

# Duratuf SHEDS<sup>®</sup> GUARDIAN

## ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

**GG97**



**BASE SIZE: 2.690m x 2.020m**

## CHECK OUT OUR ASSEMBLY VIDEO

Let Keith and Justin show you how to build your Guardian shed like a professional.

When used in conjunction with these assembly instructions, Keith's practical tips and tricks will make your assembly experience much simpler. Giving you visual guidance through sections that seem tricky on paper, and helping you achieve a flawless end result.

To view the video visit [www.duratuf.co.nz/guardian-assembly](http://www.duratuf.co.nz/guardian-assembly)



**Note:** Assembly video features a GL57. But can be used for reference for any other Guardian model.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON PURCHASING A DURATUF GUARDIAN SHED.  
BEFORE YOU BEGIN THE ASSEMBLY PLEASE NOTE SOME IMPORTANT POINTS:**

**BEFORE YOU START:**

- *Read all instructions carefully*
- *Identify all parts and check quantities against parts list*
- *Select a level site*
- *Do not mark cladding with pencil as lead can cause corrosion to cladding*
- *During assembly, ensure all drill filings are removed between layers of steel, before riveting together*

**SAFETY:**

- *Do not attempt to build your shed in high winds*
- *Beware of sharp edges, we recommend that you use gloves*
- *Protect your eyes and ears*
- *For ease of assembly, use a friend to help*

**TOOLS REQUIRED:**



**DRILL**



**RIVETER**



**SQUARE DRILL BIT**



**3.5mm DRILL BIT**



**LADDER**



**HAMMER**



**NAIL PUNCH**



**TAPE MEASURE**



**HEX DRIVE**



**SKILL SAW**  
*(timber floor only)*

**WARRANTY REQUIREMENTS:**

*The following maintenance process needs to be adhered to, to qualify for the steel warranty of your Duratuf Guardian shed.*

- *Wash all surfaces annually using a hose and soft nylon brush.*
- *Within 2 km of coast – wash every 3 months as above. After a storm, wash the cladding and the gutters as soon as possible to remove any highly corrosive salt deposits.*
- *Volcanic Ash Fallout – wash as soon as possible, removing fall out from roof and gutters.*
- *Do not allow manures, chemicals or other corrosive materials to have direct contact with cladding.*

# GG97 PARTS LIST

## CLADDING + FLASHING + HARDWARE

## PACK 1

DESCRIPTION	QTY	DIAGRAM	CHECKED
Front & Back Wall - 1.890m	7		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Side Wall Angle- 1.920m	4		<input type="checkbox"/>
Side Wall Angle- 1.980m	4		<input type="checkbox"/>
Roof - 2.200m	5		<input type="checkbox"/>
Roof 1 Pan - 2.200	1		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Door Sheet Narrow - 1.850m	3		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Door Sides - 1.850m	4		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Door Jamb - 1.890m	2		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Door Brace - 1.160m	2		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Door Brace - 0.915	2		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Barge - 1.102m	4		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Ridge Cap - 1.550	2		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Weather-strip - 1.850	1		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Door Top/Bottom - 0.945m	2		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Door Top/Bottom - 0.495m	2		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Jack Studs - 45 x 30 0.200m	2		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Hardware Pack	1		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Touchup Paint & Brush	1		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Packed by:




Checked by:

Date:

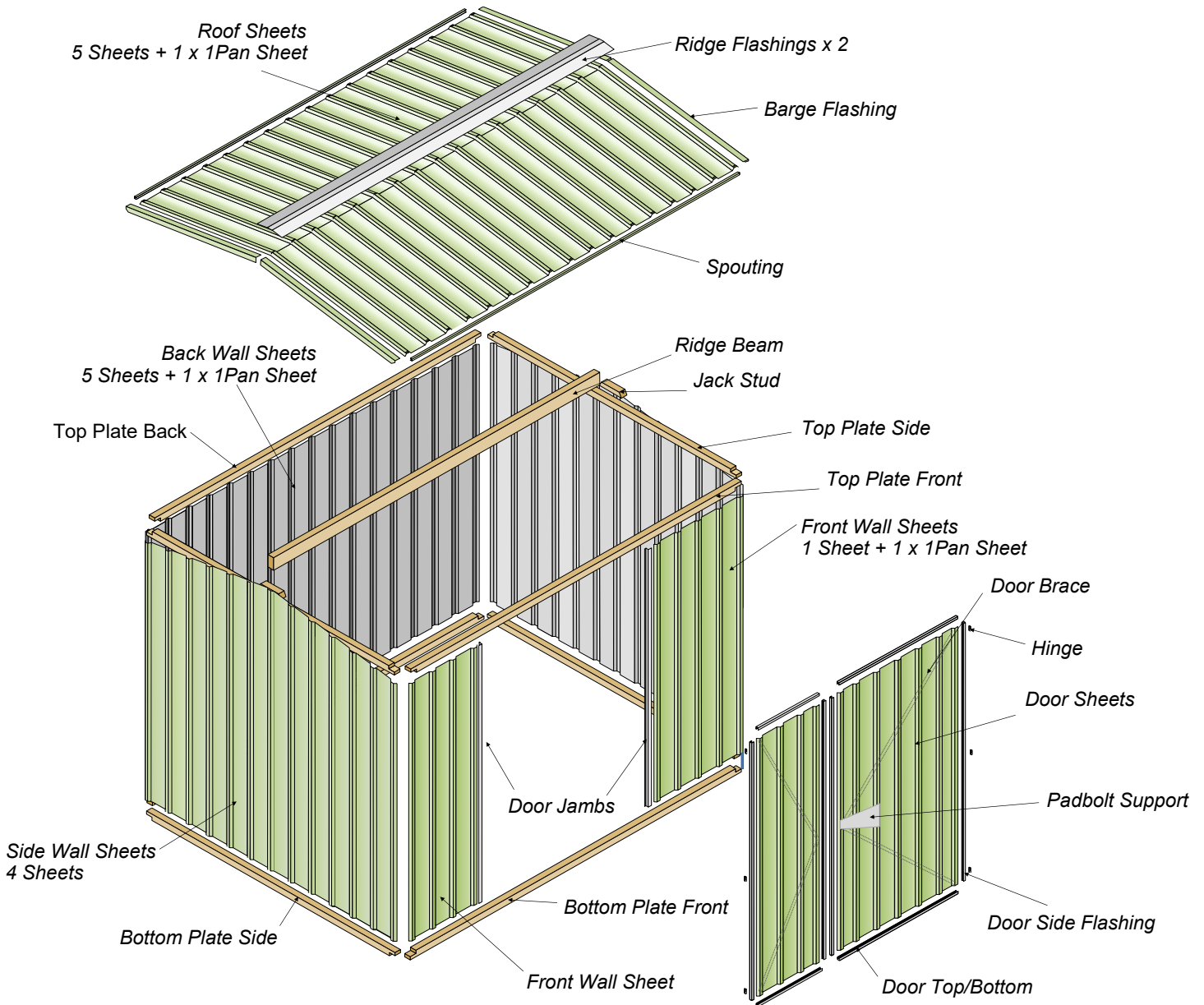
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### TIMBER

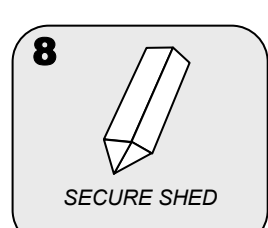
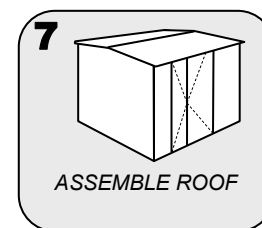
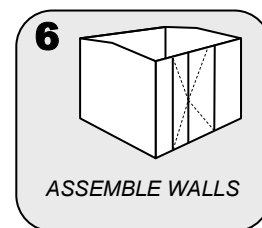
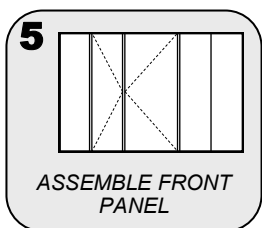
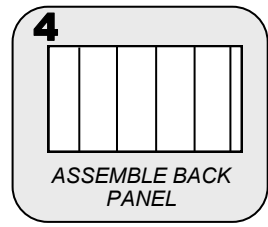
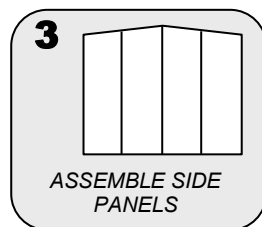
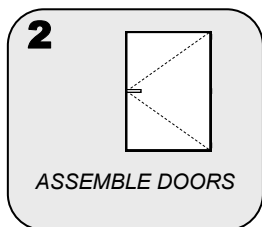
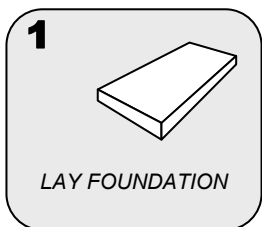
### PACK 2

DESCRIPTION	QTY	DIAGRAM	CHECKED
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<i>Front &amp; Back Top Plate - H1 (Red)</i> 2.690 m	2		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Side Wall Bottom Plates - H4 (Green)</i> 2.020 m	2		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Side Wall Top Plates - H1 (Red)</i> 2.020 m	2		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Ridge Beam - 90 x 45</i> 2.690m	1		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Spouting - 2.725m</i>	2		<input type="checkbox"/>

# PARTS LOCATION



# QUICK OVERVIEW





No doubt by now you will have decided what sort of base you are putting down. Please read the section that applies to your situation.

If you choose to pour a concrete base you will need to decide whether you wish to raise the base plate of your shed. This allows the cladding to protrude below the surface of the concrete and ensures a water tight pad.

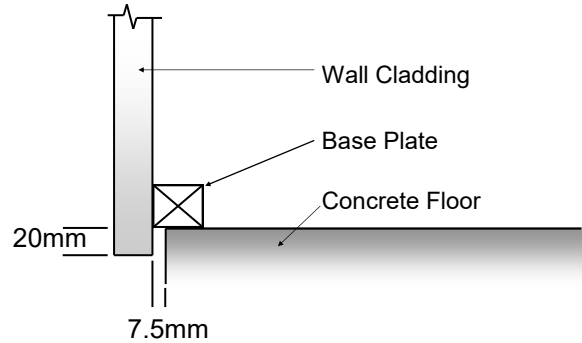
See concrete pad specifications below

By choosing this option you will need to make the concrete pad to the specification below.

## RAISED BASE PLATE OPTION

(For sheds placed on a raised concrete floor)

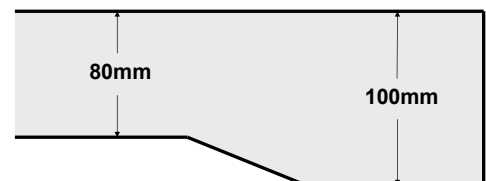
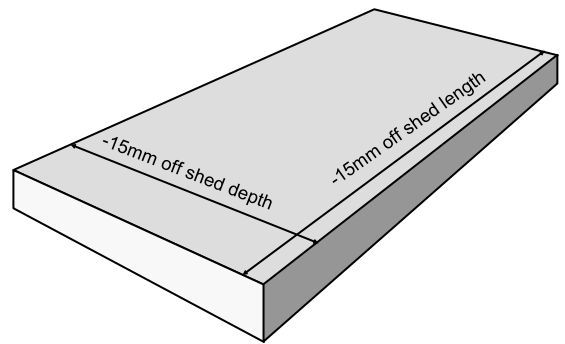
- During construction, you may raise the bottom timber plate to allow the wall cladding to protrude 20mm below the bottom plate. This will stop water flowing between the bottom plate and the concrete floor. See note on page 8.



## CONCRETE SLAB FOR RAISED BASE PLATE SHED

To build a raised concrete slab for your shed to sit on, we recommend the following:

- The raised slab size should be 15mm smaller than the base size of the shed and at least 30mm above ground line.
- The slab should be 80mm thick in the middle and 100mm thick around the edges.
- The slab should be laid on a solid or compacted base.
- Plastic sheeting under slab will prevent moisture coming through from underneath.



## GUARDIAN WOODEN FLOOR

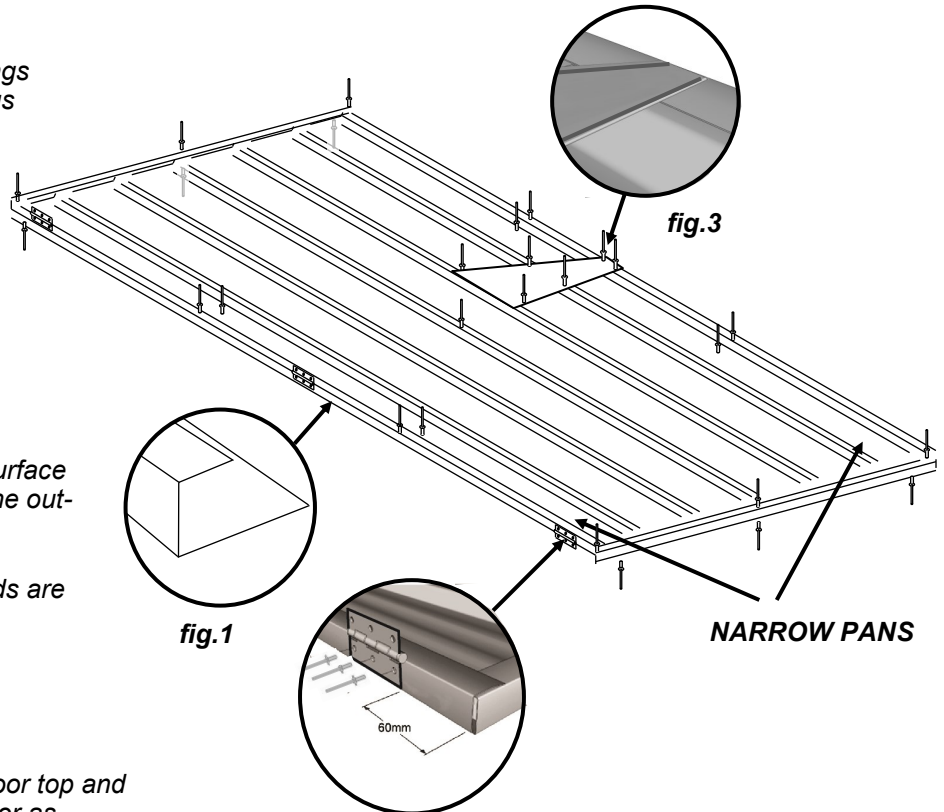
- The optional Guardian kitset wooden floor is precut and designed to be fitted into the shed after the shed is assembled.
- Assemble shed as per instructions and fit floor last. (see page 13 for details).





## SELECT:

- 3 x 1.850 m Door Sheets (Narrow)
- 2 x 0.945 m Door Top/Bottom Flashings
- 2 x 0.495m Door Top/Bottom Flashings
- 4 x 1.850m Door Side Flashings
- 2 x 1.160m Door Brace Flashings
- 2 x 0.915m Door Brace Flashings
- 6 x Hinges
- 1 x Padbolt Support Flashing
- 108 x Rivets



## STEP 1:

- Lay out 2 x door sheets on a flat surface making sure narrow pans are on the out-side.
- Rivet sheets together ensuring ends are flush with each other.

## STEP 2:

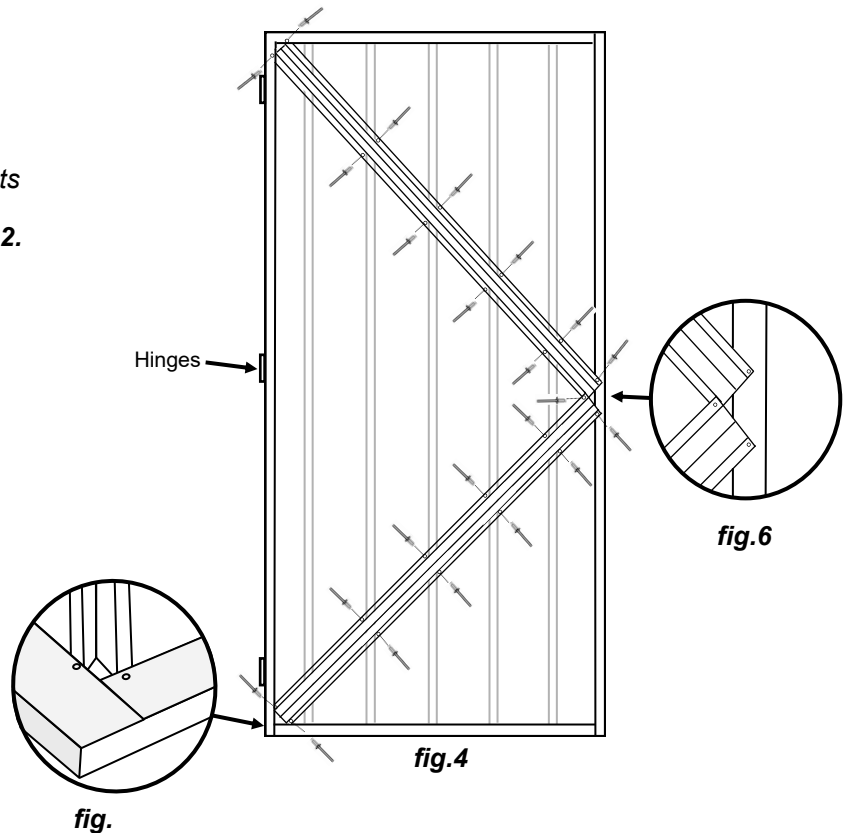
- Position door side flashings and door top and bottom flashings and assemble door as shown, ensuring narrow face of flashing is on the front as per fig.1
- Drill and rivet as per diagram.

## STEP 3:

- Attach hinges to door side flashing using rivets provided. Ensure hinge is flush with back of door, and 60mm in from each end as per fig.2.
- Using six rivets, attach padbolt support as shown in fig.3.

## STEP 4:

- On the back of the door, place door braces in position as shown in fig.4.
- Ensure that the top and bottom ends of the braces are under the door flashings as shown in fig.5 and opposite ends of the braces overlap in the middle as shown in fig.6.
- Rivet door brace flashings onto back of door as shown. Where possible, rivet from



## SMALL DOOR:

- Assemble small door in same way as large door using 0.495 m top and bottom flashings.
- Before screwing on 0.915m door braces, attach weather strip flashing to back of door side flashing using six rivets ensuring it protrudes 20mm out from door side.





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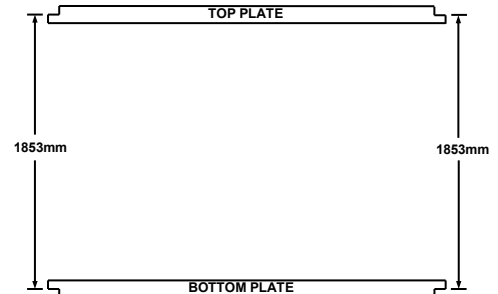
- 4 x 1.920 m Gable Wall Sheets (Angled)
- 4 x 1.980 m Gable Wall Sheets (Angled)
- 2 x 2.020 m Top Plates (Red)
- 2 x 2.020 m Bottom Plates (Green)
- 96 x 30mm Galv Clouts
- 12 x Rivets

## IMPORTANT—IF YOU CHOOSE TO RAISE YOUR TIMBER BASE PLATE —READ THE FOLLOWING;

For sheds with Raised Base Plate option only (see page 6), deduct 30mm from measurement shown between Top and Bottom Plates on all wall panels, so cladding protrudes 20mm below bottom plate. i.e. reduce 1850mm to 1820mm between Plates.

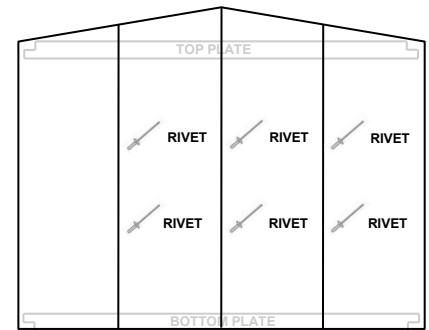
## STEP 1:

- Lay out 1 x Top plate and 1 x Bottom plate on a flat surface as shown (corner cut-outs to face outwards). **Measurements between Top and Bottom plates are critical to ensure wall panels fit together.**



## STEP 2:

- Place 2 x 1.920 m wall sheets and 2 x 1.980 m wall sheets on top of timber plates with bottom of sheets flush with each other.
- Rivet sheets together on overlaps as shown.



## STEP 3:

- Nail wall sheets to the Top Plate at each end making sure that the top corners of the sheets are flush with the top of the Top Plate and that the sides of the wall sheet overhang the Top Plate by approx 15mm as shown.
- Check that the Top Plate is straight then nail the Wall sheet to the Top Plate, 2 clouts per pan. (see fig. 1).

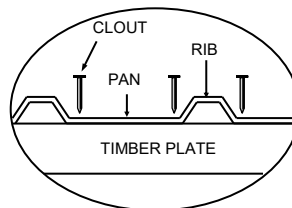
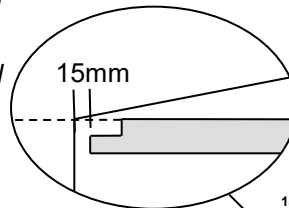
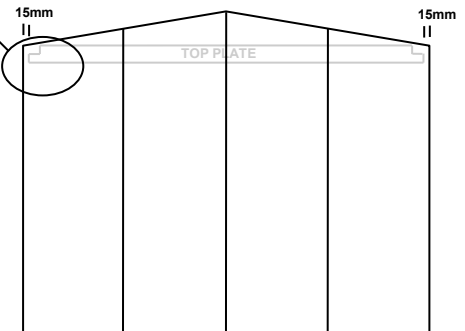


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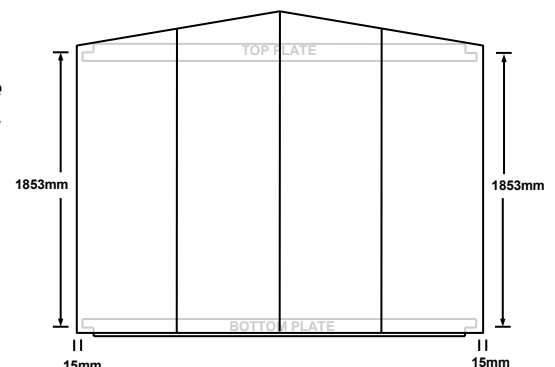
**Standard Shed — Bottom Plate will protrude below wall sheet by approximately 10mm.**

**Raised base plate shed — Wall sheet will protrude below the Bottom Plate by 20mm.**



## STEP 4:

- Nail the wall sheets to the Bottom Plate at each end ensuring each side of wall sheets overhangs the end of Bottom Plate by 15mm. Check that the distance between the Top and Bottom Plates is correct. (As per diagram in step 1)
- Check that the Bottom Plate is straight then nail the wall sheets to the Bottom Plate, two clouts per pan (see fig. 1).



**REPEAT THESE STEPS TO MAKE SECOND SIDE WALL PANEL**

# ASSEMBLE BACK PANEL



## SELECT:

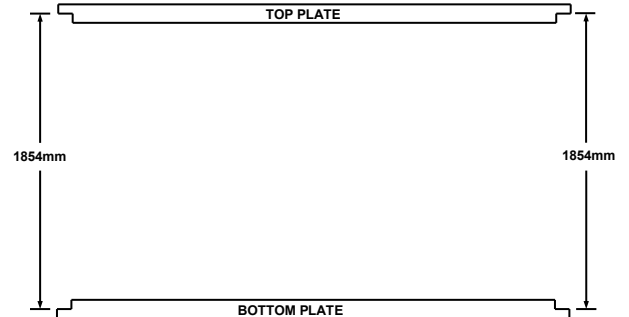
- 5 x 1.890 m Wall Sheets
- 1 x 1.890 m 1 Pan Wall Sheet
- 1 x 2.690 m Top Plate (Red)
- 1 x 2.690 m Bottom Plate (Green)
- 64 x 30mm Galv Clouts
- 10 x Rivets

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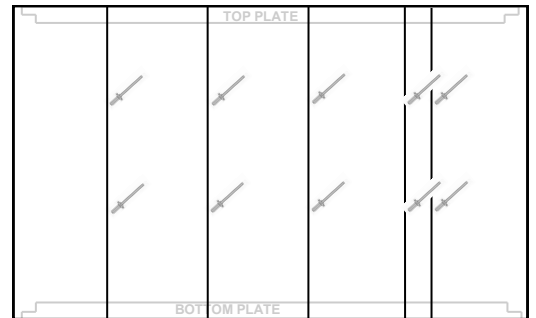
## STEP 1:

- Lay out 1 x Top Plate and 1 x Bottom Plate on a flat surface as shown (corner cutouts to face inwards).



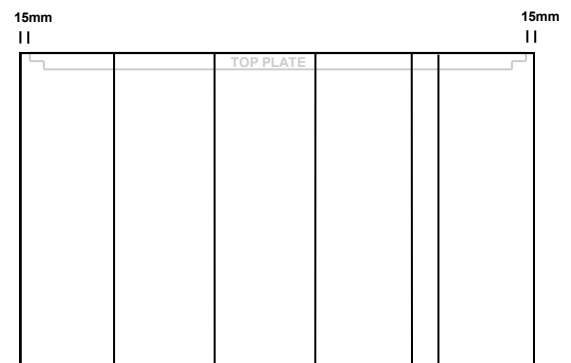
## STEP 2:

- Place 5 x 1.890 m wall sheets and 1 x 1.890 m 1 pan wall sheet on top of timber Plates with bottom of sheets flush with each other.
- Rivet the sheets together on overlaps as shown.



## STEP 3:

- Nail the wall sheets to the Top Plate at each end making sure that the top of the sheets are flush with the top of the Top Plate and that the sides of the wall sheets overhang the Top Plate by 15mm as shown.
- Check that the Top Plate is straight then nail wall sheets to the Top Plate, using two clouts per pan.

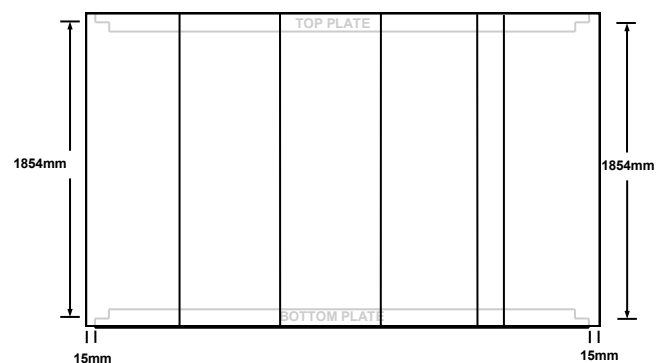


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## STEP 4:

- Nail the wall sheets to the Bottom Plate at each end, ensuring that each side of the wall sheets overhangs the Bottom Plate by 15mm and that the distance between the Top and Bottom Plates is correct. (As shown)
- Check that the Bottom Plate is straight then nail wall sheets to the Bottom Plate, using two clouts per pan.





## SELECT:

- 2 x 1.890 Wall Sheets
- 1 x 1.890 1 Pan Wall Sheet
- 1 x 2.690 Top Plate (Red)
- 1 x 2.690 Bottom Plate (Green)
- 2 x 1.890 Door Jamb Flashings
- 32 x 30mm Galv Clouts
- 28 x Rivets

## STEP 1:

- Lay out 1 x Top Plate and 1 x Bottom Plate on a flat surface as shown

**NOTE:** The Doorway is standard at 530mm from left-hand end. To shift the doorway to the right-hand side of the front wall, simply measure 530mm from the right-hand end.

## STEP 2:

- Using 2 x 30mm clouts, nail the Door Jamb Flashing flush with the top of the Top Plate at the correct measurement as shown in plan view. Pre drill holes using a 3.5mm drill bit
- Check the distance between the top and bottom plates then use a further 2 x 30mm clouts to nail the Door Jamb Flashings to the bottom Plate. Pre drill holes.

## STEP 3:

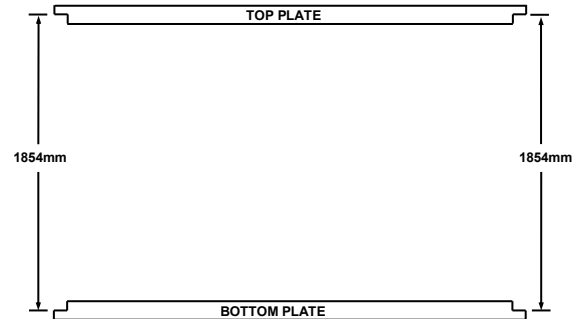
- Place 2 x Wall Sheets & 1 x 1pan sheet on timber, ensuring wall sheets fit underneath door jamb flashings.
- Ensure that the top of the sheets are flush with the top of the Top Plate and that the sides of the wall sheets overhang the Top Plate by 15mm as shown. Nail wall sheets to Top Plate (two clouts per pan)
- Nail the wall sheets to the Bottom Plate making sure that the Plates are the correct distance apart and that the sides of the wall sheets overhang the Bottom Plate by 15mm.
- Drill & rivet Door Jamb Flashings to wall sheets using four rivets equally spaced on each side.

## STEP 4:

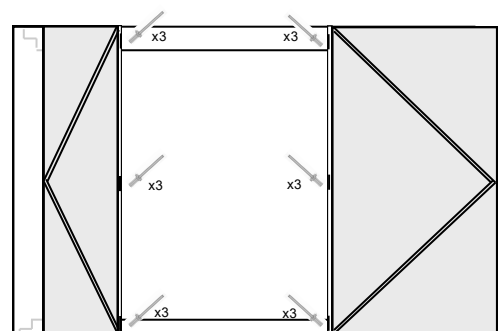
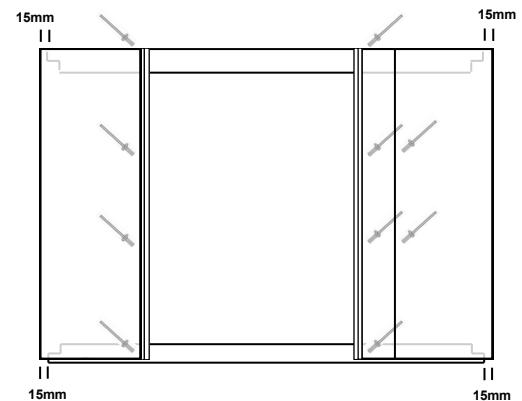
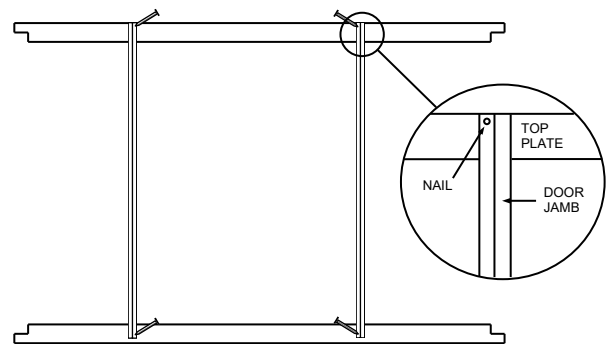
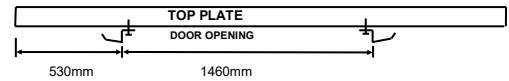
- Place the doors on the panel (In open position, approx 20mm below top of top plate). Using 4 x rivets, rivet the top and bottom hinges of each door to the Door Jamb Flashing, ensuring door closes properly.
- Fit remaining rivets.

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Plan View



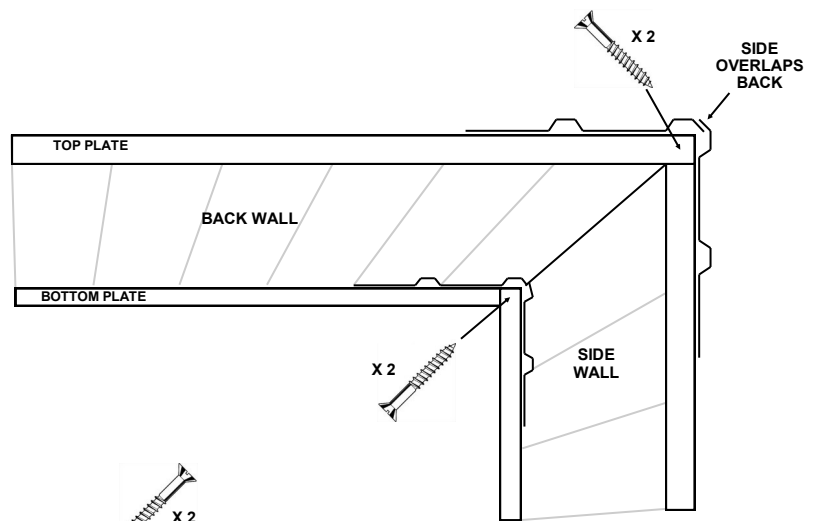


## SELECT:

- 4 x Pre-made Wall Panels
- 16 x 40mm Screws
- 16 x Rivets

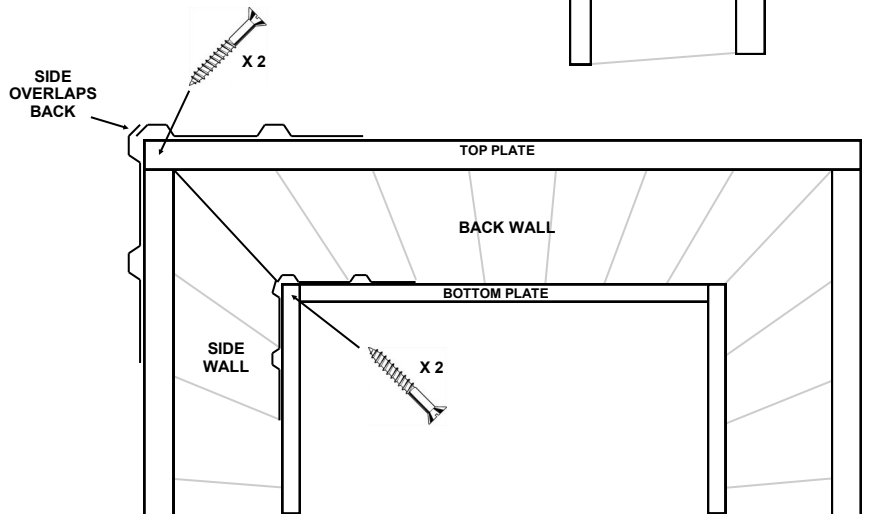
## STEP 1:

- Stand the Back Panel and the Side Panel up using someone to support the panels while they are screwed together.
- Before fixing, ensure that the Side Panel overlaps the Back Panel.
- Using 4 x 40mm screws (2 per joint) screw the Top and Bottom Plates together in the corners.



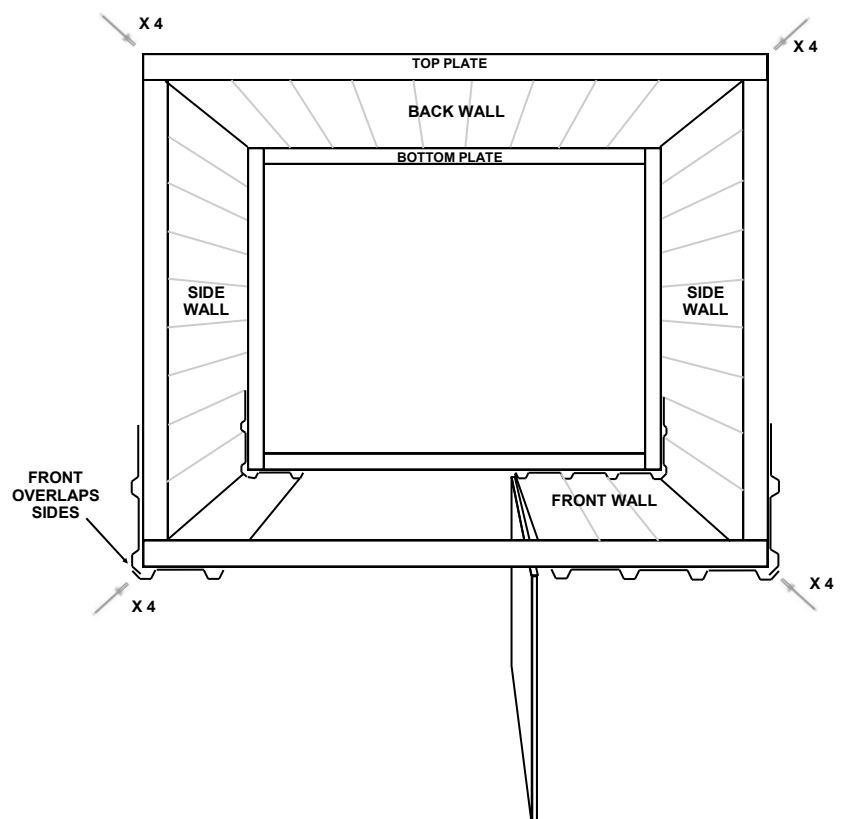
## STEP 2:

- Repeat Step 1 with the second Side Panel, ensuring that the Side Panel overlaps the Back Wall Panel.



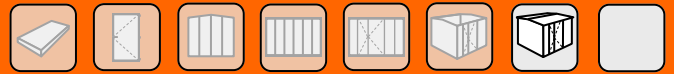
## STEP 3:

- Stand up the Front Wall Panel.
- Ensure that the Front Wall Sheets overlap the Side Wall Sheets.
- Using 8 x 40mm screws, screw the Top and Bottom Plates together.



## STEP 4:

- Rivet the wall sheets together at the corners using 4 equally spaced rivets as shown.



## SELECT:

- 5 x 2.200 m Roof Sheets
- 1 x 2.200 m 1 Pan Roof Sheet
- 2 x 2.725 m Spouting
- 4 x 1.102 m Barges
- 2 x 1.555 m Ridge Cap
- 1 x 2.690 m Ridge Beam
- 2 x 0.200 m Jack Studs
- 8 x 75mm Screws
- 37 x 55mm Roofing Screws
- 66 x Rivets
- 4 x 50mm Clouts

## IMPORTANT—FOR SHEDS WITH OPTIONAL CLEAR ROOF PANEL

Assemble as below, making sure that the Clear Roof Sheets overlap the standard roof sheets on both sides. The Clear Roof Panel must be secured to the Top Plate and the Ridge Beam. Pre drill and fasten with the 55mm roofing screws provided..

## STEP 1:

- Place the Ridge Beam on a level surface and use 2 x 75mm screws to secure the Jack Studs to the underside of the Ridge Beam, one at each end (**fig. 1**).
- Turn the Ridge Beam /Jack Stud assembly over and place it on the timber Top Plate in a central position.
- Secure with 2 x 75mm screws through the top of the Jack Studs into the Timber Top Plate (**fig. 2**).

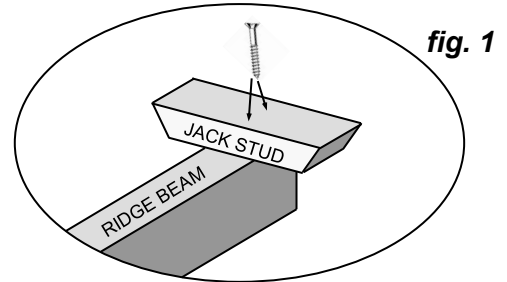


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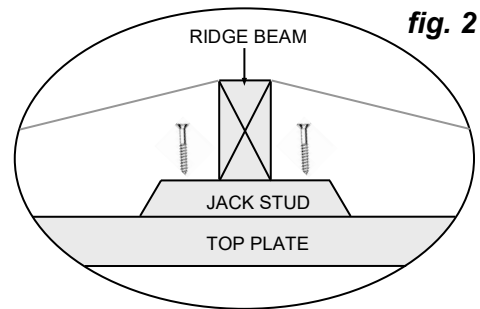
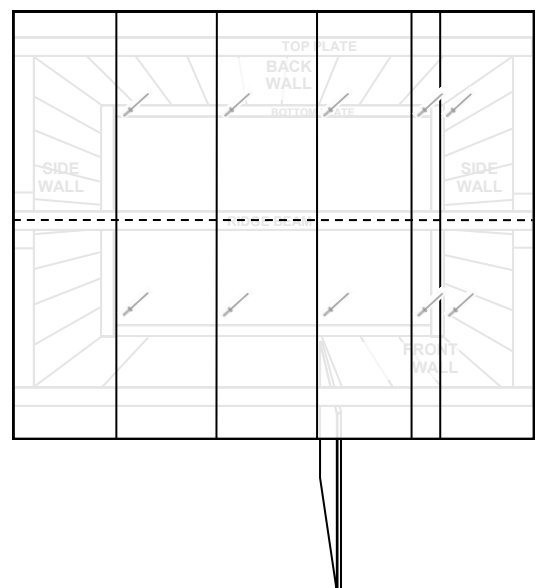


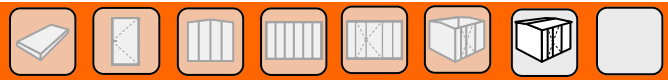
fig. 2

## STEP 2:

- Position the first roof sheet with the centre slots over the middle of the Ridge Beam. Gently fold the roof sheet over the Ridge Beam so that the ends touch the front & back Top Plates.
- Repeat with second roof sheet.
- Rivet sheets together at overlaps, one rivet either side of the ridge beam (**fig. 3**).
- Repeat with remaining roof sheets

fig. 3





## IMPORTANT

Use 50mm Clouts only on ribs covered by flashings, shown in fig.2. Pre-drill holes using a 3.5mm drill bit. Use Roofing Screws on all other ribs and pans. Ensuring screws are not overtightened as this can damage the seal and cause the shed to leak.

### STEP 3:

- Ensure shed is sitting level and square.
- Beginning from the left hand end (looking from front) centralise the Roof sheets on the Ridge Beam.
- Ensure that the Roof is tight against the Gable Wall Sheets. Screw 1 x 55mm Roofing screw through the 1st pan into the Ridge Beam. (a - fig.2).
- At the back left hand corner, (from front) line up the ribs on the Roof Sheet with the ribs on the Wall Sheet then using 1 x 50mm Clout, pre-drill and nail Roof Sheet through the rib into the Top Plate. (b- fig.2.) Repeat at the front left hand corner. (c - fig.2).

### STEP 4:

- Centralise the Roof at the other end (R/H end) with the Ridge Beam.
- Using 1 x 55mm Roofing Screw, fix roof sheet through the pan, to the other end of Ridge Beam. (d-fig.2).
- Using 2 x 50mm Clouts fix sheet through rib to front & back Top Plates. (e-fig.2).
- Ensure that the Ridge Beam is straight, screw roof sheets to ridge beam beside each overlap, through the pan using 4 x 55mm Roofing screws.
- Ensure the Front and Back Top Plates are straight. Screw the roof sheets to the front & back Top Plates, through the ribs, using 1 x Roofing Screw per rib. (fig.1).

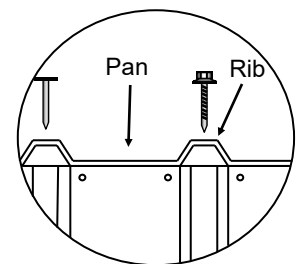


fig.1



### STEP 5:

- Place barge flashings on roof at end of shed ensuring the diagonal trimmed end is facing out. (See diagram on pg 5)
- Rivet the Barge Flashings to the roof and the side wall, using four rivets on top of barge and four into the side (fig.3).

### STEP 6:

- Rivet the 2 Ridge Caps together using 4 rivets, so total flashing is 2.720m long. Rivet the Ridge Cap to the centre of the roof using 8 x rivets as shown (fig.2).

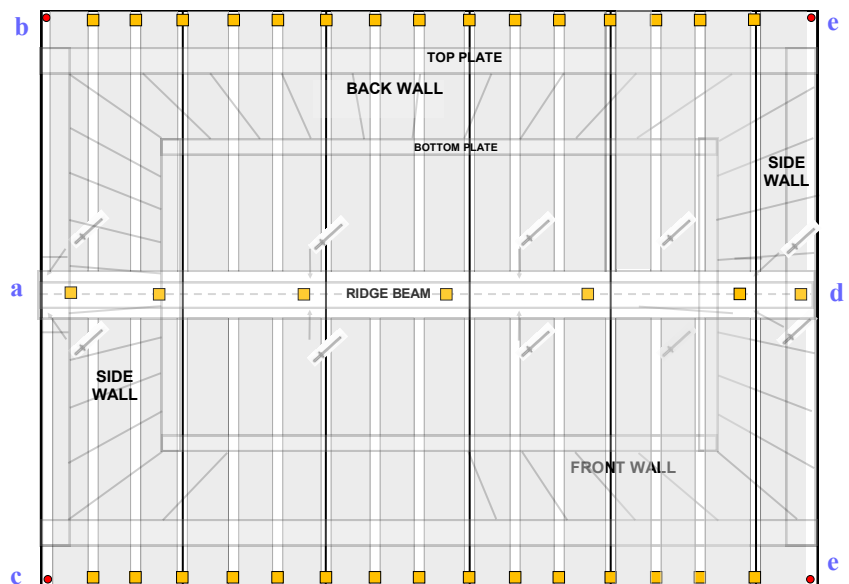


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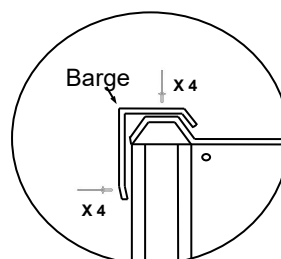


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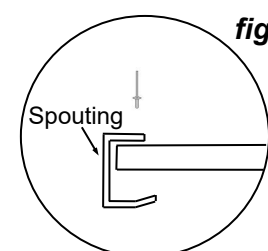
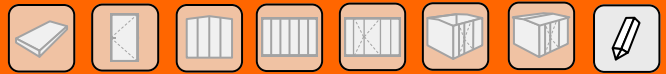


fig.4

### STEP 7:

- Place spouting in position and rivet to Barge Flashings at each end and rivet to roof sheets (1 rivet per 1 sheet) (fig.4).



Secure your shed using Treated Timber Pegs or a Bolt Down Kit

## TIMBER PEGS—WOODEN FLOOR

- The optional Duratuf Timber Peg Down Kit includes six H5 treated timber pegs that can be hammered into the ground and then attached to the Base Plate with stainless steel screws. A Guardian timber floor can then be fitted on top of the Base Plate if required.



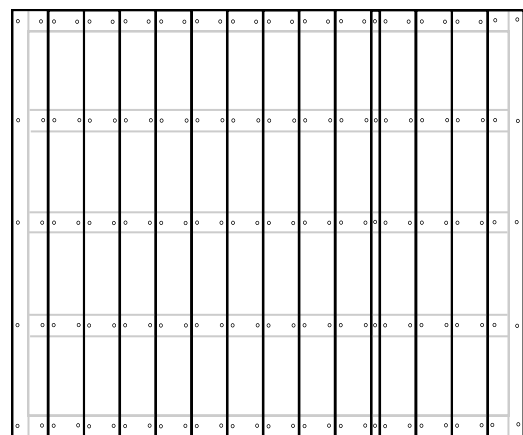
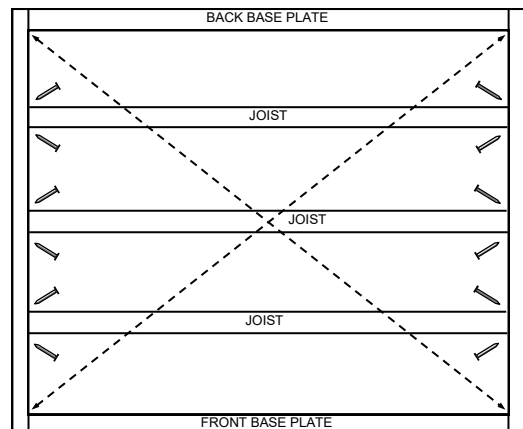
## BOLT DOWN KIT—CONCRETE

- The optional Duratuf Bolt Down Kit includes 6 x galvanised brackets, screws and dynabolts.
- Space the brackets evenly around the shed and fix to the Bottom Plate and the concrete slab. A 10mm masonry drill bit is required.



## FITTING A GUARDIAN FLOOR KIT (OPTIONAL)

- Position the Floor Joists centrally between the side Base Plates and skew nail each end with two 75mm nails.
- Check that the shed is sitting level and square. Check that the diagonal Bottom Plate measurements are the same. This ensures that the shed base is square.
- Place the Floor Boards in position. (You may need to cut the last Floor Board to the correct width using a Skill Saw.) Nail each Floor Board in, using two 50mm nails each end and two nails into each floor joist.



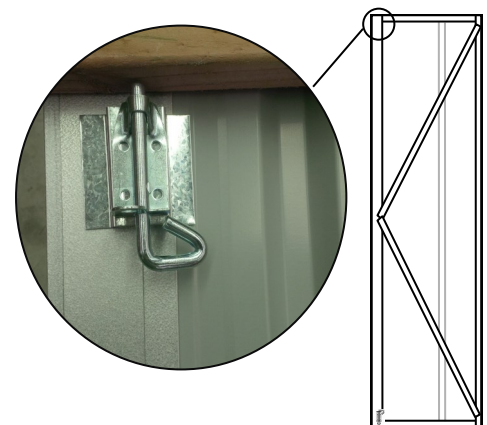
## FIT FRONT PADBOLT

- Rivet Padbolt to door and keeper onto Door Side as shown.



## FIT BACK PADBOLT

- Rivet back pad bolts to pad bolt supports then rivet pad bolt supports to back of small door (Top and bottom)
- Using 10mm drill bit, drill hole into top and bottom timber plates



## IMPORTANT— CLEAN UP

REMOVE ALL DRILL FILINGS FROM ROOF, WALLS AND CHANNELS THOROUGHLY. FAILURE TO DO THIS WILL RESULT IN CORROSION AND COULD THEREFORE VOID THE WARRANTY.

**YOUR DURATUF GUARDIAN SHED IS NOW COMPLETE. RELAX.....**



## 20 YEAR WARRANTY

Riverlea Group Ltd warrant that the cladding used in the manufacture of the Guardian shed will not rust within 20 years from the date of purchase.

Any liability for product failure that may arise will be limited to repair or replacement of the defective product and will only apply for the benefit of the original purchaser. Riverlea Group Limited will not be liable for any consequential loss or damage, labour, or transport charges.

This warranty is conditional on:

- Construction, installation and maintenance being carried out as specified in the Assembly Instruction Manual.
- The shed being installed in modest inland corrosion zones or areas where the steel corrosion rate is less than 200g/m<sup>2</sup> (as published by Branz).
- Warranty certificate being returned to manufacturer within 21 days of purchase together with proof of purchase.

This warranty does not cover the following:

- Fastenings and fixings.
- Normal wear and tear, damage by impact or acts of God.
- Situations where the shed has been used for storage of chemicals, manure or corrosion causing products.
- Unauthorized modification of the structure, including painting of the cladding.

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## WARRANTY REGISTRATION

Please visit <http://www.riverleagroup.co.nz/warranty-garden-sheds> to validate the Warranty on your shed. Click on the Warranty Registration Link and complete all details.

If you are unable to access the computer, please phone us on 0800 438 274 and one of the customer services team will help you to activate the warranty on your garden shed.

***Many thanks, from the Team at Riverlea Group.***

