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**vidaXL 45523**

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Model: 45523

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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Thank you for choosing the vidaXL Galvanized Steel Raised Garden Bed. This manual provides essential information for the safe assembly, operation, and maintenance of your new garden bed. Designed for durability and practicality, this raised bed offers ample space for cultivating a variety of plants, vegetables, herbs, and flowers in your garden, balcony, or patio.

The product features a simple yet functional design, constructed from weather-resistant galvanized steel, making it ideal for outdoor use. Please read this manual thoroughly before assembly and retain it for future reference.



Image 1.1: The vidaXL Raised Garden Bed integrated into a garden landscape, showcasing its capacity for various plants.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

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Please observe the following safety precautions during assembly and use:

- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as work gloves, during assembly to protect against sharp edges of the steel panels.
- Ensure all components are present and undamaged before beginning assembly. Do not attempt to assemble if parts are missing or damaged.
- Assemble the garden bed on a flat, stable surface to prevent tipping or instability during construction.
- Keep small parts and packaging materials away from children and pets to prevent choking hazards.
- Do not overload the garden bed with excessive soil or materials, as this may compromise its structural integrity.
- Periodically inspect the garden bed for any signs of wear, corrosion, or loose fasteners, especially after extreme weather conditions.

### 3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

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Before starting assembly, verify that all parts are included in your package. While specific part counts may vary by model, a typical package includes:

- Galvanized steel side panels
- Galvanized steel end panels
- Corner brackets or connecting plates
- Support bars (for longer models)
- Fasteners (screws, nuts, washers)
- Assembly tool (e.g., small wrench or hex key)

If any parts are missing or damaged, please contact vidaXL customer support for assistance.

### 4. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

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Assembly is required for this product. It is recommended to have two people for easier and safer assembly. Approximate assembly time: 1-2 hours.

#### Tools Required:

- Work Gloves (essential for safety)
- Adjustable Wrench or Socket Set
- Screwdriver (if applicable)

#### Assembly Steps:

1. **Unpack and Identify Components:** Carefully unpack all parts and lay them out. Refer to the package contents list to ensure all pieces are present. Note the corrugated design of the panels.



Image 4.1: Overview of the assembled garden bed, illustrating its structure.

2. **Connect Side and End Panels:** Begin by connecting the side panels to the end panels using the provided screws,

nuts, and washers. Align the pre-drilled holes carefully. *Do not fully tighten all fasteners until the entire structure is assembled to allow for minor adjustments.*

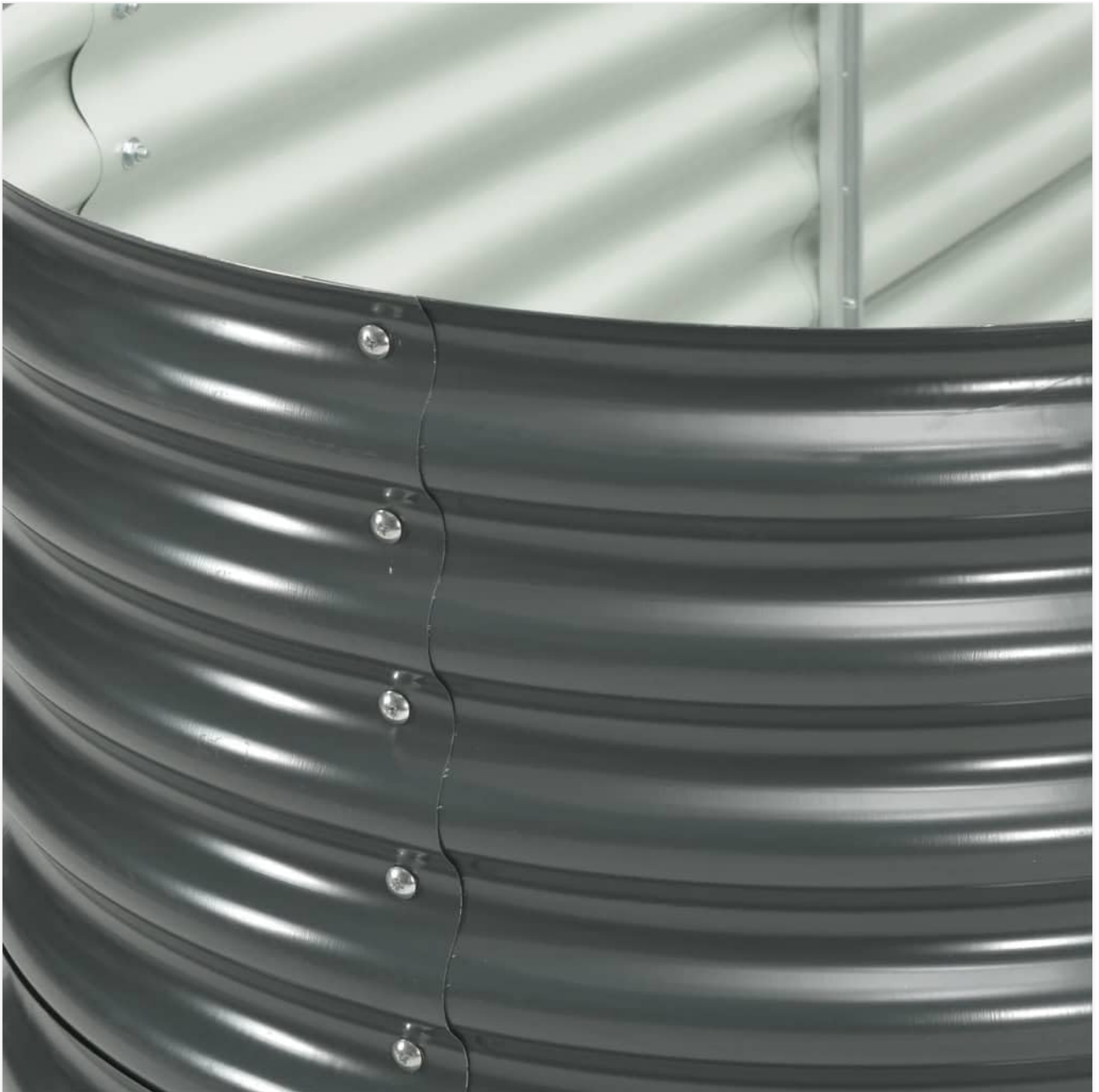


Image 4.2: Detail of panel connection points, showing screws and corrugated design.

- 3. Install Internal Support Bars:** For longer models (like the 240 cm version), internal support bars are essential for stability. Attach these bars across the width of the garden bed, connecting them to the side panels at the designated points. These bars prevent bowing when the bed is filled with soil.



Image 4.3: Internal view highlighting the support bars for structural integrity.



Image 4.4: Detailed view of a support bar attachment.

4. **Tighten All Fasteners:** Once all panels and support bars are in place and the garden bed is correctly shaped, systematically tighten all screws and nuts. Ensure they are snug but do not overtighten, which could strip threads or deform the metal.
5. **Position the Garden Bed:** Choose a level and well-drained location for your raised garden bed. Consider sunlight exposure requirements for the plants you intend to grow.

## 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS (USAGE)

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Once assembled and positioned, your vidaXL Raised Garden Bed is ready for use:

- **Prepare the Base:** While not strictly necessary, you may choose to lay down a layer of cardboard or landscape fabric at the bottom of the bed to suppress weeds and retain soil.
- **Fill with Soil:** Fill the garden bed with a suitable soil mix. A common practice is to layer organic materials (e.g., logs, branches, leaves) at the bottom, followed by compost and then topsoil. This method, known as Hugelkultur, can improve drainage and nutrient availability.
- **Planting:** Plant your desired vegetables, herbs, or flowers according to their specific spacing and depth requirements. The raised design allows for better control over soil quality and temperature.

- **Watering:** Water your plants regularly. Raised beds tend to drain more quickly than in-ground gardens, so monitor soil moisture closely.
- **Drainage:** The open bottom design ensures excellent drainage, preventing waterlogging and promoting healthy root development.

## 6. MAINTENANCE

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To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your galvanized steel raised garden bed, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Periodically wipe down the exterior of the garden bed with a damp cloth to remove dirt and debris. Avoid abrasive cleaners that could damage the galvanized coating.
- **Inspection:** Annually, or after severe weather, inspect all fasteners to ensure they remain tight. Check for any signs of rust or damage to the galvanized coating. While galvanized steel is weather-resistant, prolonged exposure to highly acidic soil or harsh chemicals can affect its surface.
- **Soil Management:** Over time, soil in raised beds can compact and deplete nutrients. Amend the soil annually with compost or other organic matter to maintain fertility and structure.
- **Winterization:** In regions with harsh winters, consider covering the garden bed or removing excess soil to prevent extreme freeze-thaw cycles from potentially stressing the structure.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

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Here are solutions to common issues you might encounter:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Difficulty aligning screw holes during assembly.	Panels are not perfectly aligned; fasteners were tightened too early.	Loosen all previously tightened fasteners. Gently adjust panels until holes align, then insert all screws before gradually tightening them. A rubber mallet can help with minor adjustments.
Sharp edges on panels.	Standard characteristic of cut metal sheets.	Always wear heavy-duty work gloves during handling and assembly. Once assembled, the top edge is typically rolled or covered, reducing exposure.
Garden bed appears unstable or bows when filled.	Support bars not installed or not properly tightened; uneven ground.	Ensure all internal support bars are correctly installed and securely fastened. Verify the garden bed is placed on a level surface. If necessary, empty the bed, level the ground, and refill.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

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The following are the technical specifications for the vidaXL Galvanized Steel Raised Garden Bed (Model 45523):

Attribute	Value
Brand	vidaXL
Model Number	45523

Attribute	Value
Color	Grey
Material	Galvanized Steel (Alloy Steel)
Dimensions (L x W x H)	240 x 80 x 81 cm (94.5 x 31.5 x 31.9 inches)
Product Weight	19.22 kg (42.37 lbs)
Special Feature	Weather Resistant
Indoor/Outdoor Use	Outdoor
Plant Form	Raised Bed
Shape	Oval

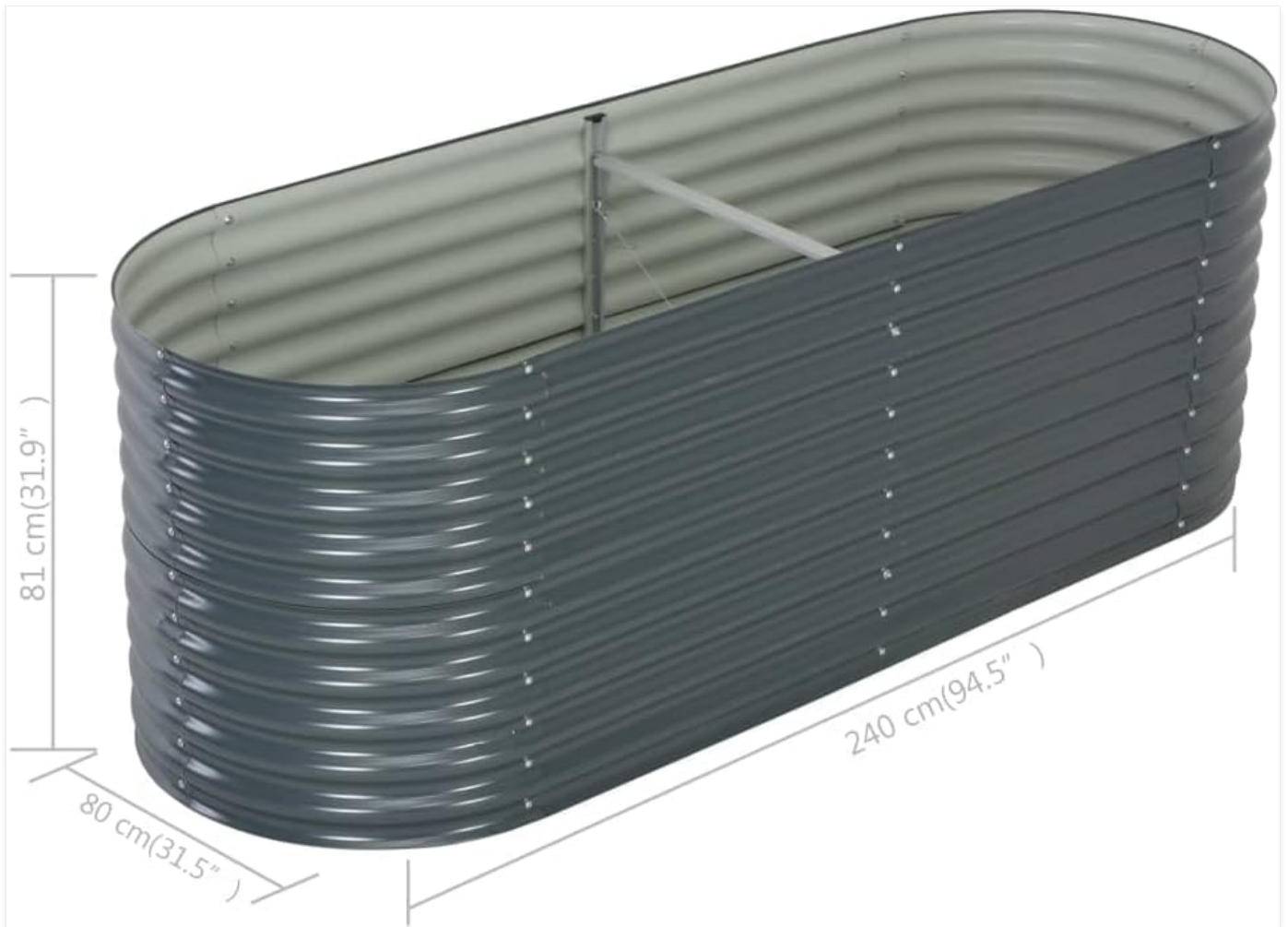


Image 8.1: Dimensional diagram of the raised garden bed.

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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