# **ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS**

# Value 3/4 Growhouse

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# **Video instructions:**

Helpful video clips are available at

www.garden-products.co.uk/instructions

Please keep all packaging until installation is complete

YOU WILL ALSO REQUIRE CLEAR, OUTDOOR SILICONE SEALANT TO BUILD THIS FRAME

Assembly instructions for models: FB4 (3/4 Growhouse)



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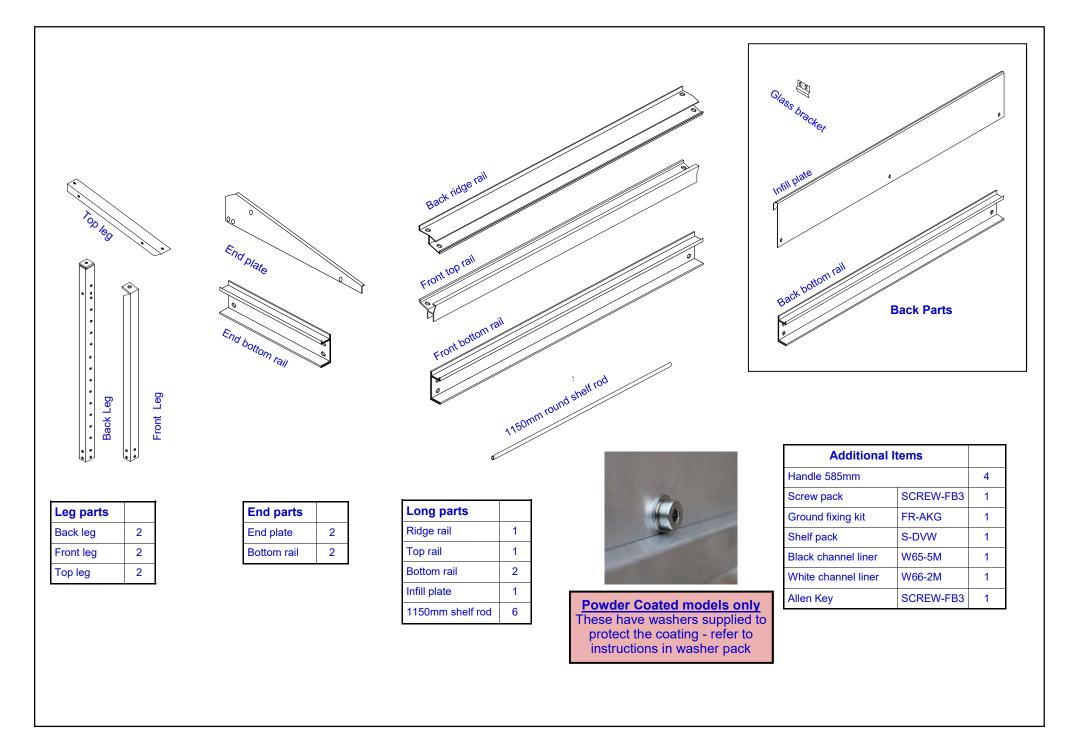
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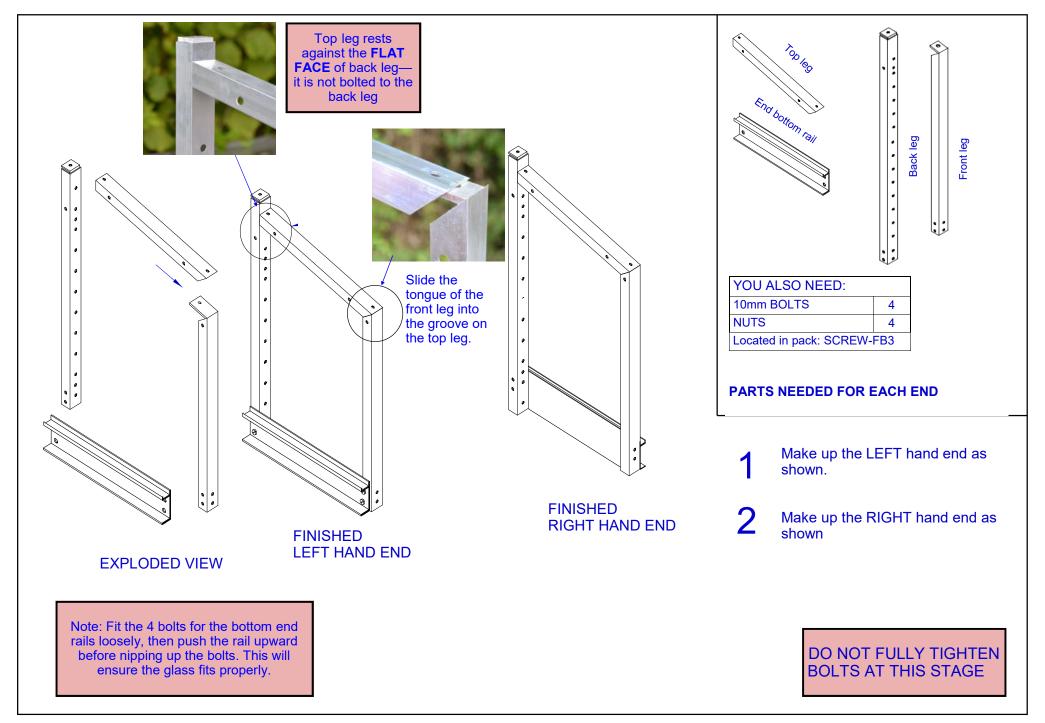
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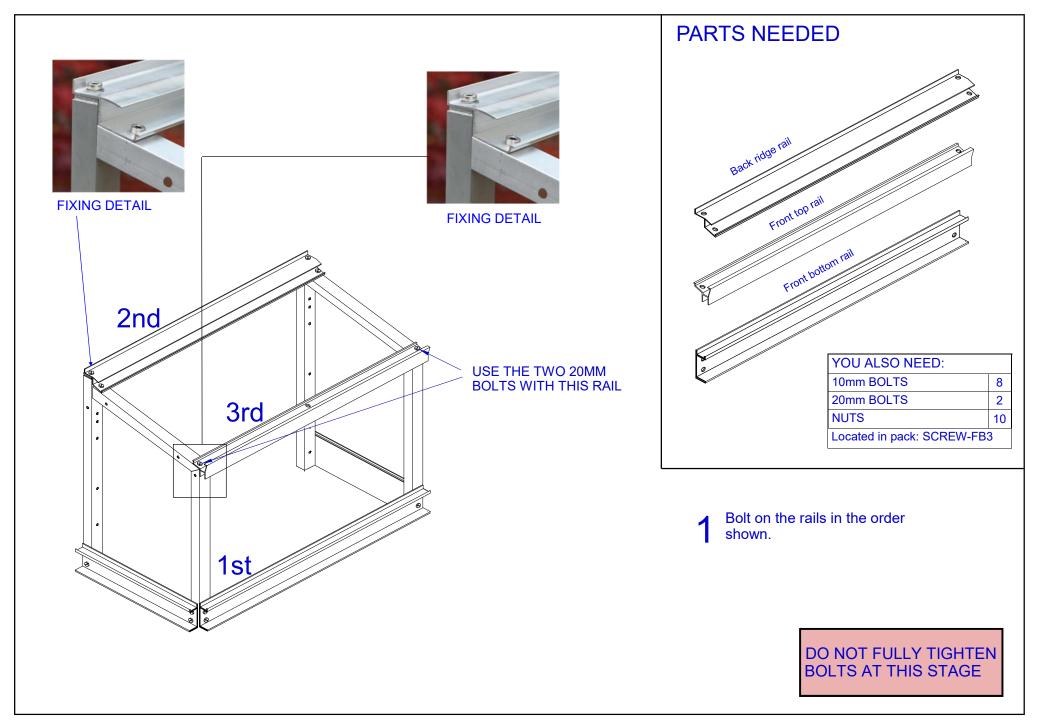
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# **1** SQUARING THE FRAME

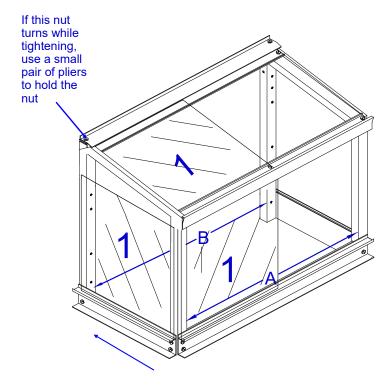
Carefully use a piece of glass to square the unit up as shown. Slacken the nuts if necessary to move the framework into a square position.

Page 11 gives instructions on how to fit the glass into the frame.

# IT IS ESSENTIAL TO GET THE FRAME SQUARE.

Ensure distance 'A' is equal to distance 'B' otherwise the shelves will not fit.

Carefully remove glass after squaring.



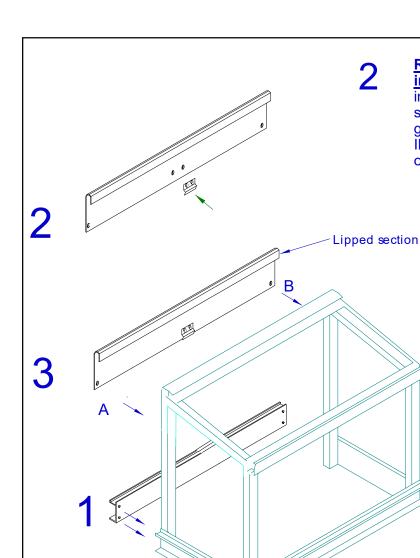
To check the squareness of the end, carefully place a sheet of glass in the channel of the bottom end rail. Do not let the sheet go.

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

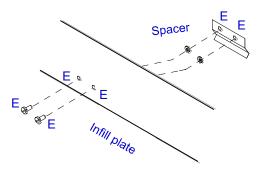
### **FULLY TIGHTEN ALL BOLTS**

otherwise the framework will quickly work loose.

PERIODICALY CHECK THE TIGHTNESS OF THE BOLTS



Remove the plastic protective film from the infill plate. 10mm bolts 'E' goes through the infill plate from the outside. Put a 3mm white spacer on each bolt before pushing on the glass bracket, then fit the nut. Glass bracket is INSIDE frame and will clamp onto the glass once the glass is in place.



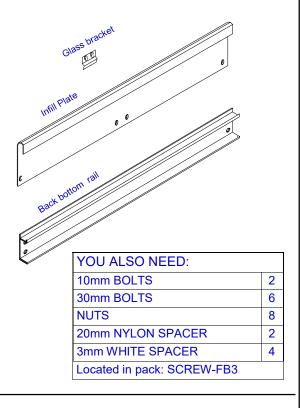






Nylon spacers on infill plate

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Place the lipped section over the upstand on the back rail. Push a long bolt through hole A, then fit a white 3mm spacer and a 20mm nylon spacer. Push the bolt into the frame and fit a nut on the inside of the frame.

Repeat for hole B at the other end. **Do not overtighten these bolts**.

FULLY TIGHTEN BOTTOM RAILS ONLY

Bolt on back bottom rail. Push long bolts through the back bottom rail and back leg, before passing through the leg and fitting nuts on the inside of the frame.

→ FIXING TO FLOOR

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

Turn the framework upside down and fit the 'L' brackets to the back legs using a nut and bolt.

**PARTS NEEDED** 

**Ground Fixing Pack FR-AKG** 

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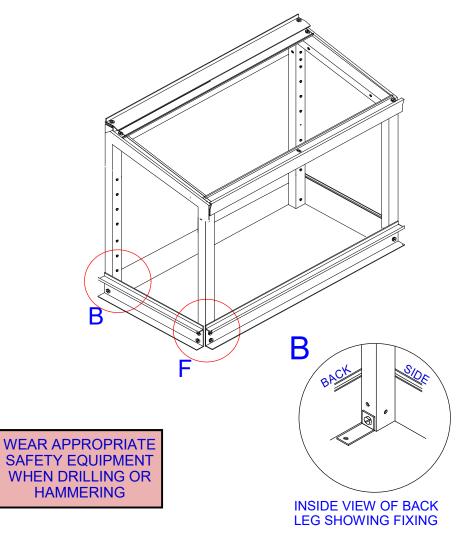
Place the framework in its final position and drill through the bracket with a 6mm masonry drill bit, to a depth of 35mm. Insert the red rawlplug, through the bracket and into the concrete.

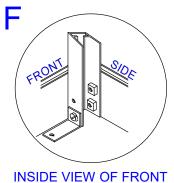
Using a woodscrew, screw through the 'L' bracket and into the rawlplug.

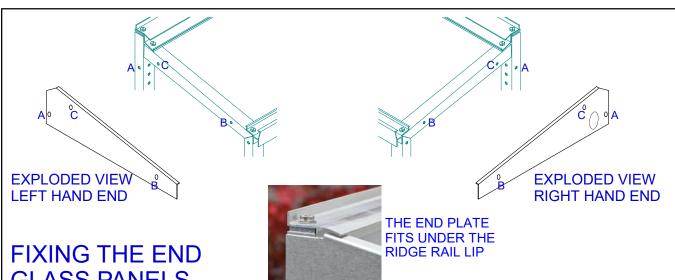
Repeat for other brackets.



Completed front bracket







PARTS NEEDED FOR EACH END

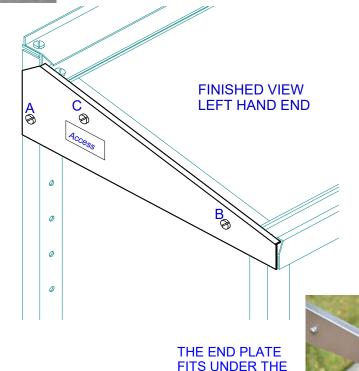
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YOU ALSO NEED:
10mm BOLTS
3
NUTS
3
3mm WHITE SPACER
2
BLACK GROMMET
1
Located in pack: SCREW-FB3

- GLASS PANELS

  To provide more rigidity to the end
  - panel of glass, use some clear outdoor silicone sealant to stick the two end sheets of glass in place.
  - Mark sure the frame is clean and dry before running a bead of silicone down the front and back leg.
  - Place a sheet of 610mm x 950mm glass into the channel of the end bottom leg, then gently push the glass against the sealant.
  - Once the glass has firmly stuck to the frame, fit the end plates.

Note: If the glass does not fit under the end plate, slacken the bolts on the bottom end rail and push it upwards.



- Remove any plastic protective film from the end plates and put 'Access' sticker on.
- Bolts 'A' and 'B' go through the end plate THEN have a 3mm spacer fitted BEFORE fitting to the frame.
- Bolt 'C' only goes through the end plate and the frame.
- A Repeat for the other end.
- One end plate will have a large hole in. Fit the black grommet into the hole.

DO NOT FULLY TIGHTEN BOLTS AT THIS STAGE

FRONT RAIL LIP

# FB4 models have 2 wide full length shelves as standard.

As an option, a standard shelf unit can also be added.

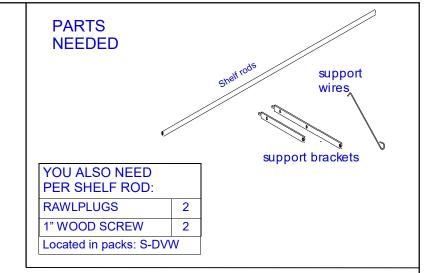
- Lightly tap rawlplug inserts into both ends of the tubular aluminium shelf rods with a hammer.
- Slide the two hooks onto the tube, as shown then screw the support bracket on at each end.

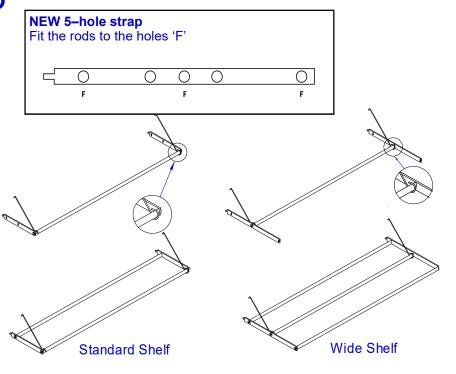
**?** Fit the other rods to the shelf.



**FITTING** 

Hook support wire into top hole, then swing shelf upward into the adjacent hole below.

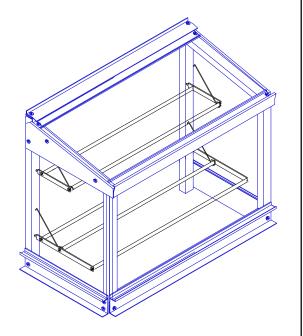




When the shelves are not needed they can either be removed or they can be unhooked from the lower fixing hole and hung flat against the back using the wires.

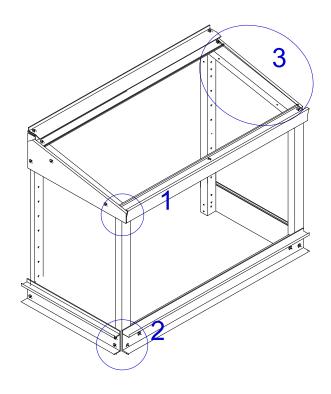


Bottom shelf hung flat against the back



Note: A Pozidrive screwdriver will fit the screws best

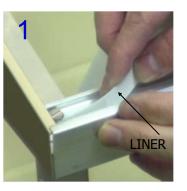
# FITTING THE CHANNEL LINER



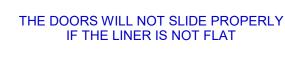
TIP: Before sticking the tape, clean the aluminium of any oil traces to promote adhesion.

The white liner (W66-2M) fits on the inside vertical face of top FRONT rail 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 FRONT bottom rail only. 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.



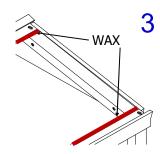
To make the top glass slide more easily, rub candle wax onto the glass bearers. Also wax



the black and white liners.









# FITTING THE HANDLES

When fitting the handles, place the glass on a table or timber battens.

NEVER PLACE THE GLASS DIRECTLY ON CONCRETE OR SLABS

# top edge of glass pane 180mm or 15mm

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

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

For the 950mm sheets, place the handle 180mm from the top edge of the glass. For the 610mm roof glass, place the handle 15mm from the top edge.

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

Work the handle fully onto the glass.

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

Always grip the handle in the CENTRE when sliding

## **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.

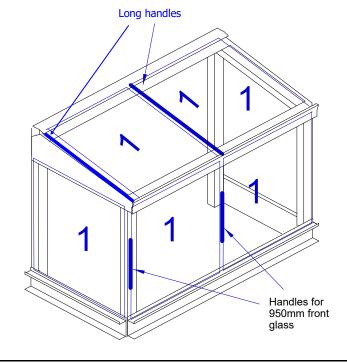
610mm sheets requiring handles	2
950mm sheets requiring handles	2

GLASS	FB4
610mm x 610mm 950mm x 610mm	2 6

**TIP:** Always grip the handle in the CENTRE when sliding



Work on handle from side edge



End and back glass have no handles

### FITTING HANDLES

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

# FITTING THE GLASS (FRONT AND TOP)

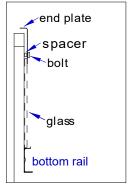
To fit the glass push the sheet into the deeper top channel, then lower into the bottom channel (C). Make sure the glass is firmly in the bottom channel before letting go. Always start glazing at the left hand end and overlap each subsequent pane by 1" (2cm)

### **END GLASS**

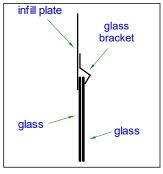
End glass should be fitted once the framework has been squared—see page 7. Fit a ring wedge (D) into the bottom glass channel - 1 per sheet.

### **BACK GLASS**

Slacken the four infill plate bolts and gently slide the first sheet in from the rear corner. Gently slide the other sheet in from the other end. The two sheets will overlap in the centre, behind the glass bracket (B). Carefully retighten the bolts. Fit a ring wedge (D) into the bottom glass channel - 1 per sheet.



A. End glass detail



B. End glass overlap detail



B. Glass bracket



C. Fitting the glass



D. Ring wedge (Located in pack: SCREW-FB3)

GLASS STICKS TOGETHER	This is normally due to the handles not being put on the correct side of the glass. See page 10 for details of where the handles should be fitted to the glass.
HANDLES COME OFF	As the handles are of a clamp design they can be pulled off if too much force is applied to them. If the glass has stuck together due to moisture, or if the glass does not slide smoothly, this will strain the handle and cause it to come off.
	Ensure that the channels and the glass are kept clean at all times to minimise the sliding force needed. Candle wax applied to the channel and the underside of the glass will also help the sliding action. Also check that the handles have been fitted correctly. See page 10 for full instructions.
	Sometimes the soft plastic gets a layer of dirt on it that prevents it from gripping the glass. If this is the case the handle will just slide on and slide off with almost no grip. If the handle comes off easily, take the handle off and wipe the two strips of very soft plastic with a damp cloth.
	If handles come off frequently either purchase some new handles from Access or use a glue such as 'liquid nails' or 'no more nails' to permanently glue the handles to the glass.
SHELVES WILL NOT FIT INTO THE BACK LEGS	Check that the back legs have been fitted the right way round - see page 2. Check that dimension A = B - see page 4.
FRAMEWORK MOVES AND GLASS FALLS OUT	If the nuts and bolts haven't been properly tightened, the framework will quickly become loose and move, even in light winds. In strong winds the glass will fall out. Remove the glass, resquare the frame, then <b>fully tighten all of the nuts and bolts</b> .

**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.

**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! If you can fix to a brick or stone wall, you will get extra heat storage during the day.

**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!