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Model: 403226 | Brand: TecTake

1. Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the assembly, operation, and maintenance of your TecTake 403226 Chicken Coop and Rabbit Hutch. This versatile outdoor enclosure is designed to provide a safe and comfortable habitat for various small animals.

It is suitable for animals such as **rabbits**, **chickens**, **guinea pigs**, **and chinchillas**, offering a spacious ground run and a protected resting area. Please read these instructions carefully before assembly and use to ensure proper function and the safety of your animals.

2. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Always prioritize the safety and well-being of your animals and yourself. Adhere to the following safety guidelines:

- **Proper Placement:** Place the hutch on a level, stable surface to prevent tipping. Ensure it is in a shaded area to protect animals from direct sunlight and extreme weather.
- **Predator Protection:** While the hutch offers protection against common predators like foxes and birds of prey, regularly inspect the mesh and wooden structure for any damage that could compromise security.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure adequate ventilation within the hutch, especially in the enclosed resting areas, to prevent heat buildup and maintain air quality.
- **Regular Inspection:** Periodically check all screws, hinges, and latches to ensure they are secure. Tighten any loose fasteners.
- **Animal Compatibility:** Ensure the animals housed together are compatible and have sufficient space to avoid stress or aggression.
- **Child Safety:** Keep children supervised when near the hutch and instruct them on safe interaction with the animals and the enclosure.
- Material Handling: Be cautious when handling wooden components during assembly to avoid splinters. Wear appropriate protective gear if necessary.

3. COMPONENTS AND MATERIALS

Your TecTake 403226 hutch is constructed from durable materials designed for outdoor use. A detailed list of all parts and hardware is included in the separate assembly instructions provided with your package.

Primary Materials:

- Solid Natural Fir Wood: Used for the main structure, providing durability and a natural aesthetic.
- Asphalt Sheet Roof: Green, waterproof covering for the roof elements, offering protection from rain and sun.
- Galvanized Steel Rabbit Mesh: Strong and secure mesh for the enclosed run areas, preventing escapes and
 protecting against predators.
- Steel Screws and Stainless Steel Hinges: For secure assembly and long-lasting functionality of doors and moving parts.
- Wooden Drawers with Zinc Inserts: Facilitate easy cleaning of the upper level.

Please verify all components against the packing list before beginning assembly.

4. ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

The TecTake 403226 hutch requires assembly. Detailed, step-by-step assembly instructions are provided in a separate manual included in your package. Please refer to that document for specific diagrams and instructions. **General Assembly Tips:**

- Tools Required: Basic hand tools such as a screwdriver (preferably a power drill for efficiency), hammer, and possibly a wrench may be needed.
- Two-Person Assembly: While possible for one person, assembly is significantly easier and safer with two people.
- Organize Parts: Lay out all components and hardware before starting. Group similar parts to streamline the process.
- Follow Steps Sequentially: Do not skip steps. Ensure each connection is secure before proceeding.
- **Do Not Overtighten:** Tighten screws firmly but avoid overtightening, which can strip wood or damage components.



Image 1: Overall view of the TecTake 403226 hutch with all doors open, showcasing the two levels and spacious design.





Image 2: Front view of the hutch, showing the two levels and the secure mesh enclosures.



Image 3: Diagram illustrating the overall dimensions of the hutch: 226 cm length, 77 cm width, and 95 cm height.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The TecTake 403226 hutch is designed for ease of use and animal comfort.

5.1 Access and Movement

- Lockable Doors: The hutch features four lockable doors for convenient access to both the upper resting area and the lower ground run. Ensure all doors are securely latched when animals are inside.
- Ladders: Two ladders with four steps each connect the upper resting area to the lower ground run, allowing animals to move freely between levels.
- Floorless Ground Run: The lower ground run is designed without a floor, allowing animals to graze directly on grass when placed on a lawn.



Image 4: Front view of the hutch with both upper and lower doors open, demonstrating easy access for animal care.

5.2 Cleaning Access

- **Pull-Out Drawers:** The upper level features two pull-out wooden drawers with zinc inserts. These drawers are designed to collect waste and bedding, making cleaning quick and hygienic. Simply pull them out, empty, and reinsert.
- Removable Roof Elements: The roof elements can be removed, providing additional access for cleaning or tending to animals in the upper section.



Image 5: Top view of the hutch showing the two pull-out drawers with zinc inserts, designed for easy cleaning.



Image 6: Side view of the hutch, highlighting one of the ramps connecting the upper and lower levels.

6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance will extend the lifespan of your hutch and ensure a healthy environment for your animals.

- **Daily Cleaning:** Empty and clean the pull-out drawers daily or as needed, depending on the number and type of animals. Use animal-safe disinfectants.
- Weekly Cleaning: Thoroughly clean the entire hutch weekly. Remove all bedding, scrub surfaces, and allow to dry completely before adding fresh bedding.
- **Wood Care:** The natural fir wood is treated for outdoor use, but to prolong its life, consider applying a nontoxic, animal-safe wood sealant or stain annually, especially in areas exposed to heavy weather.
- **Roof Inspection:** Periodically check the asphalt sheet roof for any tears or damage. Repair promptly to maintain its waterproof properties.
- **Mesh and Hardware:** Inspect the galvanized steel mesh for any signs of rust, bending, or gaps. Check all hinges, latches, and screws for tightness and proper function. Lubricate hinges if they become stiff.

• Pest Control: Regularly check for signs of pests and take appropriate, animal-safe measures if detected.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are some common issues and their potential solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Wood appears weathered or discolored.	Exposure to sun, rain, and humidity.	Apply a non-toxic, animal-safe wood sealant or paint. Ensure proper drainage around the hutch.
Doors or drawers stick or don't close properly.	Wood swelling due to moisture, loose hinges, or debris in tracks.	Check and tighten hinges. Clean tracks of drawers. If wood is swollen, allow it to dry or lightly sand affected areas.
Mesh is bent or damaged.	Animal activity, external impact, or wear over time.	Carefully bend mesh back into place. For significant damage, replace the section of mesh or reinforce with additional wire. Ensure no sharp edges are exposed.
Water pooling on roof.	Asphalt sheet damage or improper slope.	Inspect roof for tears or lifted sections of asphalt. Repair with roofing sealant or replace damaged sections. Ensure hutch is on level ground.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Key technical details for the TecTake 403226 Chicken Coop and Rabbit Hutch:

Feature	Detail
Overall Dimensions (L x W x H)	Approx. 226 x 77 x 95.5 cm (89 x 30.3 x 37.6 inches)
Ground Run Base Area (L x W x H)	212 x 60 x 36.5 cm (83.5 x 23.6 x 14.4 inches)
Resting Area Base Area (L x W x H)	100 x 57.5 x 57 cm (39.4 x 22.6 x 22.4 inches)
Frame Thickness	2 cm (0.8 inches)
Ladder Size (L x W)	54.5 x 22 cm (21.5 x 8.7 inches) with 4 steps
Rabbit Mesh Size	1.5 x 1.5 cm (0.6 x 0.6 inches)

Feature	Detail
Upper Door (W x H)	30 x 33 cm (11.8 x 13 inches)
Lower Door (W x H)	48 x 30 cm (18.9 x 11.8 inches)
Weight	Approx. 33 kg (72.7 lbs)
Material	Solid Natural Fir Wood, Asphalt Sheet Roof, Galvanized Steel Mesh, Steel Screws, Stainless Steel Hinges, Zinc Inserts
Number of Levels	2
Number of Doors	4

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding the product warranty, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official TecTake website. Warranty terms and conditions may vary by region and retailer. If you encounter any issues not covered in this manual or require further assistance, please contact TecTake customer support. Contact details can typically be found on the product packaging or the manufacturer's website.

Online Resources: For additional tips, FAQs, or to purchase replacement parts, please visit the TecTake Brand Store on Amazon.

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