

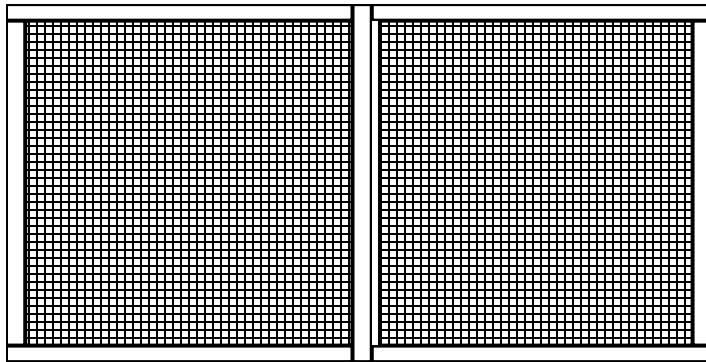
READ BOTH SIDES PRIOR TO INSTALLING

SHIPPED BEES

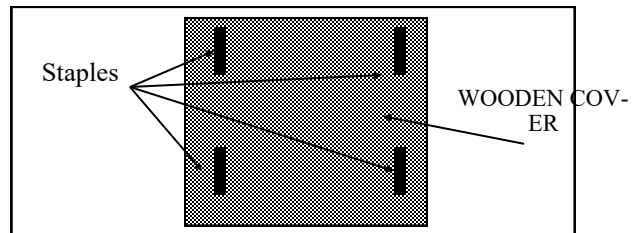


DIAGRAM A

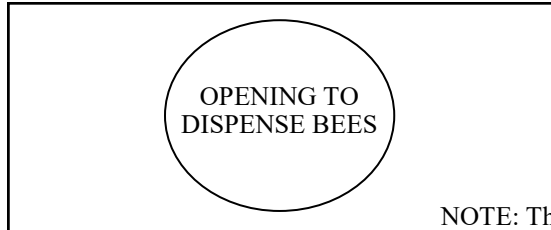
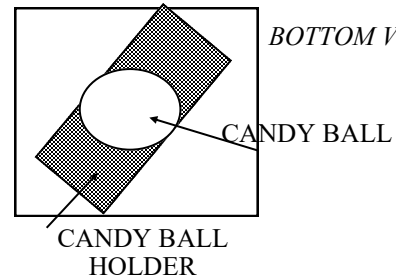
WOODEN HOUSING
BEE CAGE



TOP VIEW



BOTTOM VIEW



NOTE: The wooden housing bee cage is shipped inside an outer cardboard shipping container, you will need to carefully cut the tape on the shipping cage to access the wooden housing cage within.

STEP 1

Opening the Wooden Bee Cage

Prior to doing this step make sure your hive is set up and ready to go and you have read the Install Guide and are ready to install your bees. When you do this step it **WILL** release your bees and you need to be prepared to install them in the hive. See Above **Diagram A**

1. Install your bees late in the afternoon or early dusk.
2. Make sure you are wearing protective clothing-Suit and Gloves.
3. Make sure you are by your hive and are ready to install your bees.
4. You should have completed Steps 1-6 on the Installation Guide (OTHER SIDE).
5. Using your hive tool pry open the wooden cover. Making it loose. The wooden cover has been stapled closed, you will want to loosen the staples grip.
6. Return the wooden cover into place and begin with your installation.
7. You will start at steps 7-24 on the Install Guide.

DON'T WORRY IF THERE IS NOT ANY CANDY LEFT ON THE CANDY BALL OR THAT THERE IS A LOT OF CANDY LEFT, SOME BEES CONSUME MORE OR THAN OTHERS.

INSTALL GUIDE

Tools Needed

- Hive Tool
- Deep Box
- 9-10 Frames with Foundation
- 1 Feeder (inside, entrance or top)
- 1 Bottom Board
- Bee Suit
- Bee Gloves
- 1 Inner Cover
- 1 Top
- Hive Stand
- Small Pliers or Tweezers
- Marshmallow or Candy Fondant

1. Have your hive set up with 1 deep box 9-10 frames with foundation, feeder or your choice, bottom board, and have the inner cover and top set to the side while you install your bees.
2. We recommend that you use a hive stand so that your bees are elevated at least 12" of the ground.
3. Make sure your feeder is full of sugar water use a 1:2 ratio meaning 1 part water to 2 parts sugar. It will be a thick syrup.
4. Remove 4 of the Center frames and foundation and set to the side of the hive.
5. **AFTER** reading through this Install Guide view **Step 1**. **NOTE: You need to be ready to install your bees before doing any of Step 1.**
6. Gently tap your package of bees on the ground to drop the bees from the cluster.
7. You will use your hive tool to pry the Wooden Cover off in Step 1. As soon as it top Diagram B is free gently set the top across the opening to the bees. See Diagram B.
8. Find the METAL QUEEN CAGE TAB and lift the Tab and slide towards the OPENING TO DISPENSE BEES. At that time slide the Wooden Cover exposing the opening enough to remove the queen cage.
9. When the queen cage is clear of the Opening To Dispense Bees, place the Wooden Top back over the opening.
10. Review Diagram C.
11. Have a piece of marshmallow or candy fondant ready to insert and replace the cork bottom.

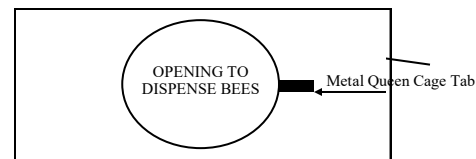


Diagram C

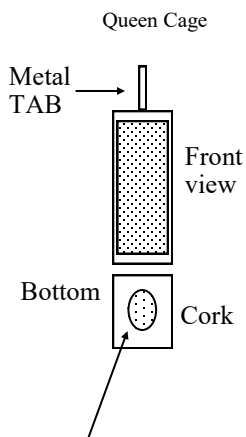
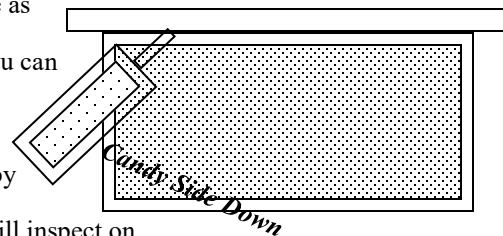
12. DO NOT RELEASE THE QUEEN

13. **Carefully remove and replace the cork with the marshmallow or candy fondant.** **NOTE:** The candy will seal the opening to the queen and will allow the other worker bees to free her and bond with her before she moves into her role in the hive. Keep your finger over the opening and you transfer the cork and marshmallow/candy fondant.

14. DO NOT RELEASE THE QUEEN

15. Once the marshmallow or candy fondant is securely in place you can remove your finger from covering the hole.
16. Take the queen cage and using the Metal Tab slip between the top of the frame and foundation or use a staple, or tack and secure the Queen Cage to the foundation. See Diagram D
17. Turn/Twist the Queen Cage so that the front opening/screened side of the cage is facing towards the side, and **NOT** facing towards the foundation or the other frame/foundations.
18. Tap the package lightly again to force the bees to the bottom of the cage.
19. Remove the Wooden Top to expose the opening to dispense your bees.
20. Gently shake your bees into the hive. There will be bees that fly around it will be impossible to have all of them in the hive. The bees will return to their hive.
21. Put as many of the 9-10 frames/foundation back into the center of the hive as you can with out squishing your bees. Be gentle in the process.
22. If you aren't able to get all Frames and Foundation back in don't worry you can put them back in on your inspection next week.
23. Put your inner cover and top on.
24. Leave your Wooden Bee Cage lying on top of the hive on its side. Return in 24hours and remove and dispose of the Wooden Bee Cage. Leaving it by the hive will allow stragglers to move into the hive.

Diagram D



Protect this with your finger to prevent releasing the queen.

BOTTOM VIEW

25. **WAIT 7 DAYS TO INSPECT YOUR HIVE NO SOONER.** You will inspect on the 7th day to see if the queen has been released. If she has NOT been released on the 7th day poke a hole into the marshmallow/candy fondant to help the bees free her. If she is released remove the Queen Cage, and wait another 7 days before inspecting your hive. Resist the urge to check anymore frequently than 7 days.
26. Enjoy your hive and beekeeping.