year warranty at 24 months the warranty will cover 40% of the cost of replacement parts on any valid claim. See warranty examples below:

3 Years - 27mm Wooden Sand Pits

1st Year = 100%
Between 13-18 Months = 80% - 60%
Between 19-24 Months = 60% - 40%
Between 25-30 Months = 40% - 20%
Between 31 - 36 Months = 20% - 0%

5 Years - 44mm Wooden Sand Pits

1st Year = 100%
Between 13-24 Months = 80% - 60%
Between 25-36 Months = 60% - 40%
Between 37-48 Months = 40% - 20%
Between 49 - 60 Months = 20% - 0%

Wooden products use natural materials, any movement or discolouration can be expected. The Garden Timber Company accept no liability for any such occurrence.

Care must be taken to avoid any damage to the product, which may void any warranty.

Any product must remain in its original installation location.

At the installation, where a valid warranty issue may occur, access for inspection must be made available with permission to take any required samples of the product for independent testing.

Our timber products must not be submersed in water. Adequate drainage for our timber products must be in place, to avoid constant wet conditions for the timber. In the form of a shingle soak away or submersible pump if necessary. If our product is partially or fully submerged inground, then adequate pea shingle should be installed, including a drain off, completely protecting the product from ground water. Failure to protect the timber from such issues will void any warranty.

This warranty covers the timber wall planks from wood rot and insect attack only. This applies only to the infected planks, providing they are returned to our Factory at the consumers cost and risk, any replacements will be arranged in accordance to this warranty and returned to the site of the original delivery.

Any warranty will be void if it is deemed that there has been a failure of regular upkeep of your sand pit.

Wooden Lid warranty will only cover manufacturing defect and against rot for 2 years, and does not cover any damage which may arise. i.e. standing or jumping on the lid.

Wooden Planters and Raised Beds

The Garden Timber Company gives an extended 5-year parts only warranty on 44mm, an extended 3-year parts only warranty on 27mm and an extended 2-year parts only warranty on 22mm wall structure planks only, against wood rot and insect infestation attack.

Timber structure walls

5 years on 44mm
3 years on 27mm
2 years on 22mm warranty
Top Shelving = 1 year warranty

Terms and conditions on the wall structure planks

Original Proof of Purchase must be supplied, along with details of any valid warranty issues with photographic evidence.

All warranties must have been registered at www.thegtcompany.co.uk (to extend to 5 or 3 or 2 years as above) within 60 days of purchase date.

This warranty is between The Garden Timber Company and the original purchaser and is non-transferable.

The product must be installed in accordance with the installation manual.

The Garden Timber Company will not be held responsible for removal or reinstatement of any components or accept any responsibility for any

consequential loss.

Any modifications carried out to our products will void any warranty or claim.

Any warranty is on a pro rata basis over time e.g. For a 5-year warranty, a problem at 36 months the warranty will cover 40% of the cost of replacement parts on any valid claim. For a 3-year warranty at 24 months the warranty will cover 40% of the cost of replacement parts on any valid claim. See warranty examples below:

2 Years - 22mm Wooden Planters or Raised Beds

1st Year = 100%
Between 13-18 Months = 80% - 40%
Between 19-24 Months = 40% - 0%

3 Years - 27mm Wooden Planters or Raised Beds

1st Year = 100%
Between 13-18 Months = 80% - 60%
Between 19-24 Months = 60% - 40%
Between 25-30 Months = 40% - 20%
Between 31 - 36 Months = 20% - 0%

5 Years - 44mm Wooden Planters or Raised Beds

1st Year = 100%
Between 13-24 Months = 80% - 60%
Between 25-36 Months = 60% - 40%
Between 37-48 Months = 40% - 20%
Between 49 - 60 Months = 20% - 0%

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Any product must remain in its original installation location.

At the installation, where a valid warranty issue may occur, access for inspection must be made available with permission to take any required samples of the product for independent testing.

All raised beds and planters should be lined with an appropriate material like weed control and should be filled with either top soil or compost to prevent the planter from becoming water logged. Failure to line your planter or raised bed or fill it with any other types of soil or material will void any warranty.

Our timber products must not be submersed in water. Adequate drainage for our timber products must be in place, to avoid constant wet conditions for the timber. In the form of a shingle soak away or submersible pump if necessary. If our product is partially or fully submerged inground, then adequate pea shingle should be installed, including a drain off, completely protecting the product from ground water. Failure to protect the timber from such issues will void any warranty.

This warranty covers the timber wall planks from wood rot and insect attack only. This applies only to the infected planks, providing they are returned to our Factory at the consumers cost and risk, any replacements will be

arranged in accordance to this warranty and returned to the site of the original delivery.

Any warranty will be void if it is deemed that there has been a failure of regular upkeep of your raised bed or planter.

Exclusions include

- Any of our products used outside of the UK are not covered by our extended warranty.
- "Act of god" e.g. fire, flood, lightning.
- Any other accessories that come with our products like plastic sand pit cover or play sand are only warranted to be free from material or manufacturing defects at time of purchase only.
- Any damage caused by livestock animals or persons.
- We accept no liability for any livestock, damage to property or persons due to manufacturing defects.
- Any loss or damage from general wear and tear.
- Failure to comply with local regulations or laws on our products, whether for domestic or commercial use.
- We shall not be liable for and any consequential loss caused to our products by third party products or services.

These terms and conditions will be construed in accordance with English law, any disputes relating to the terms and conditions shall be subject to the courts of England.

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