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### PawHut D40-023V00CG

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Model: D40-023V00CG

## INTRODUCTION

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Thank you for purchasing the PawHut 34" Wooden Tortoise Habitat. This enclosure is designed to provide a safe and comfortable living space for your tortoise, suitable for both indoor and outdoor environments. It features a two-room design with a dedicated hide shelter and a basking area, an openable top for easy access, and a removable plastic tray for convenient cleaning. Please read this manual thoroughly before assembly and use to ensure proper setup and long-term care of your habitat.



Image: The PawHut 34" Wooden Tortoise Habitat, showcasing its gray and white wooden construction with a mesh top over the basking area and a solid roof over the hide shelter.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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- Always supervise pets when they are in the habitat, especially during initial use.
- Ensure all parts are securely fastened before placing your tortoise inside.
- Do not expose the habitat to extreme weather conditions for prolonged periods if used outdoors.
- Regularly inspect the habitat for any damage or wear that could compromise your pet's safety.
- Keep small children and other pets away from the habitat during assembly and maintenance.
- This product is designed for tortoises and similar small reptiles. Do not use for other animals.

## COMPONENTS LIST

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Before beginning assembly, please ensure all the following components are present and undamaged. Refer to the assembly diagram for visual identification of parts.

- Wooden panels for walls and base
- Wooden roof panels for hide shelter
- Metal mesh screen for basking area
- Plastic tray
- Hinges and latches
- Screws and other fasteners
- Assembly tools (e.g., Allen wrench, screwdriver)

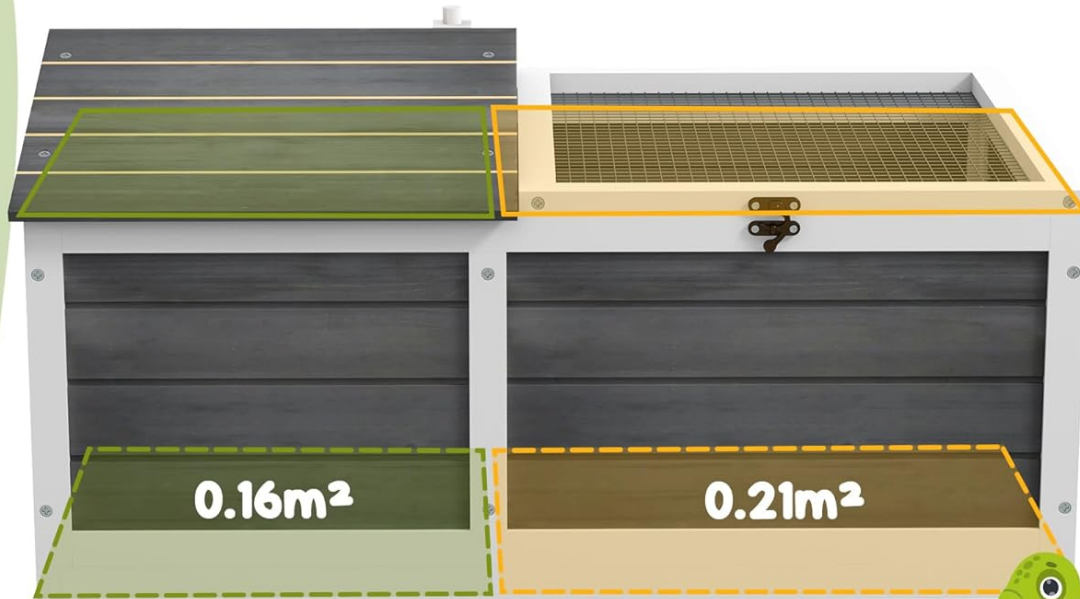
## SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

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Assembly of the PawHut Tortoise Habitat requires careful attention to detail. Follow these steps sequentially for proper construction.

1. **Unpack and Identify Parts:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Lay them out and compare them against the components list to ensure nothing is missing or damaged.
2. **Assemble Base and Side Panels:** Connect the wooden side panels to the base using the provided screws. Ensure the grooves for the plastic tray are correctly aligned.
3. **Install Divider Panel:** Secure the internal divider panel that separates the hide shelter from the basking area.
4. **Attach Roof for Hide Shelter:** Fasten the solid wooden roof panels to the hide shelter section using hinges.
5. **Attach Mesh Top for Basking Area:** Secure the metal mesh screen to the basking area section using hinges. Ensure the latch mechanism is installed correctly for secure closure.
6. **Insert Plastic Tray:** Slide the plastic tray into the designated grooves at the bottom of the habitat. This tray is crucial for containing substrate and facilitating cleaning.
7. **Final Inspection:** Once assembled, check all screws and connections to ensure they are tight and secure. Verify that both lids open and close smoothly and the latch functions properly.

# TWO-ROOM DESIGN



Built-in Hide Box



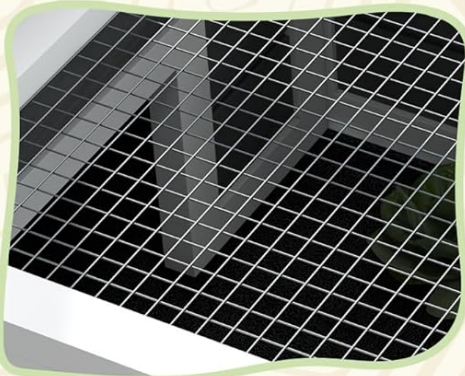
Basking Area

Image: Diagram illustrating the two-room design of the habitat, highlighting the built-in hide box and the basking area with their respective dimensions.

# EASY ACCESS



Openable Tops



 Lockable Latches

 Galvanized Wire Mesh



Image: Visual representation of the easy access features, showing the openable tops, lockable latches, and the galvanized wire mesh.

# EASY TO CLEAN

It prevents leakage of water, sand



Plastic Tray



Image: Illustration demonstrating the removable plastic tray, emphasizing its role in preventing leakage and simplifying cleaning.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This habitat is designed for ease of use while providing a suitable environment for your tortoise.

- **Placement:** The habitat can be used indoors or outdoors. When placing outdoors, choose a location that offers partial shade to prevent overheating, and ensure it is protected from strong winds and direct precipitation. For indoor use, place away from direct drafts or heat sources.
- **Substrate:** Fill the habitat with appropriate substrate for your tortoise species. The plastic tray will contain the substrate and prevent it from falling through.
- **Hide Shelter:** The enclosed section provides a dark, secure space for your tortoise to rest and feel safe.
- **Basking Area:** The mesh-covered section allows for natural sunlight exposure, which is vital for tortoise health. Ensure adequate ventilation in this area.
- **Access:** The hinged tops allow for easy access to your tortoise for feeding, cleaning, and interaction. Always secure the latches after opening to prevent escape.

# INDOOR & OUTDOOR USE

An excellent habitat for pets to roam, play, relax, and sleep



Image: Depiction of the tortoise habitat in both an indoor and an outdoor setting, illustrating its versatility.



Image: The tortoise habitat with the mesh lid of the basking area open, showing the interior space and ease of access.

## MAINTENANCE AND CARE

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Regular cleaning and maintenance will extend the life of your tortoise habitat and ensure a healthy environment for your pet.

- **Daily Cleaning:** Remove any waste or uneaten food daily.
- **Substrate Change:** Replace the substrate as needed, typically every few weeks, depending on the type of substrate and number of animals.
- **Habitat Cleaning:** The plastic tray can be easily removed for thorough cleaning. Wash with mild, pet-safe disinfectant and rinse thoroughly. Allow to dry completely before reinserting.
- **Wood Care:** The fir wood is coated with water-resistant paint. Wipe down wooden surfaces with a damp cloth as needed. Avoid harsh chemicals that could be harmful to your pet.
- **Mesh Screen:** Periodically check the mesh screen for any damage or corrosion. Clean with a soft brush to remove debris.

- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect all hinges, latches, and wooden joints for signs of wear or damage. Tighten screws if necessary.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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| Problem                          | Possible Cause  | Solution   |
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| Lid does not close securely.     | Latch misalignment or hinge issue.                      | Check if hinges are properly aligned and tightened. Adjust the latch mechanism if it's not catching correctly.   |
| Substrate leaks from the bottom. | Plastic tray not inserted correctly or damaged.         | Ensure the plastic tray is fully seated in its grooves. Inspect the tray for cracks or holes; replace if damaged.  |
| Wood appears warped or damaged.  | Prolonged exposure to moisture or extreme temperatures. | Ensure proper outdoor placement with adequate protection from elements. For minor warping, allow to dry in a well-ventilated area. For significant damage, contact customer support. |
| Mesh screen is loose.            | Screws securing the mesh frame are loose.               | Tighten the screws holding the mesh screen frame.  |

## PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

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| Feature                        | Detail                         |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Model Number                   | D40-023V00CG                   |
| Overall Dimensions (L x W x H) | 33.75" x 21.25" x 17"          |
| Item Weight                    | 15.4 Pounds                    |
| Material                       | Fir Wood, Galvanised Mesh Wire |
| Color                          | Gray                           |
| Target Audience                | Reptile and Amphibian Pets     |
| Included Components            | Plastic Tray                   |
| Specific Uses                  | Indoor, Outdoor                |

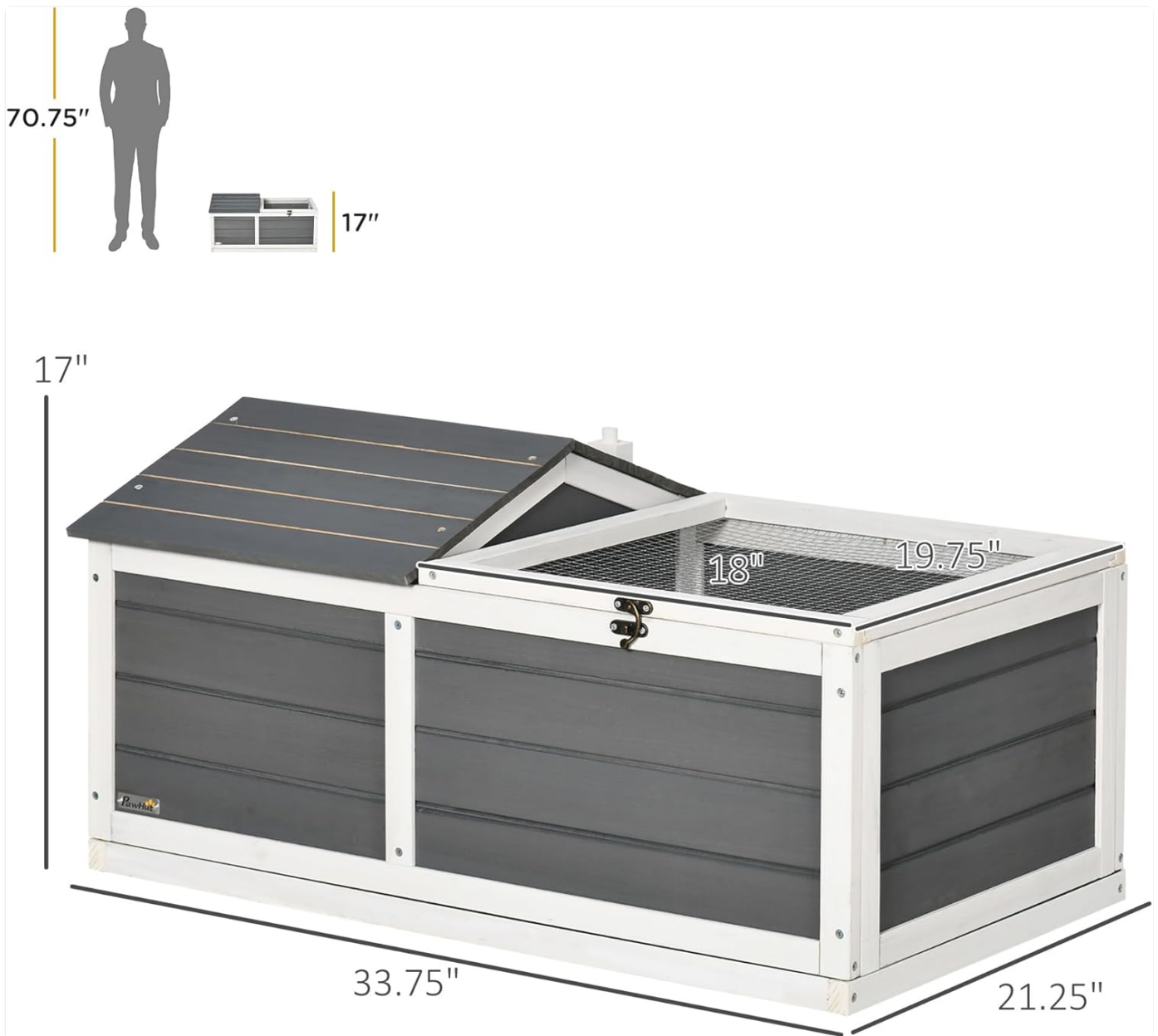


Image: Detailed diagram showing the overall dimensions of the PawHut Tortoise Habitat, including length, width, and height measurements.

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For any questions regarding assembly, operation, or maintenance of your PawHut Tortoise Habitat, please contact PawHut customer support. Please have your model number (D40-023V00CG) ready when contacting support. You can visit the official PawHut store for more information and contact details: [PawHut Store on Amazon](#)