

## **Please read this document in full at least once before assembling your Horti Hood MINI 180°.**

**Thank you for purchasing this product.**

**Although it is perfectly feasible to assemble the product on your own, we recommend you have someone help you, to make it easier and minimise the chance of damage.**

In the pack you should have:

- 1 x main clear plastic cover
- 7 x sets of fibreglass poles
- Nylon guy ropes
- Steel pegs

### **Installation and Maintenance**

Unpack the main clear plastic cover and lay it out on the ground for a few minutes to allow it to unfold. Ensure that the side of the cover with the green, arc-shaped sleeves is facing out.

You will find that the cover has 7 green, arc-shaped fabric sleeves through which the fibreglass poles must be inserted. Locate one of the openings in the first of the fabric sleeves. Put together the first two or three sections of one of the fibreglass poles and carefully slide it through the sleeve.

Keep building and gently pushing the poles through the sleeve taking care not to damage the fabric. This task is easier with two people – one connecting the poles and gently pushing them through, the other guiding the end and feeding the poles through the sleeves. The tension in the poles will increase as they start to form an arch.

**Tip: *Don't try to push the fibreglass poles through the sleeves... but rather feed the fabric over the poles.***

Once the fibreglass pole is through to the other end of the sleeve, insert one of the 7 metal pole-pins (you will find these at each corner of the main cover) into the hollow metal pole end section. Ensure that the sleeve is spread out evenly along the length of the poles. Do not use excessive force as this can damage the poles or the fabric. Now, at the other end of the sleeve, with the fibreglass pole under tension do the same again – insert one of the 7 metal pole-pins into the opposite pole end section.

Now repeat the process for the other sets of fibreglass poles until all 7 fibreglass poles are inserted through the arc sleeves with the metal pole-pins inserted into the hollow metal pole end sections. Inserting the first pole will take bit of effort, though this will get easier as the HortiHood begins to take shape.

**Note:** *The poles are connected by elastic to help keep them together. Should the elastic break, the poles can still be pushed together and inserted into the sleeves without affecting their performance. The purpose of the elastic is simply to group the sections of the poles together whilst packaged, it contributes nothing to the structural integrity. Broken inner elastic does not constitute a fault and will not be accepted as reason for return or refund.*

Install on level ground. You can peg the product down at the bottom using the metal eyelets, loops and the steel pegs supplied. Nylon guy ropes may also be attached to the eyelet at the top of the centre arc sleeve and pegged down to the ground securely to each side with the steel pegs supplied.

## **Cleaning**

The product may be cleaned with a mild soap solution. DO NOT use detergent as this can break down the fabric.

## **Safety**

- This product is designed and intended to be used only as a greenhouse / growhouse for the purpose of growing plants and should not be used for other purposes. It is not intended as a toy or a tent for people to sleep or play in. Do not allow children to play with this product and beware the danger of suffocation.
- Take care not to poke either yourself or others with the fibreglass poles when assembling the product. Fibreglass poles, particularly if broken can be very sharp – take care not to cut yourself or get in your eyes. Consider using gloves and eye protection when handling fibreglass poles.
- The fabric is FLAMMABLE. Keep this product well away from naked flames and sources of heat.
- This product should not be used for the storage or shelter of any electrical items.
- Do not keep pets or animals in the product.
- Take care when disassembling – when removing the fibreglass poles they will still be under tension – take care that you do not release them too quickly as they could spring out unexpectedly and cause injury or damage. Don't try to pull the poles out, carefully push them out while someone else feeds them through the fabric.

## **Using this product**

Although every effort has been made in the product's design and manufacture to limit the possibility of water ingress, please note that we don't guarantee it as 100% waterproof.

Please note there is a limit to how much weight the fibreglass poles and fabric can withstand. The product should not be used in heavy snow. **It is not designed to withstand heavy snowfall.** If it does snow, clear the snow off regularly to keep build-up to a minimum. Damage caused by snow does not constitute a fault and is not covered by the manufacturer's guarantee.

Please note it is possible that the fabric sleeves may fade in sunlight. The sleeves are manufactured from 210D Oxford polyester / polyurethane fabric – however we make no guarantee as to the longevity of the product since wear and tear will vary significantly depending on installation, Ultra Violet (UV) exposure, temperature variation, insect attack, snowfall etc. You may wish to consider extending the lifetime of the fabric sleeves by purchasing and applying a proprietary water-repellent and UV protective spray-on elastomer coating, such as "Nikwax" or other.

**Handy tip!** Once assembled we recommend that you spray the metal end pieces of the fibreglass rods, (particularly where they make contact with the metal pole pins) and also the brass eyelets with WD40 or similar to limit the possibility of corrosion.