## Identify the parts of your cage:

Front /Sides Panel - 1pc - wood frame, sides angle to the back at a 22.5 degree angle, aluminum will face inside cage

Back Panels - 2pcs - $1 / 4$ " thick laminate or $1 / 4$ "oak
Floor Panel - None for cages with pullout components, otherwise 1pc - 3/4" thick laminate, cut in the shape of cage footprint

Top - 1pc- Aluminum frame in the shape of cage footprint
Back Corner- L-shaped black aluminum with channels on both ends
Stand - 1pc -Pre-assembled wooden stand with bottom, dimensions will vary depending on your cage size, may or may not have a door.

Hood - 1pc - Pre-assembled wooden hood, no attached top or bottom, attached crown moldings are at the top, $1 / 4$ " thick lip along bottom. Dimensions will vary depending on your cage size, may or may not have a door. May be attached to top of cage front/side panel.

Back Support Braces - Long narrow strips of aluminum laminate

## If you have a pullout tray and/or floor, the appropriate track-work will be installed after your cage is completed.

## Step1. Placing the Stand

Things to consider: You will need access to the back of the cage to complete the final assembly step, and to attach the back of your hood. You will likely need to slide the cage into place; we recommend adhering heavy duty self-stick felt pads to the bottom of the stand to protect any hard floor surfaces. Many cages will not fit through a door once they are assembled. Please keep this in mind when choosing an assembly area.

Place preassembled stand near the final cage location. The stand has a lip $3 / 4$ " thick lip at the top which sticks out into the stand. The sides, front and the back of the cage will rest on this lip. The cage floor will also sit on this lip.

## Step 2. Attaching the Front/Sides Panel

In order to prevent damage to your enclosure, use two people for this step. Stand front/sides panel up and set it on the stand lip. Both ends of cage panel have a $1 / 4$ " channel running the height of panel. Align this channel with the channel in the top of stand. Making sure the channels on cage and stand are lined up, attach the cage panel with silver screws using ONLY the back-most hole on both sides. Check alignment of channel and proceed with the rest of the screws along bottom of cage panel.

## Step 3. Placing the Floor Panel

## If you have a pullout component such as a tray or floor, proceed to the next step.

In order to prevent damage to your enclosure, use two people for this step. Set the floor panel down on the stand lip. Gently snug floor panel up to the front/back panel. The channel on top of stand will be exposed after floor is in place. No screws are used during this step.

## Step 4. Installing the Back Panels

In order to prevent damage to your enclosure, use two people for this step. Each person will place a back panel on the back of the stand. If your back panel has a background, be careful not to catch the background edge on the channel lip; doing so may cause it to peel back. Carefully insert each back panel into channels on the front/side panel. Insert black L-shaped aluminum back corner onto both back panels and gently drop the panels into channel on top of stand. Check to make sure panels are completely inserted into all channels.

Secure the aluminum back-corner to top of stand using silver tapered-head screw. Insert screw through predrilled hole located on the back corner of stand. Insert screw from underneath stand top trim. Thread screw into back corner and snug it up. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN, wood may crack. You will secure the top of your aluminum once the cage top is installed.

## Step 5. Attaching the Top Panel

Carefully set the top panel onto the top of the cage. Top panel should drop down into cage slightly. When properly placed, the top panel holes will align with pre-drilled holes in wood. Use \#8-1/2" machine screws to attach the top panel to Front and Side Panels using pre-drilled holes. Use \#10 machine screws and T-nuts to attach top panel to back panels.

## Step 6. Installing the Hood Front/Sides Panel

Your hood front/sides panel may already be attached to your cage front/sides panel. In order to prevent damage to your enclosure, use two people for this step. Place the preassembled hood front/side panel on your cage with the crown moldings at the top. Fasten panel to cage with silver screws using pre-drilled holes. Insert screws from inside the unit. Your hood comes with two back pieces which are made of $1 / 4$ " thick wood. One of the wood panels has a block fastened to it. You will install these after the top is in place.

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## Step 7. Attaching the Hood Back Panels

Your hood comes with two back pieces which are made of $1 / 4$ " thick wood. One of the wood panels has a block fastened to it. Attach panel with block first using small flathead wood screws. Block should be over the back corner of cage, facing in. Attach second panel on both sides using small flathead wood screws.

## Step 8. Attaching Back Bracket

Back brackets keep you back panel from pulling out of the corner aluminum. Tape is extremely tacky and difficult to remove once placed...be sure you are clear on the location of the bracket. The smaller tab will be attached to the aluminum corner and the larger tab to each back panel. Peel off tape backing and position bracket mid-height on cage.

