

Ikea MALM

Ikea MALM 2-Drawer Chest User Manual

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1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Ikea MALM 2-Drawer Chest. This versatile piece of furniture is designed to provide practical storage solutions for your home. It features smooth-running, spacious drawers with a pull-out stop for safety and convenience. This chest can also be used as a bedside table, offering flexibility in its placement and function. This manual provides important information regarding the assembly, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your new MALM chest. Please read it thoroughly before assembly and keep it for future reference.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: TIPPING HAZARD

Serious or fatal crushing injuries can occur from furniture tipping over. To prevent this furniture from tipping over, it must be permanently fixed to the wall. Wall attachment devices are included with the product. Always use the wall attachment device(s) provided with the product. If you are uncertain about the type of wall attachment device to use, please consult a professional.

- Always follow the assembly instructions carefully.
- Do not allow children to climb on or play with the chest.
- Place heavier items in the lowest drawers to improve stability.
- Ensure all screws and fittings are tightened securely before use and re-tighten periodically.
- Do not overload the drawers.

3. PARTS LIST

Before beginning assembly, ensure all parts are present and undamaged. Refer to the assembly diagram included in your package for a complete list of components and hardware. Typical components include:

- Top panel
- Side panels (2)

- Back panel
- Drawer fronts (2)
- Drawer sides, backs, and bottoms (for 2 drawers)
- Drawer runners/slides (4 sets)
- Various screws, dowels, cam locks, and wall attachment hardware

4. SETUP & ASSEMBLY

4.1. Before Assembly

Choose a clean, flat, and spacious area for assembly. It is recommended to assemble the chest with at least two people. Use the provided tools or standard household tools like a screwdriver and hammer. Protect your floor with a blanket or cardboard during assembly.



Image 1: The Ikea MALM 2-Drawer Chest, featuring two spacious drawers and a clean, minimalist design in stained oak veneer white.

4.2. Assembly Steps

Follow the detailed graphical instructions provided in your product packaging. The general steps are:

1. **Assemble the Frame:** Connect the side panels to the top and bottom panels using the provided dowels and cam locks. Ensure all connections are secure.
2. **Attach the Back Panel:** Slide or nail the back panel into the grooves or onto the back of the frame. This adds stability and rigidity to the chest.
3. **Install Drawer Runners:** Attach the drawer runners to the inside of the chest frame according to the markings. Ensure they are level and securely fastened.
4. **Assemble Drawers:** Construct each drawer by attaching the sides, back, and bottom to the drawer front. Install the corresponding drawer runners onto the sides of the assembled drawers.
5. **Insert Drawers:** Carefully slide the assembled drawers onto the runners in the chest frame. Ensure they operate smoothly and the pull-out stop functions correctly.
6. **Secure to Wall:** This is a critical safety step. Using the provided wall attachment hardware, secure the chest to a suitable wall stud or use appropriate wall anchors for your wall type. This prevents the chest from tipping over.

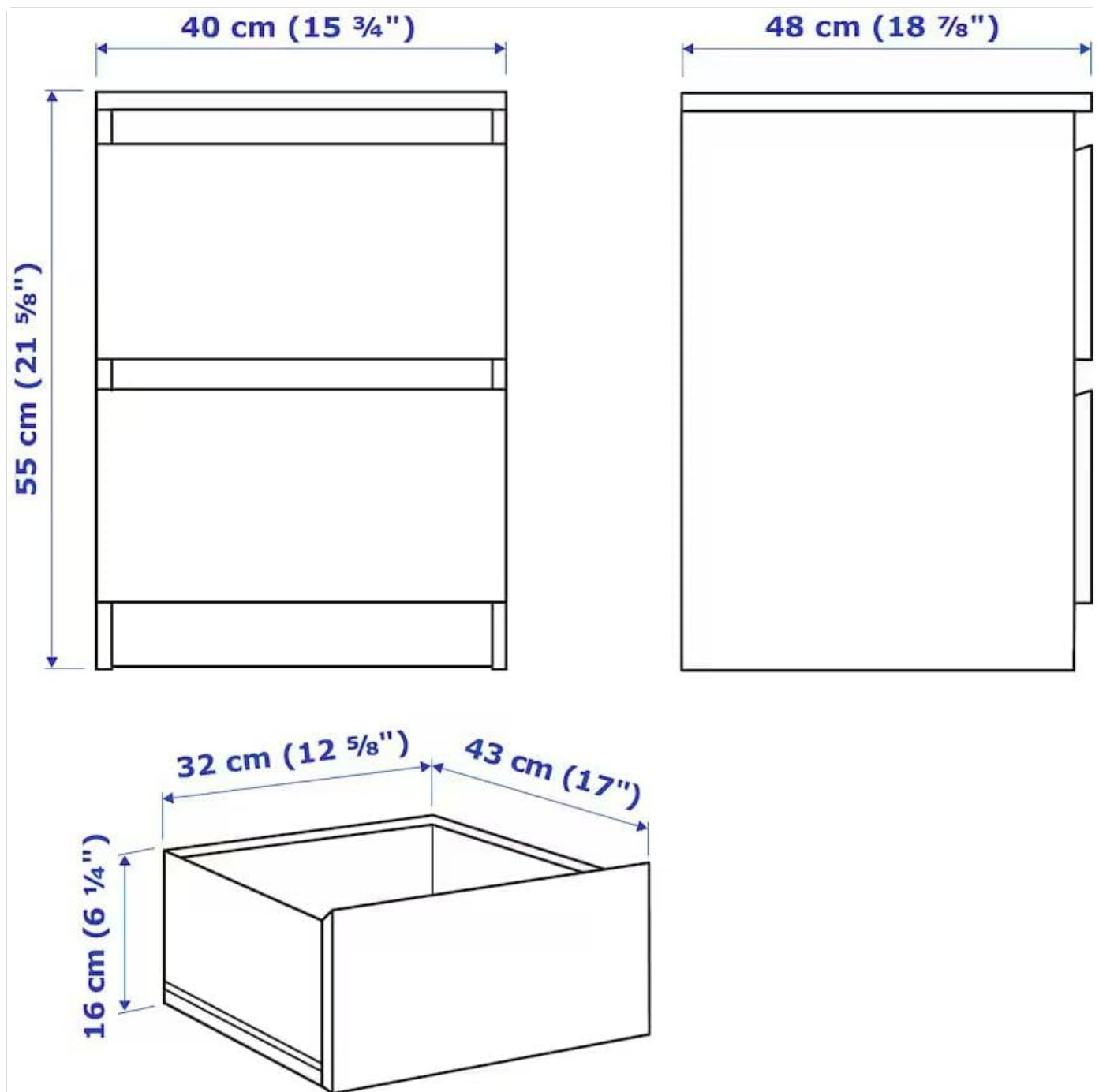


Image 2: Technical diagram showing the external dimensions of the MALM 2-drawer chest (40 cm width, 55 cm height, 48 cm depth) and the internal dimensions of a single drawer (32 cm width, 16 cm height, 43 cm depth).

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Ikea MALM 2-Drawer Chest is designed for straightforward use.

- **Opening Drawers:** Gently pull the drawer front to open. The smooth-running slides ensure easy operation.
- **Closing Drawers:** Push the drawer front until it is fully closed and flush with the chest frame.
- **Pull-out Stop:** The drawers are equipped with a pull-out stop to prevent them from being accidentally pulled out too far. Do not force the drawer past this stop.
- **Weight Distribution:** For optimal stability and drawer function, distribute the weight evenly within the drawers. Place heavier items in the lower drawer.

6. MAINTENANCE

To keep your MALM chest in good condition, follow these simple maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Wipe clean with a cloth dampened in a mild cleaner. Wipe dry with a clean cloth. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or strong chemicals that could damage the finish.
- **Tightening Fittings:** Periodically check all assembly fittings (screws, cam locks, etc.) and re-tighten them as necessary to ensure the chest remains stable and secure.
- **Drawer Runners:** If drawers become stiff, you may apply a small amount of silicone-based lubricant to the drawer runners, but typically this is not required for smooth operation.
- **Avoid Moisture:** Protect the chest from excessive moisture and direct sunlight, which can cause warping or fading of the finish.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are solutions to common issues you might encounter:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Drawers do not slide smoothly.	Misaligned runners, loose screws, or debris in runners.	Check that drawer runners are correctly installed and screws are tight. Clear any debris from the runners.
Drawer does not close completely.	Obstruction inside the drawer or behind it, or items too large.	Remove items that might be blocking the drawer. Check for anything caught behind the drawer.
Chest feels wobbly or unstable.	Loose assembly fittings or not secured to the wall.	Re-tighten all screws and cam locks. Ensure the chest is securely anchored to the wall using the provided anti-tip hardware.
Drawer pulls out too far.	Pull-out stop not engaged or damaged.	Verify that the pull-out stop mechanism on the drawer runners is correctly installed and functioning.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Ikea
Model Name	MALM
Dimensions (W x H)	40x55 cm (15 ¾" x 21 ⅝")
Color	Oak/White
Furniture Finish	Oak
Special Feature	Soft close (Smooth-running drawers with pull-out stop)
Mounting Type	Wall Mount (Anti-tip hardware included)
Number of Pieces	1 (chest unit)
First Available	August 7, 2014

9. WARRANTY & SUPPORT

Ikea products are designed for quality and durability. For specific warranty information regarding your MALM 2-Drawer Chest, please refer to the warranty documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Ikea website for your region.

If you require assistance with assembly, have missing parts, or encounter any issues not covered in this manual, please contact Ikea customer service. You can typically find contact information on the Ikea website or in your purchase receipt. When contacting support, please have your product model name (MALM) and purchase details ready.

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