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IMPORTANT POINTS & TIPS



DO NOT USE WITH YOUNG CHICKS AS THE FEEDER ACTION MAY HARM THEM. CHICKENS MUST BE HEAVY ENOUGH TO OPERATE THE FEEDER BY THEMSELVES.



It is important to place the feeder on flat ground or the feeder may not operate correctly.



Do not tighten up any of the nuts and bolts on the linkages. These have been factory set to be loose and allow free movement. The nuts are made of nylax, so they won't come off the bolts.



Occasionally people find timid chickens standing on the ground beside the feeder reaching in and feeding while other chickens stand on the treadle to operate the feeder. If this happens, temporarily place the feeder between two objects such as cardboard cartons so that chickens can't reach in from the sides. They are then forced to stand on the treadle to eat from the feeder. Once they are used to doing so, the cartons can be removed.



It is very important whilst training your chickens to make them eat only from the feeder at all times. Do not give them food elsewhere. If you want to feed them extra scraps etc. then place them in the feeder. If at any stage you feel that they are not getting enough to eat because they are frightened, don't worry, they will soon be hungry enough to use the feeder. Hunger is a great motivator and their food is only a step away, so please persevere.



As the level of the feed drops in the hopper, it is normal for the feed trough to not be completely full. This is not a concern provided that the chickens can reach the food.

MAINTENANCE

Very little maintenance is required. However, it is important to keep the channel behind the opening lid and also along under the side guards clean, as a build up of matter there may allow water into the feeder.

Keep the area under the treadle clear of debris and long grass, so as not to reduce the opening action. Other than that, a very occasional application of lubricant on the axles and bolts is all that is required. Wishing you and your chickens many happy years of satisfaction from your Grandpa's Feeder.

TROUBLE SHOOTING

- Some nervous or older chickens can take longer to train.
- Please don't feed alternatives unless in the feeder.
- Ensure there is no movement of lid or treadle in the 1st setting.
- Fill the feeder up to reduce noise once in the permanent position.
- Some weight attached to the treadle (temporarily) will slow down the closing action and reduce noise.
- Attaching a piece of artificial grass or rubber matting on top of the treadle can be very helpful in the training period as some chickens can be frightened by the shiny surface when new.



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Assembly Instructions & Training Guide



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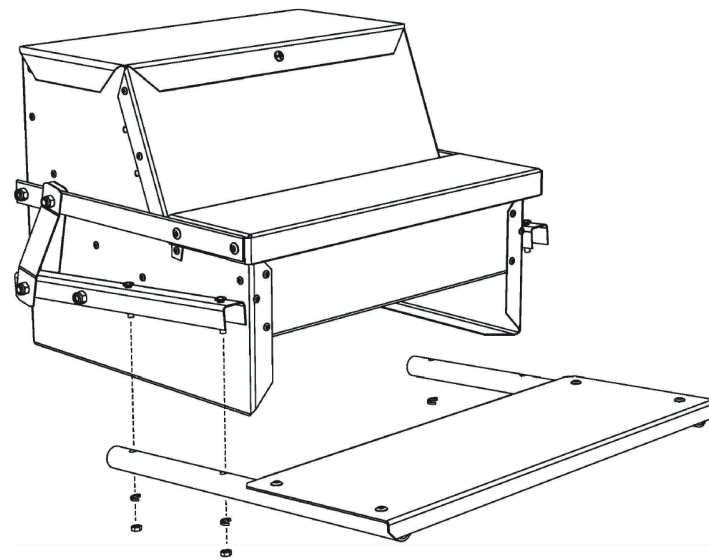
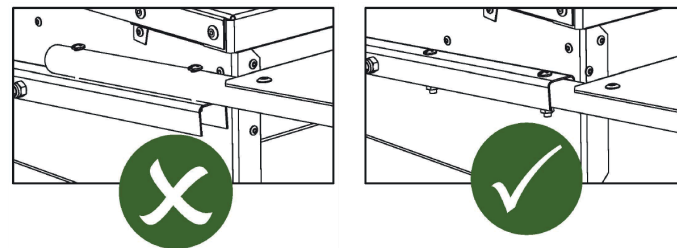
ASSEMBLING YOUR GRANDPA'S FEEDER

To assemble your Grandpa's Feeder simply attach the treadle to the feeder body.

Remove the four bolts from the Alloy arms of the treadle. Then insert the Alloy arms of the treadle up into the underside of the channel on each side of the feeder so the holes line up. Insert the four bolts from the top and attach a washer and nut and tighten.

(Note: make sure the Alloy arms go **INSIDE** the steel channels and not on top of them).

Your feeder is now fully assembled.

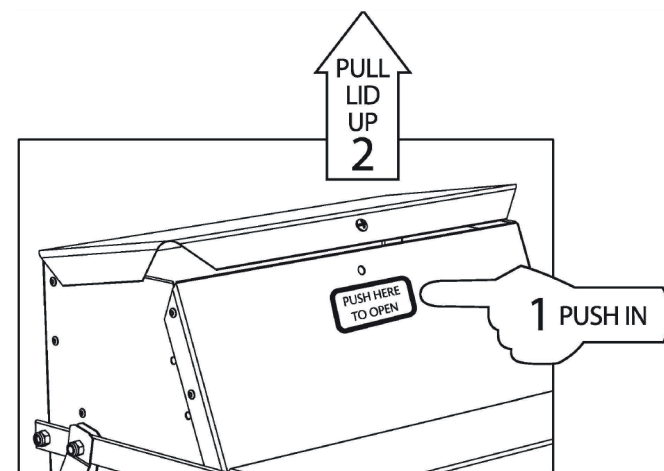


TOP FEED LID

This must be the correct way around so that the sloping edge is at the front of the feeder.

FILLING YOUR GRANDPA'S FEEDER

Fill the feeder by removing the top lid. This is removed by pressing the front top of the hopper where it says **"PUSH HERE TO OPEN"**. This frees the bolt in the top of the lid from the body of the feeder, and once pressed in sufficiently the lid will lift off. To put the lid back on, always position the back of the lid first before the front. That is, put the bolt in the back of the lid through the hole in the back of the hopper first, and then slide the front of the lid down until the front bolt locks into place.



TRAINING YOUR CHICKENS

Training your chickens to use a Grandpa's Feeder is easy. There are three settings for the feeder which help the chickens get used to the feeder and learn how it works. Each setting allows a different amount of movement. Setting one is fully locked open, setting two allows partial movement and setting three is fully operational. The settings are set using the training bolts provided and it is important to use each setting to allow your chickens to adapt to the new feeding technique.

See next page for when to use these settings (week's 1-3)

Attention: If your feeder is being placed on a wooden or concrete surface, we strongly recommend to position a piece of carpet, artificial grass, rubber mat, door mat or similar under the feeder — atleast under the treadle to reduce the noise when the treadle hits the floor. This should only be necessary during the training process.

ANTI FLICK GRILL-AFG (the metal grill inside the feed trough)

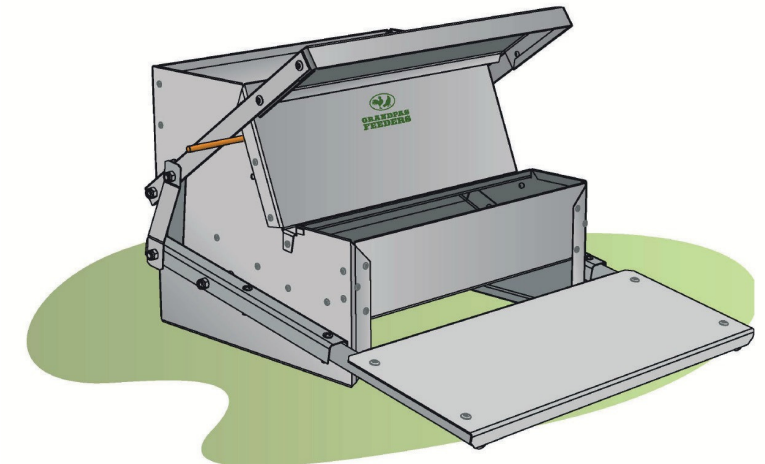
This is designed to sit on top of the feed and move downwards as the level drops, to prevent your chickens from flicking food out of the feeder.

If the AFG has fallen out of its position during shipping, follow these instructions to re-install it. With the horizontal (long) rods on top, hold the AFG on the 45 degree angle out of the feed tray. Insert the end of the longest rod into one of the two holes inside the feed trough opening. Slide it through far enough so that you can insert the other end into the opposite hole. Centre the AFG and push the front of it down into the feed trough. It should swing up and down freely inside the feed trough.

WEEK 1:

Setting 1-Introduction to the feeder

Remove the lid from the very top of the feeder. Lift the moving lid, which allows the chickens to access their food, up as far as it will go. Next insert the training bolts from **INSIDE** to the outside and place in the **TOP** hole on both sides. Attach the nuts to the bolts (finger tight only), as you will be removing them after a week. These training bolts prevent the moving lid from closing and there will be no movement when your chickens stand on the treadle. Fill with feed and let your chickens eat with the feeder in this fully open setting for one week.



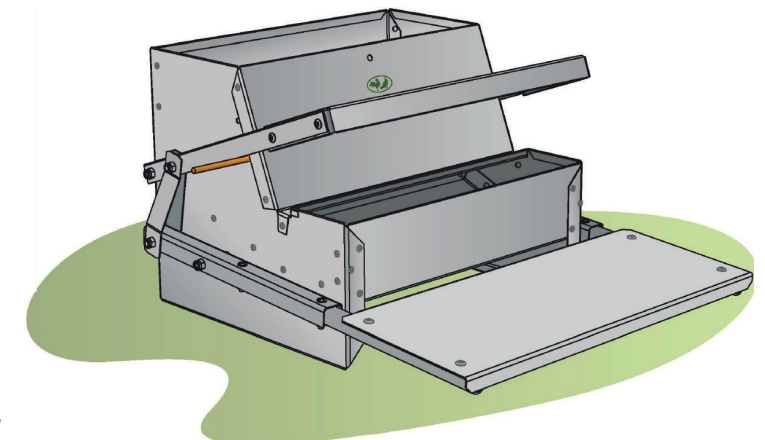
Locked fully open, bolts in top holes. There must not be any movement in this setting.

WEEK 2:

Setting 2-Getting used to the movement

After one week remove the training bolts and reposition them in the lower of the holes on each side using the same technique as for Setting 1. In this setting the movement of the opening lid is restricted and can only half close. When a chicken(s) stands on the treadle it will fully open allowing them to eat. As the lid is always partially open the chickens, that may be wary at first, soon get used to using the feeder. Allow one week in this position by which time your chickens will be using it with confidence.

Note: If possible place your feeder under cover while locked open in the two training settings. A piece of tin or plywood placed on top of the feeder will also work to keep the feed dry while in the training positions.

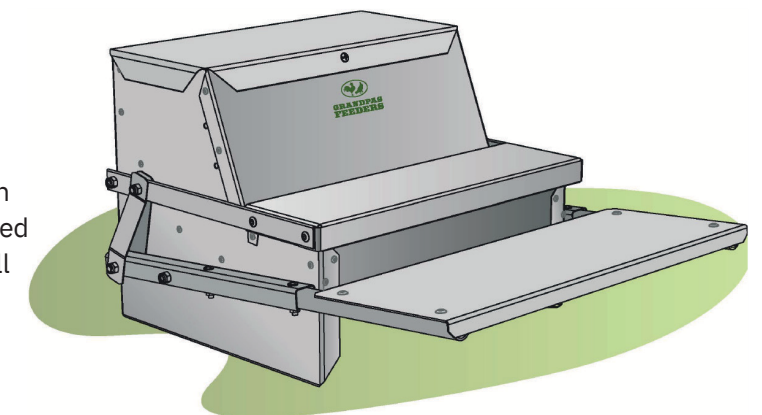


Partial movement of treadle and feed tray lid, bolts in lower holes.

WEEK 3 AND ONWARDS:

Using the automatic feeder

Remove the training bolts completely and your feeder is in full automatic mode. Your chickens are already accustomed to some movement from the previous setting and they will use the feeder with full confidence and ease.



Feeder fully closed apart from when chickens are feeding.