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## Advice on fitting your Chick Box

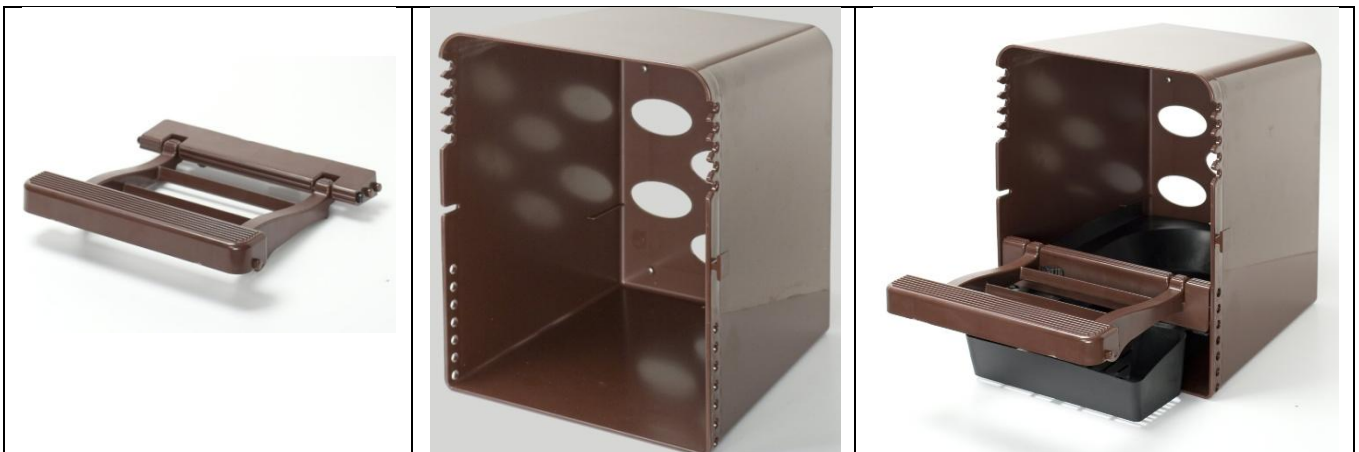
We have been trialling the Chick Box in a number of differing types of hen houses and coop's over the past year. From experience we have found that the following advice will be useful in helping you fit your Chick Box to your own hens abode!

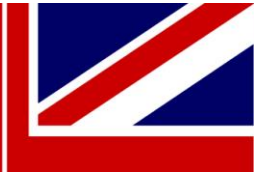


Hens tend to like the boxes in darker areas of the house/coop with the perches about 600mm (24") off the ground.

To assemble your Chick Box simply slide the right hand lugs on the perch into the holes on the base of the Chick Box – slide the catch to the right, release the sprung lugs into the left hand holes - removal is the reverse. If you are using the roll out nest tray simply insert it into the base of the box then insert the perch above the egg collection lid.

We have found that it is best to introduce the hens to the roll out nest tray gradually – use the Chick Box without it to begin with and fill the base with your preferred bedding material until the birds use it happily – then put in the tray, again covering it with your bedding and they will be happy to start laying!





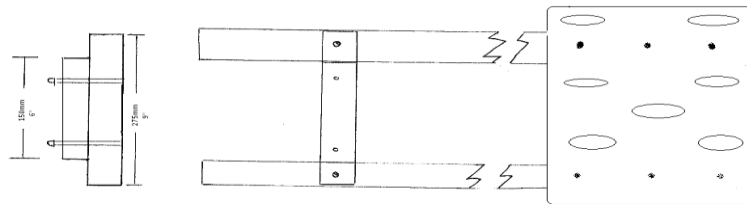
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## Fitting the box in your house/coop

A simple racking system can be built for attaching small numbers of the boxes to the wall of the house/coop by using 70mm x 50mm (3"x2") wooden battens.

Make two simple brackets by cutting two 275mm (9") lengths of batten – then cut two more battens of 150mm (6") – fix a 150mm length to a 275mm length with nails or screws leaving an equal distance 65.5mm above and below - repeat with the other two lengths.



Secure these to the wall of the house/coop with the bottom approx 600mm (24") from the floor. Depending on how many boxes you have space for fix the brackets accordingly (you will need to make more brackets if you have more than four Chick Boxes!) Secure a suitably long length of batten to the top of the brackets; add another length to the bottom of the brackets. Starting from the left hand side of the racking - screw your first box to the top batten (using the guide ridge on the back of the box) then fix the bottom to the lower batten; slide the next box into place with the lug locking into the socket on the next box, fix to batten and so on.

You can link the perches on the boxes together with a length of doweling through the holes in the bars of each of the perches to open the boxes as a group.

More information about advanced racking systems can be found at [www.chickbox.co.uk](http://www.chickbox.co.uk)

Cleaning your box is easy either inside the house/coop or outside – simply slide out the nest tray remove the perch and jetwash or scrub in situ! We do recommend removing the boxes from the racking regularly to disinfect and jet wash the backs of the boxes, brackets and battens.

