

POT-BELLY BLIND ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Please read all directions carefully before starting assembly.

1. Find an area as flat and level as possible to assemble your Pot-Belly Blind. Do not attempt to assemble the blind in high winds.

2. Remove all of the components of the blind from the shipping materials. Inspect each of the wall sections to be sure that all the clip nuts are still attached and positioned over the pre-drilled holes in the panels. If they have shifted during shipping, move them back into proper position. If any of the clip nuts are missing, replace them using the spares provided in your kit.

3. Locate the bolts and necessary tools. You will need the following tools:

- ratchet wrench with 7/16" and 9/16" sockets
- 7/16" and 9/16" open end/box end wrenches
- tapered punch or screwdriver
- cordless drill (optional) - if this is available the ratchet wrench is not necessary

Place these tools except the punch or screwdriver aside at this time. They will not be needed until near the end of the assembly operation.

4. With the help of another person, stand up two of the window wall sections. Position them so that the bolting surfaces come together and the holes in the two pieces are aligned. It may be helpful to use the small tapered punch or screwdriver to align the holes. Be sure the overlap of the corners is correct with the rough textured surface of the 90-degree corner on the outside. The flat smooth edge with the clip nuts should be on the inside. Insert the 1/4" x 1" bolt metal washer/neoprene washer combinations through the holes in the exterior piece and screw them into the clip nut on the joining interior piece. Begin with the lowermost bolt and move up. **NOTE** - The two holes just above the bend in the panels require longer (1/4" x 1 1/4") bolts. These bolts are shipped with wing nuts on them. The additional length of these bolts is necessary for mounting the corner shelves in the blind interior.

NOTE – Just “start” all threads at this time.

DO NOT tighten them. If they are tightened, insertion and alignment of the other bolts will be very difficult.

5. Once all bolts are inserted and started in these two wall panels, erect the third window wall panel and attach it to the first two window wall panels in the same way.



6. Then attach the door panel and secure it the same way. At this point you should have the three window wall panels and the door panel standing and loosely attached to each other.



7. Move the carpeted floor section into the partially erected blind and lay it down so that the holes in the floor are over the holes in the foot sections of the wall panels. **NOTE- The floor must go on top of the wall panel feet, not underneath.** This is very important from a safety standpoint.



8. Place the roof on top of the four panels. Insert the bolt / metal washer / neoprene washers through the roof panel and into the clip nuts on the top edge of the wall panels. Note - the bolts at the corners should be inserted first. Once these eight bolts have been started the other roof bolts can be inserted.



9. **ALL BOLTS IN THE WALLS AND ROOF MUST NOW BE TIGHTENED**

With all of the bolts in all of the panels started, the overall tightening operation can now begin. Use the 7/16" ratchet and socket or cordless drill and socket. Tighten all of the roof-to-wall bolts first - then, work your way down from top to bottom on each of the wall-to-wall seams until all are tightened. Do not exceed about 25 foot pounds torque when tightening these 1/4" bolts.

10 CORNER SHELF INSTALLATIONS

Locate the assembly bolt in the corner of the blind that is the height for your shelf. This bolt will be protruding through the clip nut. [it may be changed out with a long bolt for easier installation]

Next place the shelf into position so that the hole in the shelf that is closest to the corner of the shelf aligns with that bolt. Place the hole over the bolt. While holding the shelf level drill a 1/4" hole thru one of the outside holes in the shelf and push a bolt thru from the outside of wall then install washer and wing nut, now repeat this step for the other bolt hole & corner shelf.



10 SHOOTER SHELF [GUN REST]

Place the shelf with the top carpeted surface of the shelf on the top of the window track. The shelf should be centered on the wall panel. The edge of the shelf closest to the window track groove should be approximately 1/8" – 3/16" from the groove in the track.

Secure the top of the shelf into place by screwing the 3 small Phillips head screws into the window track. Make sure that the shelf does not protrude past the groove [or the windows will not be able to slide in the groove]

Now push down lightly on the shelf so that it is flat or tilted slightly to the inside [so objects won't be able to roll out of the blind when window is open] and drill a 1/4" hole thru the wall of the blind thru one of the pre-drilled holes in the shelf. Insert bolt/washer/rubber washer from the outside of the blind thru the wall and shelf, place washer and wing nut and tighten. Then repeat this step on the other pre drilled hole in the shelf. Do this step for the rest of the shelves.



All Floor Bolts Must Now Be Tightened Now

11 Roll the blind over onto its side with the door facing to one side. One person should then get inside the blind to position the floor. [make sure to hold the floor from falling onto the wall by reaching thru the door when rolling the blind over] The other person should stay outside the blind to attach the 3/8" nuts and washers. The person inside the blind can use a tapered punch or screwdriver to reposition the floor slightly to obtain the proper alignment. Once the first hole is aligned, the person inside should insert a 3/8" x 2" bolt & washer through the hole in the floor and the hole in the wall panel. With the bolt fully inserted, a washer and nut can be loosely attached underneath. Repeat the same process for all floor bolts. **IF YOU ARE ATTATCHING TO A TOWER IF SO GO TO TOWER INSTRUCTIONS..**

Window Assembly & Insertion

The blind/tower should be erected and anchored before the windows are inserted. First remove the protective film from the Plexiglas windows. The window can then be inserted into the guides – from the ends of the guides. The windows should be oriented so that the holes for the knobs are on the inside, bottom of the windows.

Once each window is inserted, the knobs can then be attached by first inserting the screws from the exterior of the pane. The rubber knobs can then be threaded onto the exposed screw tips on the inside of the windows. The rubber knobs should be tightened by hand only.

The thumb-screw window locks can now be inserted. In order to lock the windows the screws only need to be "snugged down" by hand.

Over tightening will break the plexiglass.

In time, the plexiglass window(s) may need to be removed or replaced. This should be done from the interior of the blind by placing one hand/arm through the adjacent window to help support and guide the window out of and back into place. The windows can not be inserted or removed from the window guides with the rubber knobs still attached. This is designed as a safety feature.



NOTE – Your blind is now ready for anchoring to the ground (if used as a ground blind) or to a tower if you desire. All ground blinds and elevated blinds should be securely anchored to the ground to ensure stability in high winds. It is the sole responsibility of the purchaser to carry out this anchoring operation in order to ensure safety. It is highly recommended that all anchor lines for elevated blinds be attached directly to the tower instead of the blind.