## **ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS**

## **Double Tomato House**

### **Video instructions:**

Helpful video clips are available at

www.garden-products.co.uk/instructions

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Please keep all packaging until installation is complete



Model FFG shown

### Can we improve?

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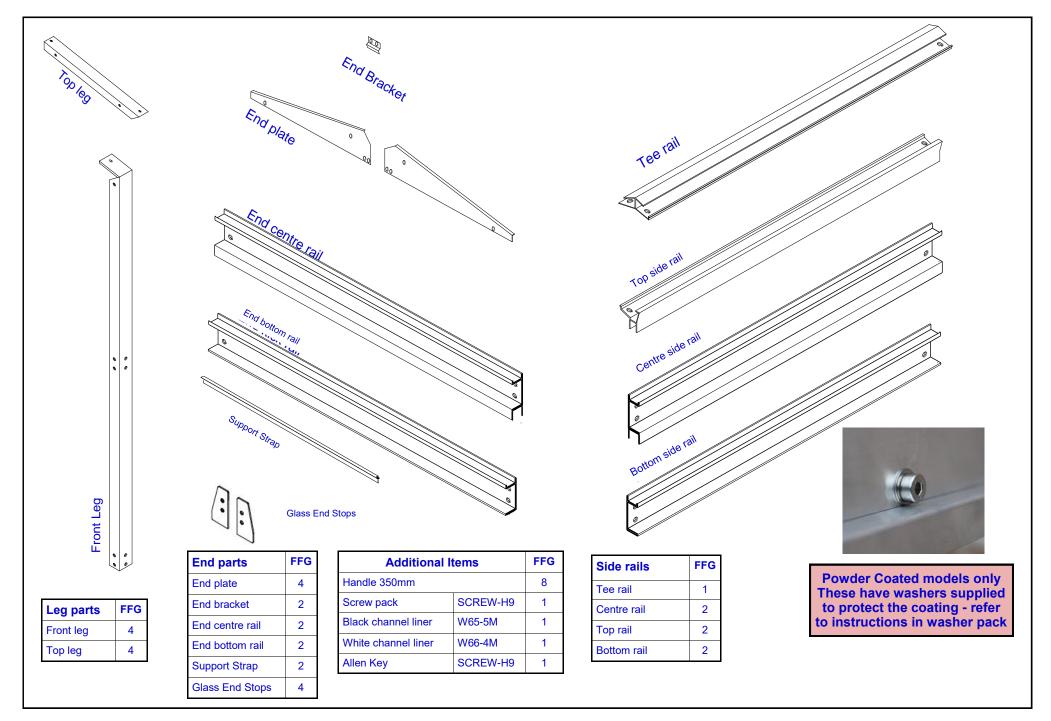
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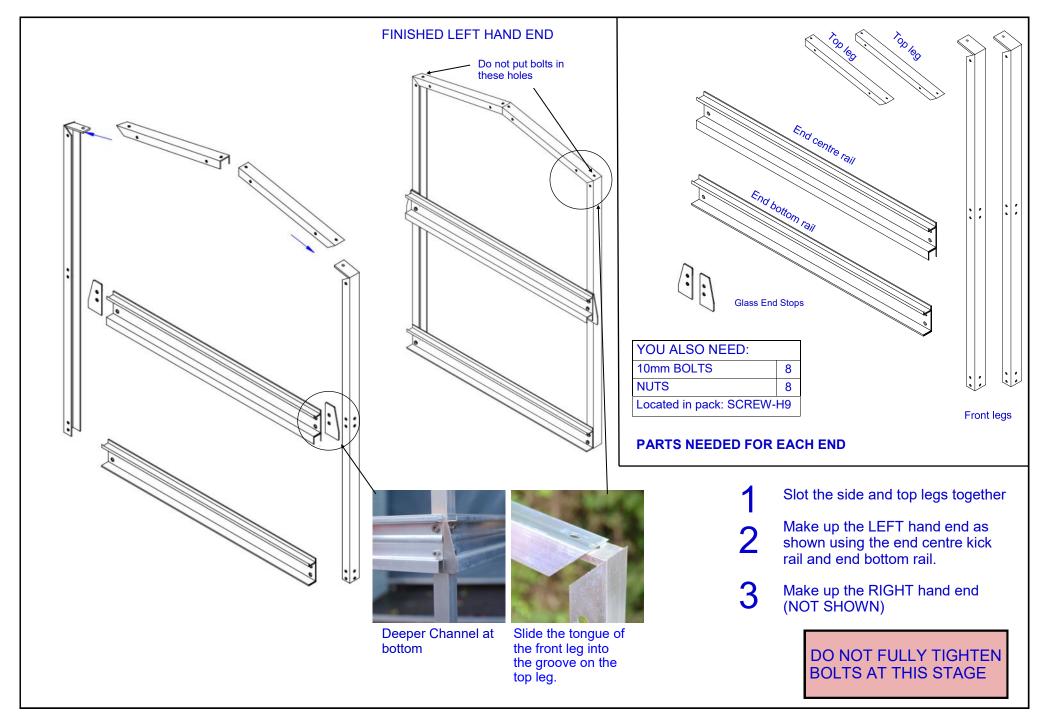
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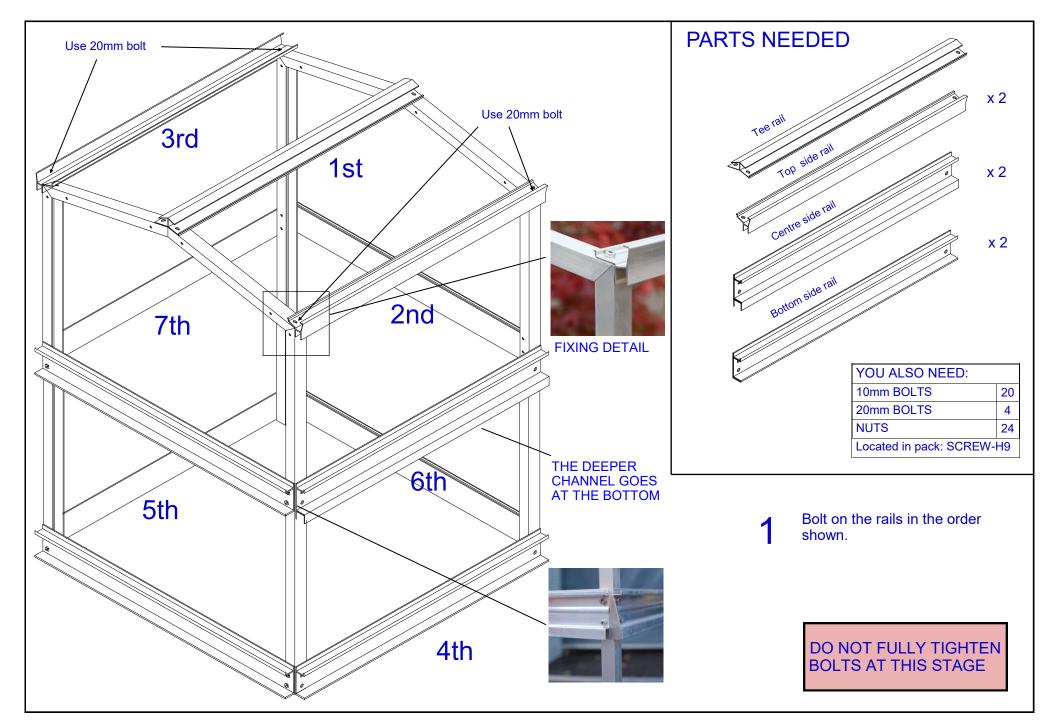
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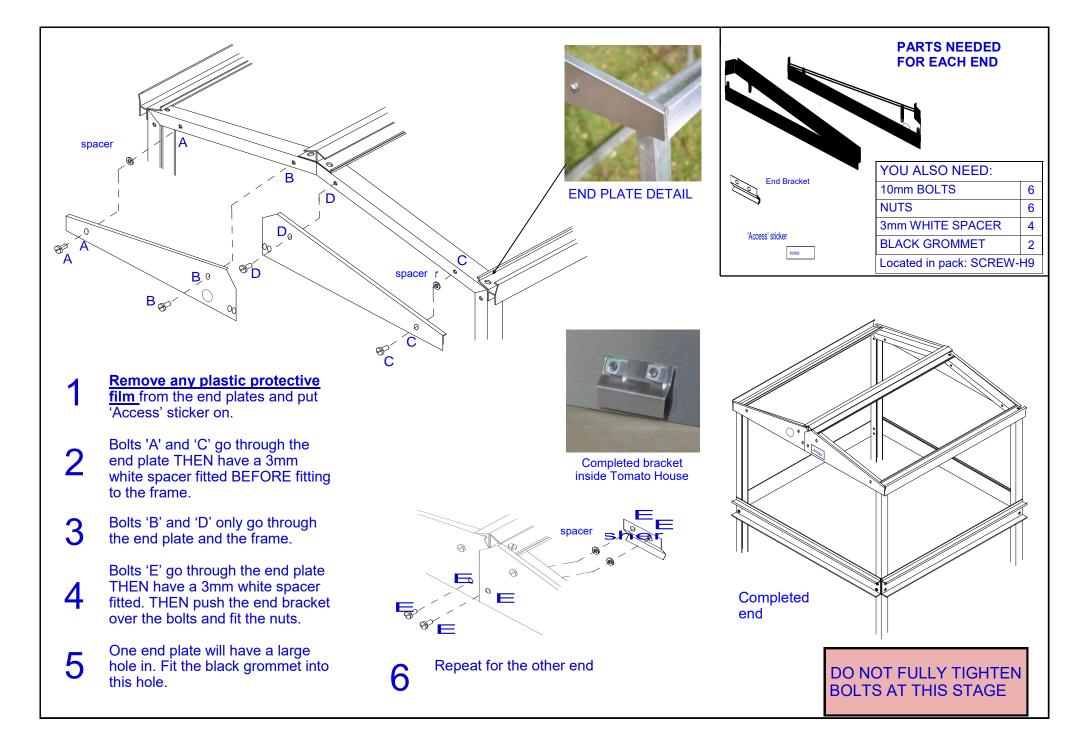
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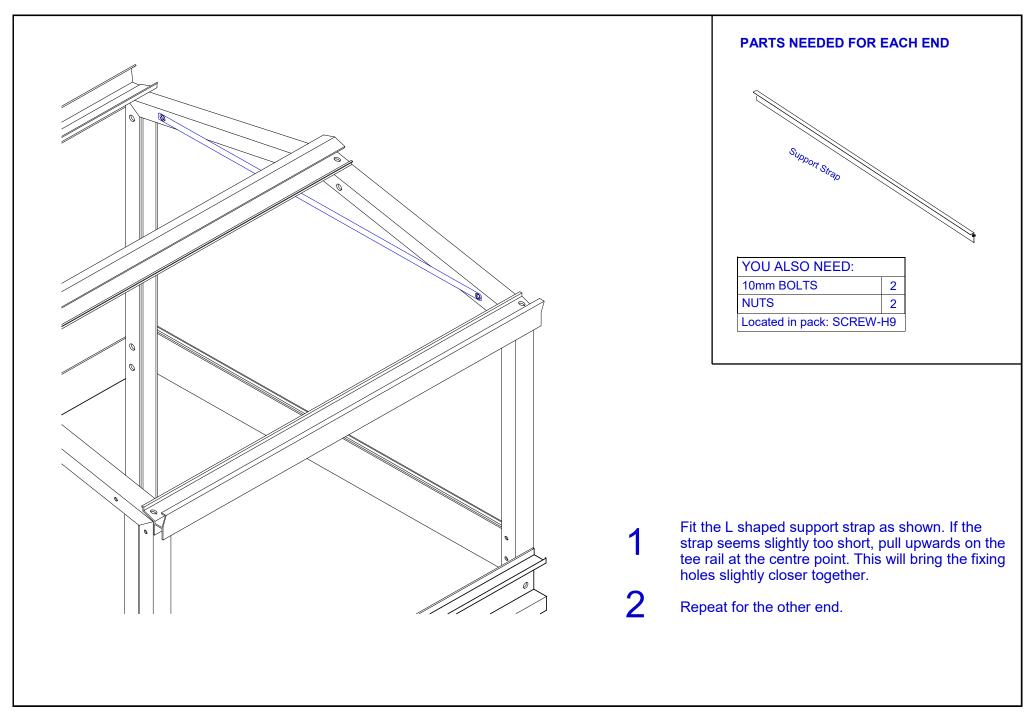


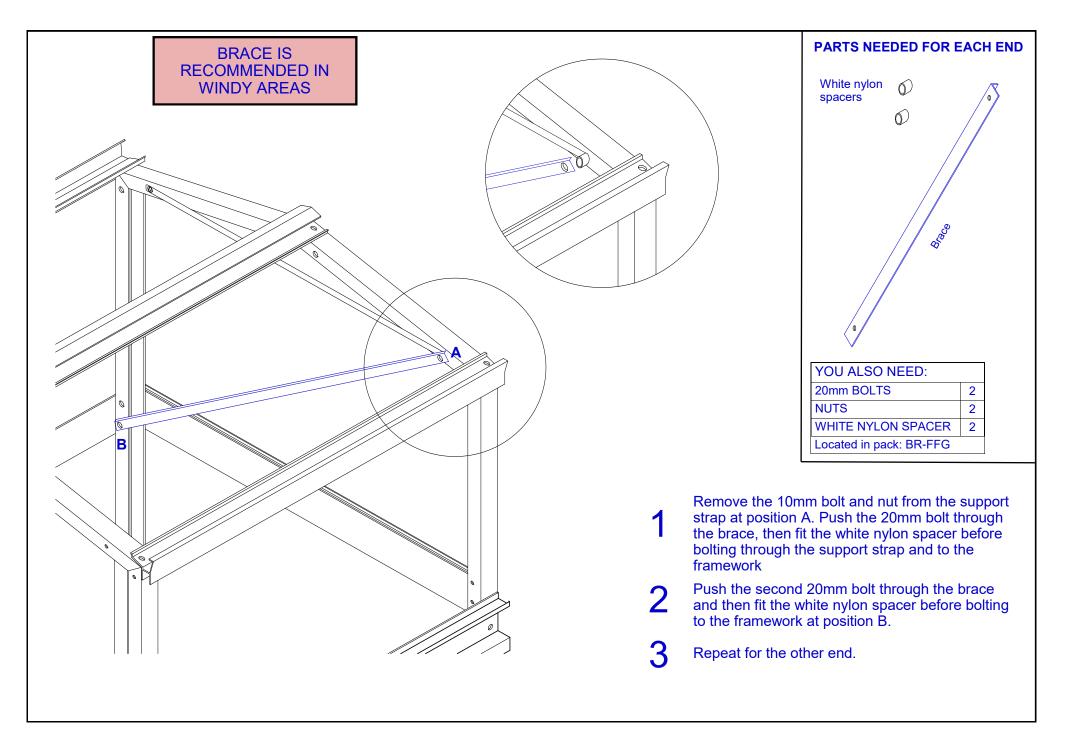




ADDING THE SIDE RAILS







■ SQUARING THE FRAME

Use a set square (or the A5 frame squaring card provided) to square the unit up in the 3 places shown.

Slacken the nuts if necessary to move the framework into a square position.

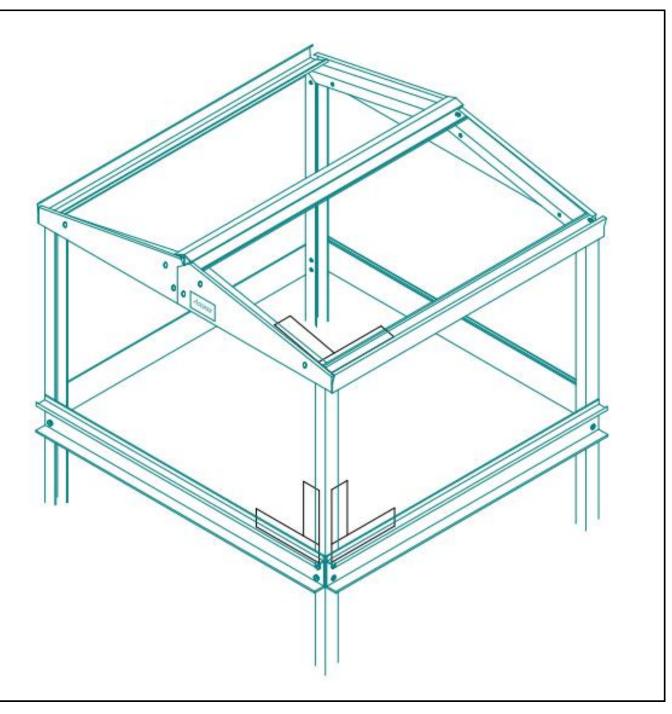
IT IS ESSENTIAL TO GET THE FRAME SQUARE.

Once the frame is completely square fully tighten up all the nuts and bolts.

FULLY TIGHTEN ALL BOLTS EXCEPT THE END PLATE BOLTS,

otherwise the framework will quickly work loose.

PERIODICALY CHECK THE TIGHTNESS OF THE BOLTS



GROUND FIXING KIT IS RECOMMENDED IN WINDY AREAS

WEAR APPROPRIATE SAFETY EQUIPMENT WHEN DRILLING OR HAMMERING PARTS NEEDED

Ground Fixing Pack FR-AKG (Optional)



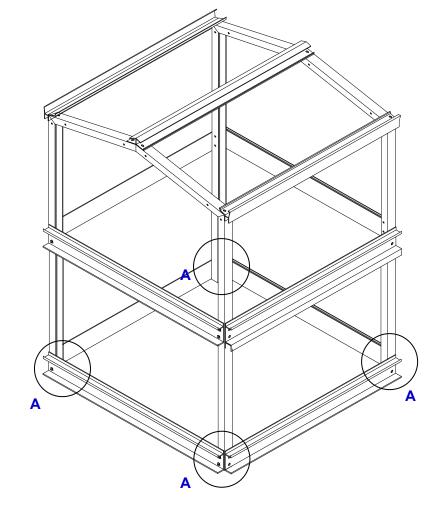
### FIXING TO FLOOR (OPTIONAL KIT)

Fit the 'L' brackets to all 4 legs using a nut and bolt.

Place the framework in its final position and drill through the bracket with a 6mm masonry drill bit, to a depth of 35mm. Insert the red rawl plug, through the bracket and into the concrete.

Using a woodscrew, screw through the 'L' bracket and into the rawl plug.

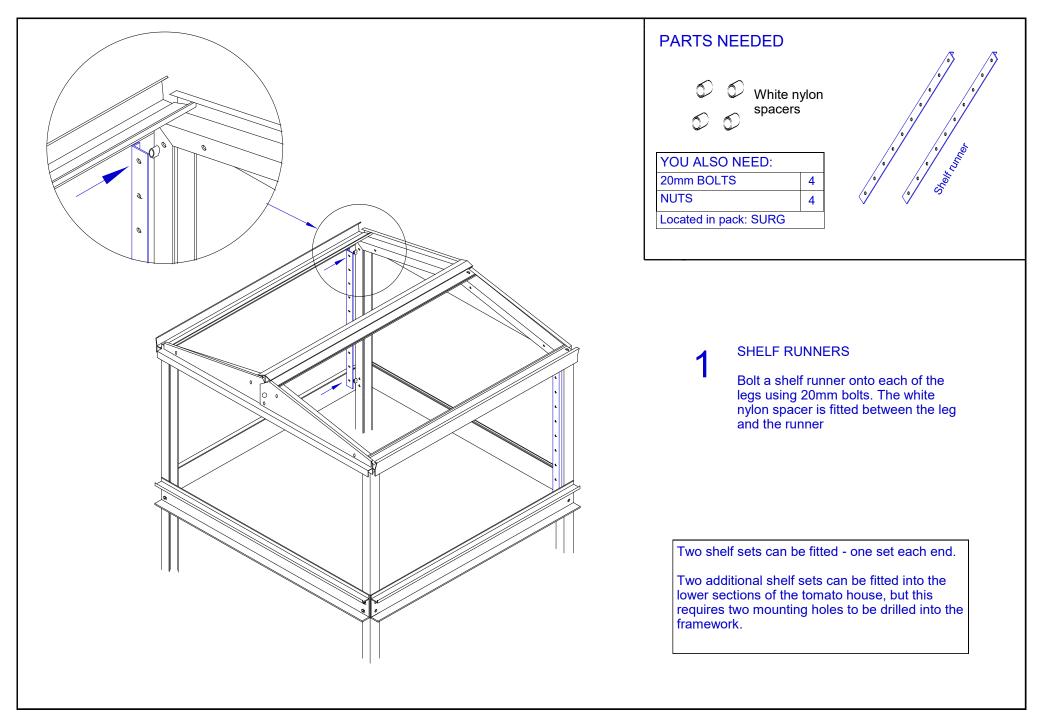
Repeat for other brackets.

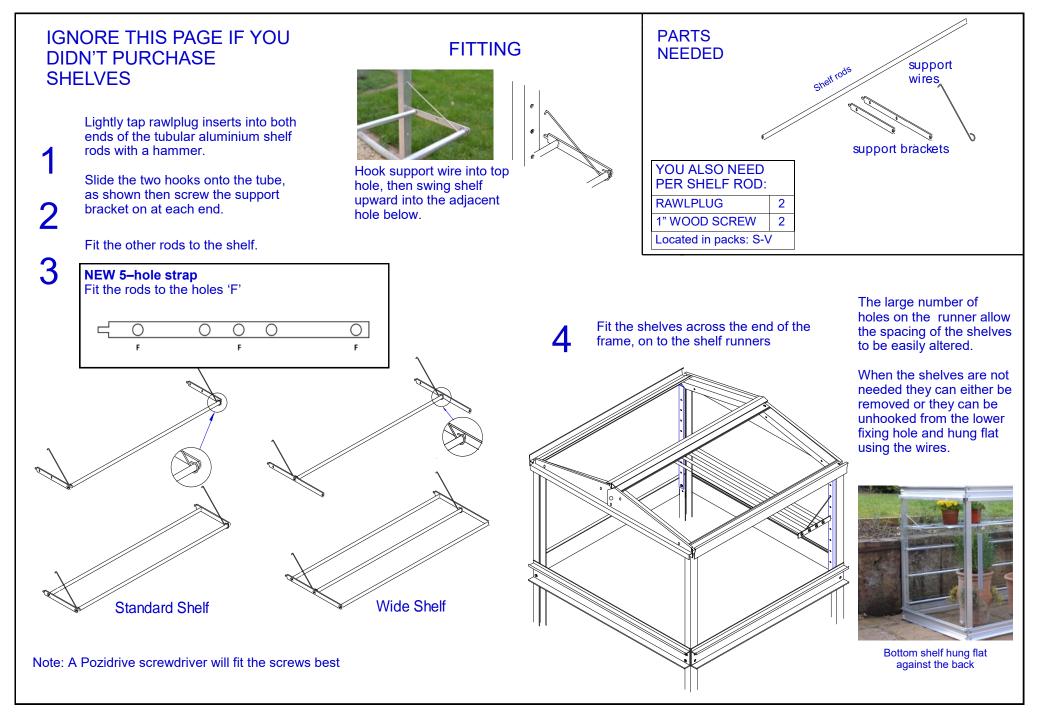






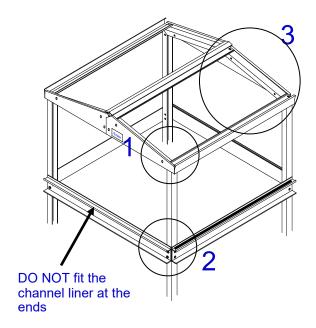
Completed front bracket





### FITTING THE CHANNEL LINER

TIP:- Before sticking the tape, clean the aluminium of any oil traces to promote adhesion.



To make the top glass slide more easily, rub candle wax onto the glass bearers. Also wax the black and white liners.





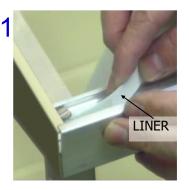
The white liner (W66-4M) fits on the inside <u>vertical</u> face of each <u>side rail</u> only. This is a loose fit so strips of double sided tape are included to secure it until the glass is in place.

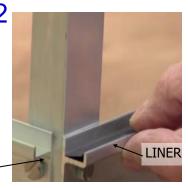


The black plastic liner (W65-5M) goes in the side bottom rails and the side centre rails (**not end rails**). Using the strips of double sided tape press liner down so that it LIES FLAT at the bottom of the channel - trim with a knife if necessary.

THE DOORS WILL NOT SLIDE PROPERLY
IF THE LINER IS NOT FLAT







### Removing the tape

Peel the <u>narrower</u> backing tape off first, this will expose the sticky pad, allowing it to be stuck onto the liner.

**Tip:** Bend the backing tape back on itself to make it easier to peel the sticky pad off.

Place pads regularly down the length of the liner.

When ready, peel the wide backing pads off the tape and stick the liner to the aluminium.





WAX

# On the next page are instructions on how to fit the handles to the glass

When fitting the handles, place the glass on a table or timber battens. **NEVER PLACE THE GLASS DIRECTLY ON CONCRETE OR SLABS** 

Always fit the handles to the left hand side of the glass sheet

**DO NOT** lift the glass by the handle

If possible, leave the handles overnight in a warm place to promote the curing of the adhesive

First wipe the edge of the glass where the handle will fit with a wet cloth.

top edge of

Then slide the handle over the edge of the glass, starting at the top corner of the handle.

Place the handle 120mm from the top edge of the glass.

**TIP:** Do not try and slide the handle on from the top or bottom



Work on handle from side edge

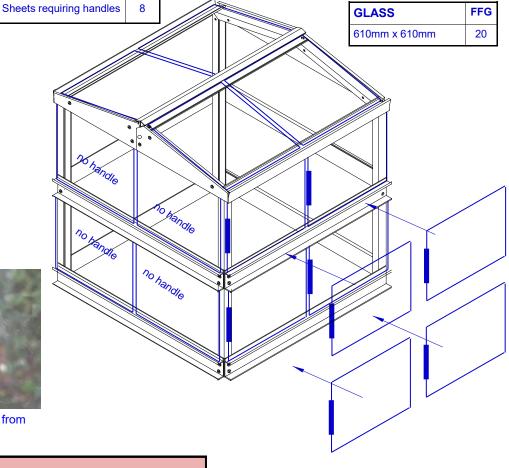
**NOTE:** If you purchased a louvre vent, fit it now.

### **WARNING**

If broken, toughened glass will fragment safely.

If the edges are knocked or chipped the glass will spontaneously fragment. This is a natural occurrence due to the toughening process. Care should be taken when moving or cleaning, not to damage the edge of the glass.

When placing the glass in the frame, ensure that the glass is securely placed in the runners before letting go of the glass.





Ideally work on a table or a workbench.

It is best to work inside to keep the pads warm and dry.



Front sheet handles are 120mm from the edge.

For the optional long handles mark 15mm from the top edge.



Open the sachet and wipe the glass where the tape will stick.



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Replace the cloth in the plastic bag to prevent evaporation.



5

Peel the pad off the backing.

Each handle has 2 pads



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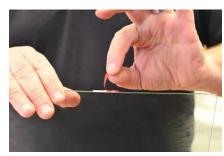
Press the pad down firmly to ensure good adhesion to the glass.



7

Use the handle to find the 2nd pad position.

Fit the second pad.



8

Peel the cover strips off all of the pads.



C

Using the pen mark as a guide, fit the handle.

Slide the two arms of the 'U' over the edge of the glass.



10

Work the handle on with your hands.



11

Use one of the glass battens to gently tap the handle down.



12

Work the handle on all the way down the glass.

Use the timber batten to tap the handle if necessary.

### **FITTING HANDLES**

Fit the handles to the side glass before fitting into the frame. Ensure the handles are always on the left hand side of the glass.

### FITTING THE GLASS

To fit the glass push the sheet into the deeper top channel, then lower into the bottom channel (E). Make sure the glass is firmly in the bottom channel before letting go.

The main illustration shows the glass side by side for clarity. When putting the sheets in the frame, start at the left hand end. The glass panels overlap each other by approx 15mm - 30mm.

To open the frame the glass should slide over the adjacent pane. The channel is only wide enough to take two sheets of glass side by side.

Roof sheets will slide if additional ventilation is required, however access into the frame is via side glass sheets. Roof sheets have no handles.

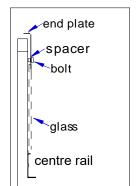
### **END SHEETS**

Slacken the four lower end plate bolts then gently slide the glass into place from the corner. The glass is held between the framework and the end plate (A) and (B) Then gently slide the other sheet in from the other corner. The two sheets will overlap behind the end bracket (c). The bolts on the end plates can then be gently tightened.

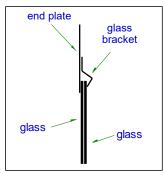
F. Ring wedge (Located in pack: SCREW-H9)

#### **BOTTOM END GLASS**

To stop the lower end glass panel rattling, push a black thimble shaped wedge into the top glass channel (D). Fit a ring wedge (F) into the bottom glass channel.



B Cold frame end glass



B. End glass overlap detail



C. Glass bracket



D. Thimble wedge detail (Located in pack: SCREW-H9)



E. Fitting the glass

A. End glass detail

GLASS STICKS TOGETHER	This is normally due to the handles not being put on the correct side of the glass. See page 12 for details of where the handles should be fitted to the glass.
	The top glass will not slide when wet.
HANDLES COME OFF	If handles come off frequently either purchase some new handles and sticky pads from Access or use a glue such as 'liquid nails' or 'no more nails' to permanently glue the handles to the glass.
GLASS FALLS OUT OF THE LOWER LEVEL	Ensure that the centre rail has the deeper channel at the bottom.

**PERIODIC MAINTENANCE** Every Spring take the glass out of the greenhouse and wash glass and framework with warm soapy water. When inserting the glass, always check that the glass is properly seated in its top and bottom channels before letting go of the sheet.

**CHECK THE TIGHTNESS** of all bolts regularly, especially in very windy areas or powder coated frames. In windy locations use the optional brace and ground fixing kit.

CROP ROTATION Suggestions for suitable crops and sowing dates given in the free Access Growing Guide

**VENTILATION** In cold weather gentle ventilation can be given by sliding the front sheets of glass to give 2-3" (5-8cm) gap at each corner. In warmer weather allow a gap on the top sheets as well. In very hot weather open all the sheets of glass. To ensure that the correct temperature is maintained use a thermometer inside the greenhouse. You can completely remove the top sheets in summer.

**GALES** The greenhouse must be kept fully closed in rough weather.

**GLASS CHANNELS** Ensure that this is kept free from debris and allows the glass to slide smoothly. Periodically lubricate the running edge of the glass with a wax candle.

**SNOW** If snow is very heavy - avoid letting it build up on the roof

**SHELVING** Stand pot plants on saucers, or use optional shelf covers which incorporate a layer of capillary matting to absorb excess water when watering. Alternatively, stand the pots in empty seed trays.

**SITING** Site on the sunniest place available. Anything from East through South to West is suitable. If it has to face North, don't despair, it will be warmer in than outside!

**REDUCING THE LENGTH** If it is just too long for your ideal spot, it can be shortened. Re-drill the holes at one end of the rails - moving them in by the amount you need to remove. Hacksaw off the surplus aluminium and shorten the shelf rods. The glass will merely overlap more - don't try to cut toughened glass!