# 400 & 560mm **Planter Boxes**

For sturdy, long lasting, precision engineered planter boxes to fit any space

Do you know what size and shape planter box you need for your project? Let's make this decision easier for you here!

Our planter boxes can be...

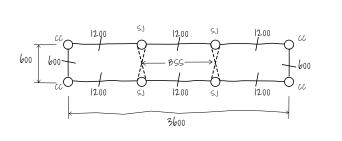


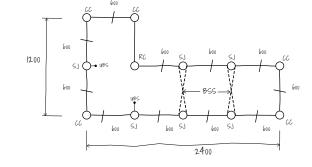
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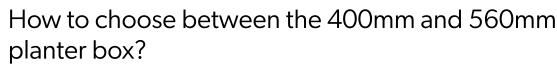
**CUSTOM DESIGN** 

Going big, or like a custom shape? Simply sketch a plan and order ...





... while choosing from our 400mm or 560mm tall options



This choice is all about look and use and thinking ahead. A planter box can improve accessibility and offer protection for the plants it contains; and the 400mm may be tall enough to achieve that. It can also stand out and add presence, so if you're seeking something eye catching the 560mm may be your best choice. If it's nestled within a garden, plant to complement the planter box and consider how high any surrounding plants will grow. A planter box can also bring plants closer to your living spaces, in which case, any height will do, just pick your favourite!

# Our planter boxes come with a few benefits worth noting...

Something I can do myself with no need for A super high-quality planter box that's styling Different size and configuration choices so Remove the stress and cost of transporting Easier access to difficult sites, just walk in the

A Planter box with precision engineered jo

Something with a square shaped top edge

A planter box with smooth rounded edges

A planter box with secure lockdown capab

How about this ? You might choose to position different height planter boxes near to each other for added design interest!

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l can order one to fit my space beautifully	~
premade planters - they come flatpacked	~
e panels	~
in seams - no welding marks or visible bolts	~
making it appear boxy while adding strength	~
for safety and enhanced ergonomics	~
ilities	~

Guide

75mm

100mm

150mm

# Product overview

# **ROUNDED TOPS AND SAFETY FEATURES**

The smooth, rounded tops and edges assist safe handling. When installed, all joins/fixings are internal so that the exposed top and front present as a smooth top edge and continuous fascia.

# SAFER AND CLEANER HANDLING

We recommend wearing gloves as the manufacturing process can leave residual oils/dust and our products can get hot when exposed to sunlight. Our products are shipped in bundles, when lifting bundles handlers should be mindful of their carrying capabilities. Single items are easy to carry for one person (see product weights).

# **ABOUT WEATHERING STEEL**

The manufacturing process of weathering steel leaves the surface in a dark, almost black state. This dark 'finish' is an oxide layer that forms during the hot rolling process. The weathering process needs to break this layer down first before the desired protective patina layer can be established. You can expect some inconsistency in the patina formation because the thickness of the oxide layer varies; it'll appear spotty with some areas going orange and others still black.

The patina develops naturally with periods of wet and dry, and both phases are key for its steady formation. Do not wet continually without allowing time for thorough drying. A faster patina formation can be aided by cleaning the surface with soapy water to remove oil residue, but anything harsher is not advised as it can be detrimental to patina development and consequently, reduce product lifespan. Some rust solution products are safe to use as these 'build a surface patina' rather than just accelerating rusting.

# WHAT IS A PATINA

Patina is not the same as rust. All rust is patina, but not all patina is rust. Patina is a chemical bond between various elements and usually oxygen. It can be found on most metals with the exception of 8 inert (noble) metals like gold or silver. 'Normal' rust is iron-oxide, the patina referred to above is mostly a bond between copper, phosphorus, chromium, nickel, iron and oxygen. You may wonder, how does water feature in it? Water acts as an electrolyte, but

that's a different story. In the end, the patina formed on weathering steel is a dense layer that doesn't flake or allow oxygen through. Therefore, once formed, the oxidation process slows down dramatically.

# WILL THE STEEL STAIN MY PAVERS OR DECK?

This can occur in the early stages of rusting but can be avoided with care, such as by protecting nearby surfaces while the patina establishes. The worst cases of this you will see involves mild steel because the rusting carries on unabated. With weathering steel this should only happen when first developing a patina or if rushed artificially (sped up with acids/salts) to achieve faster colour change. What you can do as an excellent strategy is pre-rust the edging before installing to have a stable early phase patina there already. This doesn't need to take long if you procure a rust solution recommended for steady patina formation.

# **GUARANTEE AND LIFESPAN**

You can find our product guarantee on our website homepage. Along with that you will find information on product care and longevity guidance. For warranty information and claims, check the website home page link or reach out to us directly.

# PAINTING, SEALING AND POWDERCOATING

Our galvanised products are suited to painting, but the surface should be thoroughly prepared (using acetone wash), and sealed with a metal primer (etch primer is very good) to maximise topcoat adhesion.

Powdercoating is a much more durable/hardy choice, and can be requested for large projects with lead times/costings supplied. It is worth noting that not all powdercoating performs the same, we use and recommend Interpon powder from AkzoNobel for assured quality and maximum endurance and suggest you request the same. It's also worth asking first to see a sample from your chosen powdercoater specialist. Note that, as for painting, galvanised products should be used whenever powdercoating.

Another question we get relates to freezing the colour (or patina development) at a certain stage. That's possible using a transparent sealant suitable for steel. Keep in mind that the colour will change when applying a sealant, it'll get a 'wet' look. Be sure to test this in a small inconspicuous area first before fully committing. This will require reapplication once a year.

# CAN I LOCKDOWN THE PLANTER BOX TO **THE GROUND?**

You may choose to lockdown the planter in it's final position. The foot has 9mm holes in it to allow use of fixing spikes (for penetrable ground) or bolts when on a hard surface. In that latter case, ensure adequate drainage (packers are one option) to be sure the planter is not left sitting in pooled water at anytime.

For custom design beds where straight joins require support with a brace, then concreting the anchor post may be neccessary to support the join and simultaneioisuly lockdown the planter.

A filled planter box is going to be very stable and difficult to remove though, so in most cases locking down the planter box is not required.

# WHY DO WE SUPPLY AND RECOMMEND **TEK SCREWS?**

Tek screws are great for their self-tapping (self-drilling) abilities and the inherent strength this gives to the planter box joins. They provide an easy, fast and strong method for joining when combined with our pre-drilled guide holes. The long lasting, grey Dacromet Tek screws are best for all the buried screw locations of these products.

# **ADVANTAGES**

~	Smooth rounded edges for safety and feel
~	Up to 3x faster installation
~	No welding required
~	Flatpack approach means more deliverable possibilities
~	No Experience/training needed
~	Designed for ease of use

240mm

150mm

Guide

75mm

100mm

400mm

# Straightcurve<sup>®</sup> Planter Box / 4-Panel Kits & Custom Panel Orders - 400mm

Made from selection of panel sizes (OR from pre made kits as sets of 4 panels with parts incl.)

FHL400-400/600/800/1000/1200WS WEATHERING STEEL FHL400-400/600/800/1000/1200GS GALVANISED STEEL

# Product features

# The details that make the difference

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# **FINISHES** Galvanised Steel

Weathering Steel

# **Product specifications**

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# **JOIN SETS ARE REQUIRED**

- A Straight join set (for longer custom planters)\*
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- B Reverse Corner set (270°, L-shapes)\*

\*All require Tek screws, select from above to suit planter box design

# **ADDITIONAL ACCESSORIES**

# OPTIONAL

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Round edge square tops with folded down inside edge for child & pet safety

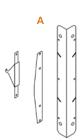
Hidden fixings and whole panel sides for clean finish

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Boxy top profile for both

great looks and strength

# For lasting, sturdy planter boxes that look both bold and beautiful















75mm

100mm

150mm

240mm

# Planter Box 4-Panel Kit & Custom Easy-Build Planter Boxes - 400mm Installation Guide



# **RECOMMENDED TOOLS**

- Ground leveling tools
- Metal hammer
- Cordless drill and Tek screw bit
- Pliers

# PREPARATIONS

Construct the bed on a clean, even area free from grit and debri. Also have the install space level and clear for install once you have made the planter box.

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# DO...

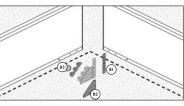
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# DON'T...

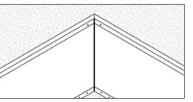
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# **MAKING A 4 PANEL SQUARE / RECTANGULAR** PLANTER BOX

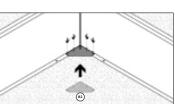
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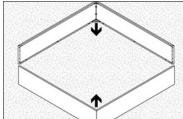
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**STEP 3 -** Stand the two panels at right angles to each other and butt together.



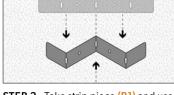
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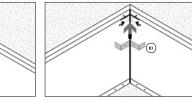
**STEP 7 -** Repeat above for other pair of panels and then bring them all together

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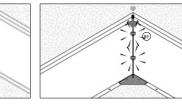
BACKFILL - evenly to complete, lining the bed first with something like geofabric if necessary



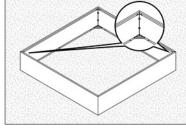
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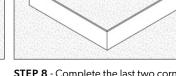


STEP 4 - To join insert top connector 'staircase' piece (B1), align guide holes and screw.



STEP 6 - Firmly grip and hammer arrow shaped wedge pieces (B3) into angled slots at back to fully secure the join.





STEP 8 - Complete the last two corner joins

# **Custom Easy-Build Planter Boxes**

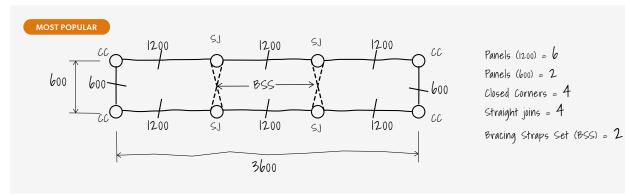
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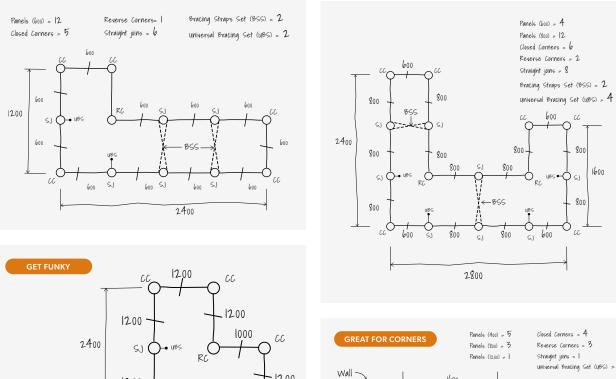
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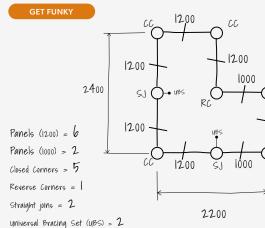
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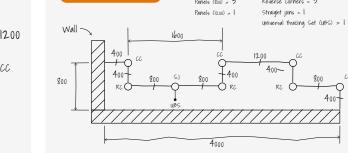
Step 3: Jot down the number of panels of each length needed for your design. Do the same for joining accessories (circle each panel join and tally the number of straight joins, closed corners, and reverse corners required)

Step 4: Brace it right - each straight join in your design will require bracing. Use one bracing strap set where two opposing joins are equal to or less than 1200mm apart. In all other situations, use one universal bracing set (or ground anchor post 1100mm + fitting set) per straight join. Make a note of how many of each type of bracing you need on your sketch.









# Guide

75mm

100mm

150mm

240mm

400mm

560mm

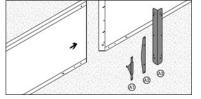
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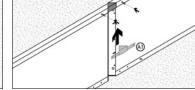
# MAKING A CUSTOM EASY-BUILD PLANTER BOX

### 1. ALL PANELS REQUIRE JOINING.

Refer to MAKING A 4 PANEL SQUARE / RECTANGULAR PLANTER BOXES to see the closed corner join.

### 2. STRAIGHT JOINS ARE DONE LIKE SO:



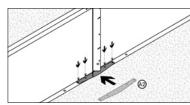


STEP 2 - Stand the first two panels

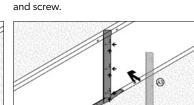
together on a flat surface and insert top

connector piece (A1), align guide holes

STEP 1 - For a straight join (two panels in a line) use the Straight Join Set (A). Separate the pieces in the set.

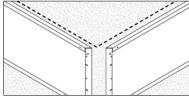


STEP 3 - Slide in foot joiner (A2), align guide holes and screw.

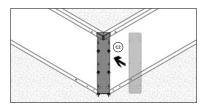


STEP 4 - Fit back rib (A3) flush to align guide holes and screw.

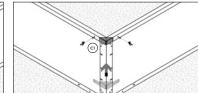
### 3. REVERSE CORNERS ARE DONE LIKE SO:



**STEP 1 -** For a reverse corner stand the two panels in the L shape formation and butt them together.



STEP 3 - Position the back fixing plate (C2) align and Tek screw through guide holes to secure.



STEP 2 - From the reverse corner join set (C), insert (slide in) the top piece (C1) as shown and align guide holes and Tek screw in place.



### 4. BRACING REQUIRED FOR STRAIGHT JOINS

### YOU HAVE THREE OPTIONS:

### A. WHERE TWO OPPOSING JOINS ARE LESS THAN 1200MM APART

1. BRACING STRAP SET: One Bracing strap set (two lengths) will span as a cross brace between the two joins as shown. The braces run diagonally from the top of both straight joins to the bottom of the opposite straight joins. These are designed to cater for different spans, simply breakaway to required span by hand, by bending back and forth, then attach with lock pins supplied.

B. FOR STRAIGHT JOINS GREATER THAN 1200MM APART - if not directly opposite another straight join use either:

- 2. UNIVERSAL BRACING SET: The universal Bracing set will hook into top hole in join rib and anchor to the ground. Adjust final tension with the turnbuckle. This is real easy.
- 3. THE GROUND ANCHOR SET 1100MM: Installed near to the straight join, installing the post first then using the fitting set to screw and secure panel to the post. This involves a little digging!

### MAKING DIFFERENT HEIGHT PLANTER BOXES

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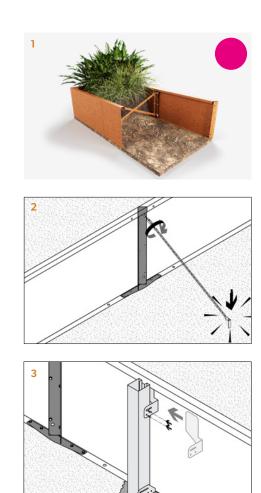
# **SPECIAL CASE - USING A 2000MM PANEL**

These panels are not listed here but can be found in the Zero-Flex Raised Garden Beds product pages. Investigate there if you want to build an XL four panel planter and note the bracing requirements for that size.

75mm

100mm

150mm



The Planter Boxes will look great in combination, with different heights placed together. Note that our Zero-Flex Raised Garden Bed 240mm product has the same profile/look, if you'd like to add that height to the mix! Setting all planters perfectly level is

240mm

**Planter Boxes** 

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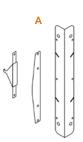
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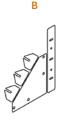
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Up to three spikes equired per pane





Guide

75mm

100mm

150mm

240mm

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560mm

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# Planter Box 4-Panel Kit & Custom Easy-Build Planter Boxes - 560mm Installation Guide



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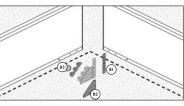
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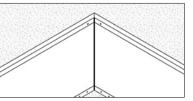
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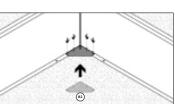
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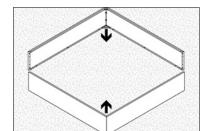
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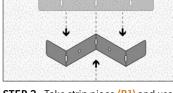


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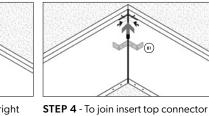
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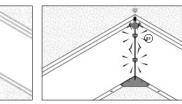
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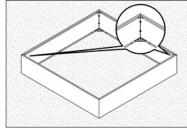
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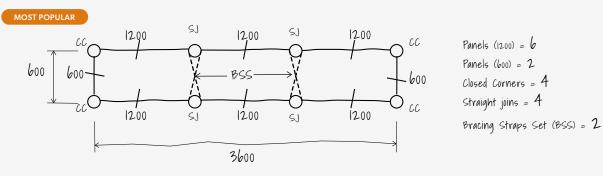
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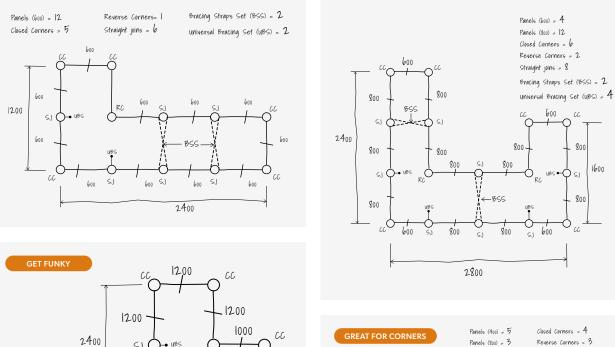
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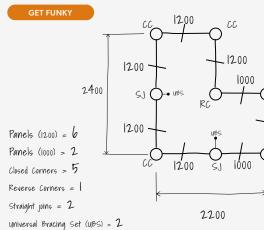
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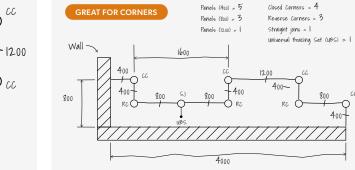
Step 3: Jot down the number of panels of each length needed for your design. Do the same for joining accessories (circle each panel join and tally the number of straight joins, closed corners, and reverse corners required)

Step 4: Brace it right - each straight join in your design will require bracing. Use one bracing strap set where two opposing joins are equal to or less than 1200mm apart. In all other situations, use one universal bracing set (or ground anchor post 1100mm + fitting set) per straight join. Make a note of how many of each type of bracing you need on your sketch.









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75mm

Guide

100mm

150mm

240mm

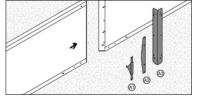
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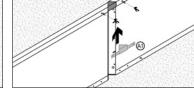
# MAKING A CUSTOM EASY-BUILD PLANTER BOX

### **1. ALL PANELS REQUIRE JOINING**

Refer to MAKING A 4 PANEL SQUARE / RECTANGULAR PLANTER BOXES to see the closed corner join.

### 2. STRAIGHT JOINS ARE DONE LIKE SO:



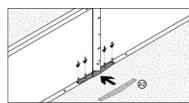


STEP 2 - Stand the first two panels

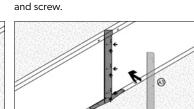
together on a flat surface and insert top

connector piece (A1), align guide holes

STEP 1 - For a straight join (two panels in a line) use the Straight Join Set (A). Separate the pieces in the set.

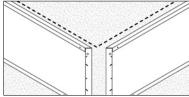


STEP 3 - Slide in foot joiner (A2), align guide holes and screw.

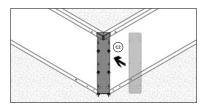


STEP 4 - Fit back rib (A3) flush to align guide holes and screw.

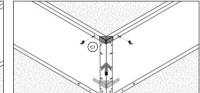
### 3. REVERSE CORNERS ARE DONE LIKE SO:



**STEP 1 -** For a reverse corner stand the two panels in the L shape formation and butt them together.



STEP 3 - Position the back fixing plate (C2) align and Tek screw through guide holes to secure.



STEP 2 - From the reverse corner join set (C), insert (slide in) the top piece (C1) as shown and align guide holes and Tek screw in place.



# 4. BRACING REQUIRED FOR STRAIGHT JOINS

### YOU HAVE THREE OPTIONS:

### A. WHERE TWO OPPOSING JOINS ARE LESS THAN 1200MM APART

1. BRACING STRAP SET: One Bracing strap set (two lengths) will span as a cross brace between the two joins as shown. The braces run diagonally from the top of both straight joins to the bottom of the opposite straight joins. These are designed to cater for different spans, simply breakaway to required span by hand, by bending back and forth, then attach with lock pins supplied.

B. FOR STRAIGHT JOINS GREATER THAN 1200MM APART - if not directly opposite another straight join use either:

- 2. UNIVERSAL BRACING SET: The universal Bracing set will hook into top hole in join rib and anchor to the ground. Adjust final tension with the turnbuckle. This is real easy.
- 3. THE GROUND ANCHOR SET 1100MM: Installed near to the straight join, installing the post first then using the fitting set to screw and secure panel to the post. This involves a little digging!

# MAKING DIFFERENT HEIGHT PLANTER BOXES

key to achieveing this look.

# **SPECIAL CASE - USING A 2000MM PANEL**

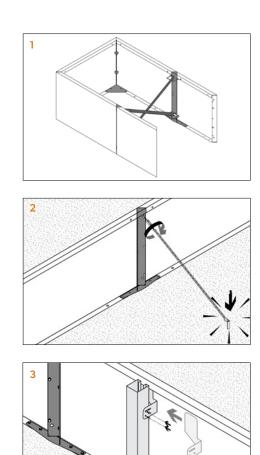
These panels are not listed here but can be found in the Zero-Flex Raised Garden Beds product pages. Investigate there if you want to build an XL four panel planter and note the bracing requirements for that size.

75mm

100mm

150mm

240mm



The Planter Boxes will look great in combination, with different heights placed together. Note that our Zero-Flex Raised Garden Bed 240mm product has the same profile/look, if you'd like to add that height to the mix! Setting all planters perfectly level is

400mm

**Planter Boxes** 

# **Technical Drawings**

### STRAIGHTCURVE® ZERO-FLEX RAISED GARDEN BED PANEL - 400MM

# 800 400 400 600 1000 1200 1000 2000

### PANEL END/JOIN FLANGE

2

30

45

25 400

NOTE: Foot holes not shown in these diagrams are of 9mm diameter

PANEL END/JOIN FLANGE

2 0

30

45

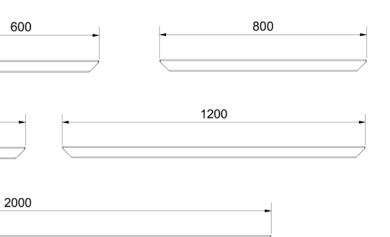


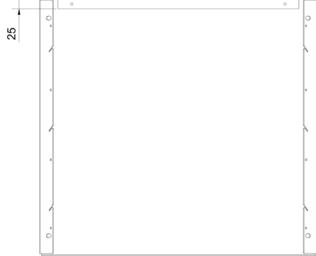
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STRAIGHTCURVE® ZERO-FLEX RAISED GARDEN BED PANEL - 560MM





### NOTE: Foot holes not shown in these diagrams are of 9mm diameter

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