

PawHut D40-043V00YL

PawHut Tortoise Habitat with Storage Shelf Instruction Manual

Model: D40-043V00YL

Brand: PawHut

1. SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read all instructions carefully before assembly and use. Retain this manual for future reference.

- Adult assembly is required. Ensure all parts are present and undamaged before beginning.
- This product is designed for indoor use only.
- Ensure the habitat is placed on a stable, level surface to prevent tipping.
- When using a heat lamp (not included), ensure it is securely mounted and positioned to prevent burns to your pet or fire hazards. Follow the lamp manufacturer's instructions.
- Regularly inspect the habitat for any signs of wear or damage that could compromise your pet's safety.
- Keep small children and other pets away from the habitat during assembly and ensure they do not interfere with the tortoise.

2. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all components listed below are included in your package:

- Wooden panels for enclosure walls and base
- Wooden legs and support beams
- Clear acrylic viewing windows (front and side)
- Openable top panels (mesh and solid wood)
- Lamp holder bracket
- Built-in pull-out tray
- Storage shelf components
- Assembly hardware (screws, hinges, latches, etc.)
- Instruction Manual

3. ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Assembly typically requires two adults. Please follow the numbered steps carefully.

1. **Unpack and Identify Parts:** Lay out all components and hardware on a clean, soft surface. Refer to the parts list to ensure everything is present.
2. **Assemble the Base Frame:** Connect the side and front/back wooden panels to form the main enclosure base. Secure with provided screws.
3. **Install Acrylic Windows:** Carefully slide the clear acrylic panels into the designated grooves on the front and side of the enclosure.
4. **Attach Legs and Storage Shelf:** Securely attach the wooden legs to the base frame. Assemble and attach the lower storage shelf to the legs.
5. **Construct Internal Divisions:** Install the internal wooden partition to create the separate private and basking areas.
6. **Install Top Panels:** Attach the mesh and solid wood top panels using the provided hinges. Ensure they open and close smoothly and the latches function correctly.
7. **Mount Lamp Holder:** Secure the lamp holder bracket to the designated position on the enclosure.
8. **Insert Pull-Out Tray:** Slide the built-in pull-out tray into its slot beneath the main enclosure area.



Figure 1: Fully assembled PawHut Tortoise Habitat, showcasing its two-level design with a spacious enclosure on top and a storage shelf below.



Figure 2: Detailed dimensions of the tortoise habitat, including overall length, width, height, and internal compartment measurements.

Video 1: An overview of the PawHut D40-043V00YL Tortoise House, demonstrating its features and design.

4. INITIAL SETUP

Once assembled, prepare the habitat for your tortoise.

- **Placement:** Choose a quiet, stable location away from direct drafts, extreme temperatures, and direct sunlight.
- **Substrate:** Add appropriate substrate (e.g., coco fiber, cypress mulch) to the enclosure. Ensure sufficient depth for burrowing in the private area.
- **Lighting and Heating:** Install a suitable heat lamp and UV-B lamp (not included) on the lamp holder. Position them to create a basking spot with the correct temperature gradient for your tortoise species. Use a thermometer to monitor temperatures.
- **Water and Food Dishes:** Place shallow water and food dishes in accessible areas.
- **Decorations:** Add hides, rocks, and other decorations to enrich the environment and provide security for your tortoise.

TWO ROOM DESIGN



Figure 3: The two-room design, featuring a private hide box and an open basking area, allowing for varied environmental zones.

LAMP HOLDER

Suitable for adding a heating lamp

Note: Lamp not included



Figure 4: The integrated lamp holder, designed to accommodate a heating lamp (not included) for the tortoise's basking needs.

5. OPERATING THE HABITAT

Daily use and interaction with your tortoise habitat.

- **Feeding:** Provide fresh food daily in the designated food dish.
- **Water:** Ensure fresh water is always available in the water dish.
- **Monitoring:** Observe your tortoise daily for any changes in behavior, appetite, or health. Check temperature and humidity levels regularly.
- **Access:** Use the openable top panels for easy access to your tortoise and for routine tasks. Securely latch them closed when not in use.

OBSERVE YOUR PET CLEARLY

Front and side clear panels



Figure 5: The large clear acrylic panels on the front and side provide excellent visibility for observing your tortoise without disturbance.

6. MAINTENANCE

Regular cleaning and maintenance are crucial for your tortoise's health.

- **Daily Spot Cleaning:** Remove any uneaten food and waste from the habitat daily.
- **Tray Cleaning:** The built-in pull-out tray allows for easy removal and cleaning of waste and soiled substrate. Clean the tray as needed, typically several times a week.
- **Deep Cleaning:** Periodically, remove all substrate and decorations for a thorough cleaning of the entire habitat. Use reptile-safe disinfectants.
- **Wood Care:** Wipe down wooden surfaces with a damp cloth. Avoid excessive moisture to prevent wood damage.
- **Window Cleaning:** Clean acrylic windows with a soft cloth and a mild, non-abrasive cleaner to maintain clarity.

EASY TO MAINTAIN AND ACCESS

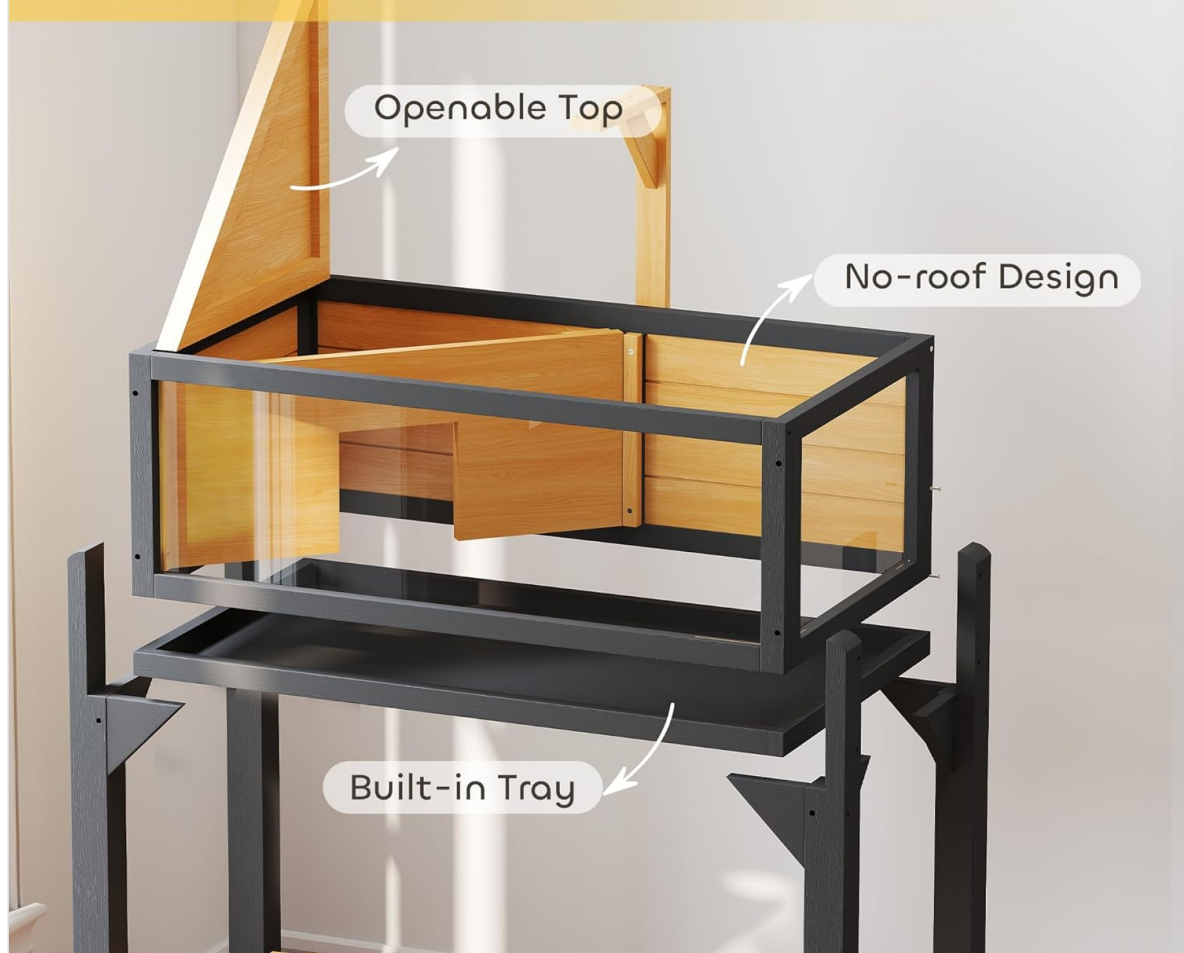


Figure 6: The habitat features a convenient pull-out tray, simplifying the process of cleaning and maintaining the enclosure.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Common issues and their solutions.

- **Habitat feels wobbly:** Ensure all screws are tightened during assembly. Check that the habitat is on a flat, stable surface.
- **Difficulty opening/closing top panels:** Check hinges for alignment and ensure no debris is obstructing the movement. Lubricate hinges if necessary.
- **Inadequate heating/lighting:** Verify that the heat lamp and UV-B lamp are working correctly and are of the appropriate wattage for your tortoise species and enclosure size. Adjust lamp height as needed.
- **Tortoise not using hide:** Ensure the hide is dark, secure, and large enough for your tortoise to comfortably enter and turn around. Check the temperature within the hide.



8. PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

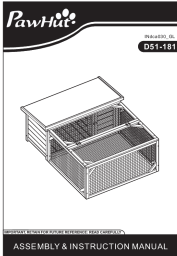



Overall Dimensions (L x W x H)	33.3" x 18.7" x 35.4"
Main House Dimensions (W x D)	16.3" x 16.3" (1 Sq. ft.)
Basking Area Dimensions (W x D)	30.1" x 17.1" (3 Sq. ft.)
Material	Wood, Acrylic, Metal
Color	Yellow (Product variant)
Item Weight	22 Pounds
Special Features	Transparent viewing panels, Weather Resistant (for wood treatment), Lamp Holder, Openable Top, Built-in Tray, Storage Shelf
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9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This PawHut Tortoise Habitat comes with a **1 Year Warranty Against Manufacturer Defects**. For any questions, concerns, or warranty claims, please contact PawHut customer support through your retailer's platform or visit the official PawHut website for contact information.

Related Documents - D40-043V00YL

	<p>PawHut D40-023V00 Wooden Tortoise Habitat Assembly Instructions</p> <p>Comprehensive assembly instructions for the PawHut D40-023V00 wooden tortoise habitat. Includes parts list, hardware details, and step-by-step guidance for building your pet's enclosure.</p>
	<p>PawHut D40-034V00 Tortoise Enclosure Assembly Instructions</p> <p>Detailed assembly instructions for the PawHut D40-034V00 Tortoise Enclosure. Includes parts list, hardware guide, and step-by-step assembly diagrams with textual descriptions.</p>

	<p>PawHut INdca030_GL D51-181 Rabbit Hutch Assembly & Instruction Manual</p> <p>Step-by-step assembly instructions for the PawHut INdca030_GL D51-181 rabbit hutch and small animal enclosure. Includes parts list, hardware details, safety warnings, and contact information for Aosom.</p>
	<p>PawHut Wooden Large Hamster Cage Assembly Instructions</p> <p>Comprehensive assembly guide for the PawHut Wooden Large Hamster Cage, a 3-tier small animal habitat with accessories. Includes detailed steps and hardware identification.</p>
	<p>PawHut D51-162 Hamster Cage Assembly Guide Model IN221100433V01_GL</p> <p>Comprehensive assembly instructions for the PawHut D51-162 hamster cage. Follow these 18 steps to build your pet's new home. Includes part list and contact information.</p>
	<p>PawHut D51-276 Small Animal Cage Assembly Guide</p> <p>Step-by-step instructions and parts list for assembling the PawHut D51-276 small animal cage. Includes diagrams and hardware details for easy setup.</p>