

# Duraturuf<sup>®</sup> GUARDIAN SHEDS

## ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

**GS73**



**BASE SIZE: 2.190m x 1.020m**

## CHECK OUT OUR ASSEMBLY VIDEO

Let Keith and Justin show you how to build your Guardian shed like a professional.

When used in conjunction with these assembly instructions, Keith's practical tips and tricks will make your assembly experience much simpler. Giving you visual guidance through sections that seem tricky on paper, and helping you achieve a flawless end result.

To view the video visit [www.duratuf.co.nz/guardian-assembly](http://www.duratuf.co.nz/guardian-assembly)



**Note:** Assembly video features a GL57. But can be used for reference for any other Guardian model.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON PURCHASING A DURATUF GUARDIAN SHED.  
BEFORE YOU BEGIN THE ASSEMBLY PLEASE NOTE SOME IMPORTANT POINTS:**

**BEFORE YOU START:**

- *Read all instructions carefully*
- *Identify all parts and check quantities against parts list*
- *Select a level site*
- *Do not mark cladding with pencil as lead can cause corrosion to cladding*
- *During assembly, ensure all drill filings are removed between layers of steel, before riveting together*

**SAFETY:**

- *Do not attempt to build your shed in high winds*
- *Beware of sharp edges, we recommend that you use gloves*
- *Protect your eyes and ears*
- *For ease of assembly, use a friend to help*

**TOOLS REQUIRED:**



**DRILL**



**RIVETER**



**SQUARE DRILL BIT**



**3.5mm & 10mm  
DRILL BIT**



**LADDER**



**HAMMER**



**NAIL PUNCH**



**TAPE MEASURE**



**HEX DRIVE**



**SKILL SAW  
(timber floor only)**

**WARRANTY REQUIREMENTS:**

*The following maintenance process needs to be adhered to, to qualify for the steel warranty of your Duratuf Guardian shed.*

- *Wash all surfaces annually using a hose and soft nylon brush.*
- *Within 2 km of coast – wash every 3 months as above. After a storm, wash the cladding and the gutters as soon as possible to remove any highly corrosive salt deposits.*
- *Volcanic Ash Fallout – wash as soon as possible, removing fall out from roof and gutters.*
- *Do not allow manures, chemicals or other corrosive materials to have direct contact with cladding.*

# GS73 PARTS LIST

## CLADDING + FLASHING + HARDWARE






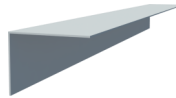
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Barge - 1.110m	2		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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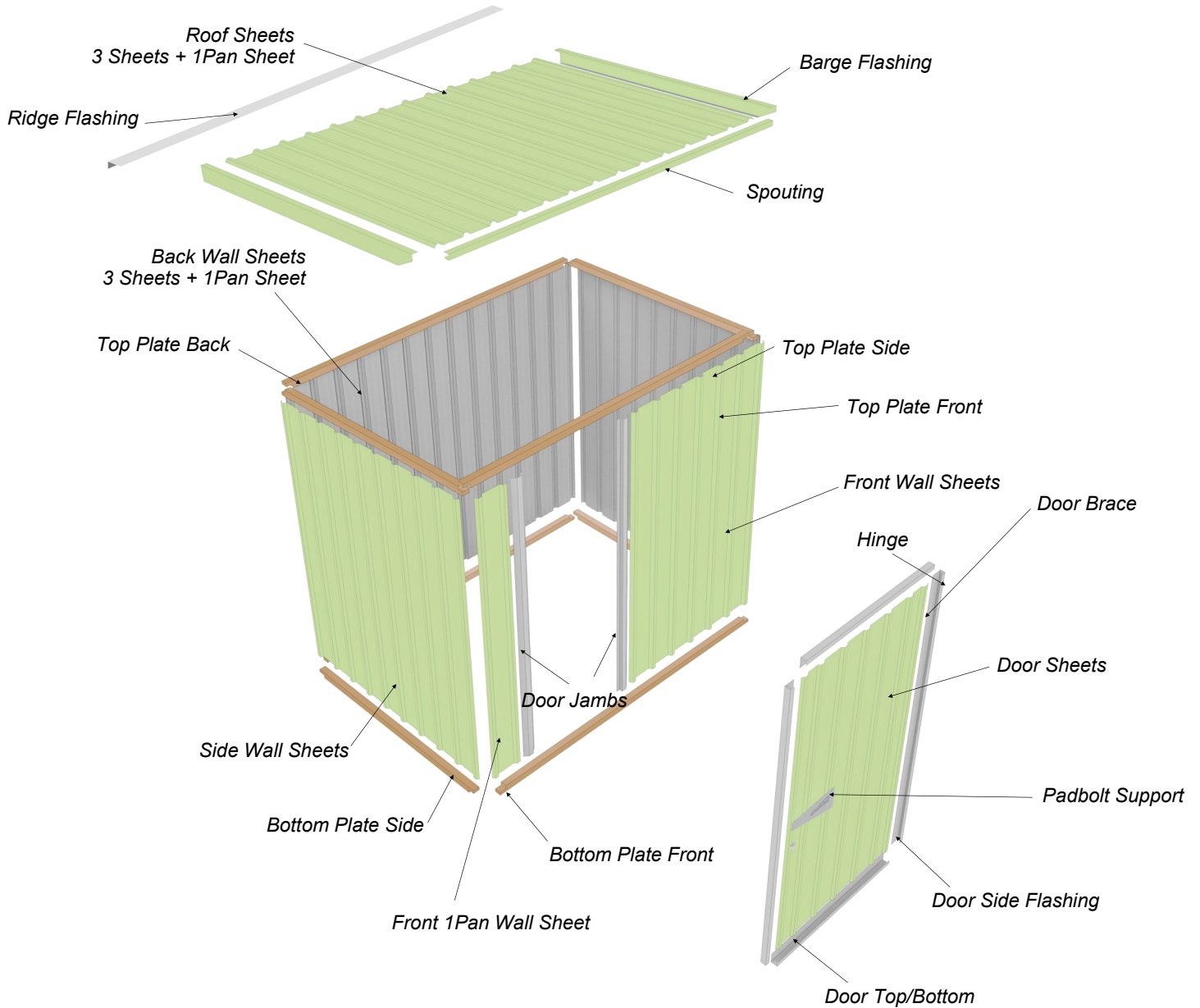
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### TIMBER

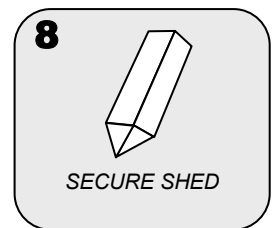
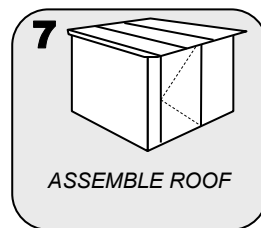
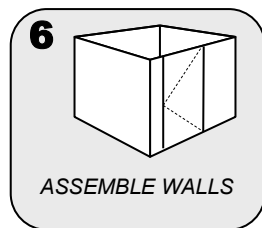
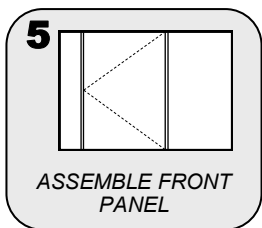
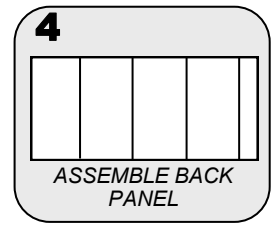
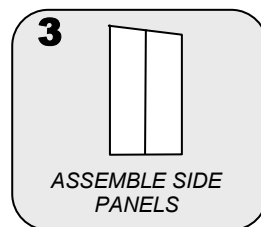
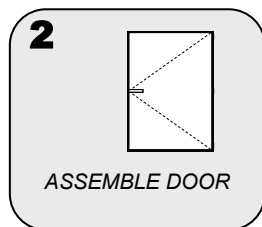
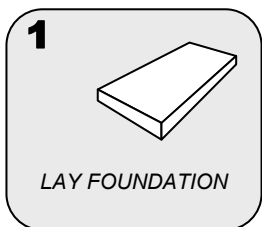
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Side Wall Bottom Plates - H4 (Green) 1.020 m	2		<input type="checkbox"/>
Side Wall Top Plates - H1 (Red) 1.022m	2		<input type="checkbox"/>
Spouting - 2.225m	1		<input type="checkbox"/>
Ridge - 2.225m	1		<input type="checkbox"/>

# PARTS LOCATION



# QUICK OVERVIEW







No doubt by now you will have decided what sort of base you are putting down.

Please read the section that applies to your situation.

If you choose to pour a concrete base you will need to decide whether you wish to raise the base plate of your shed. This allows the cladding to protrude below the surface of the concrete and ensures a water tight pad.

See concrete pad specifications below

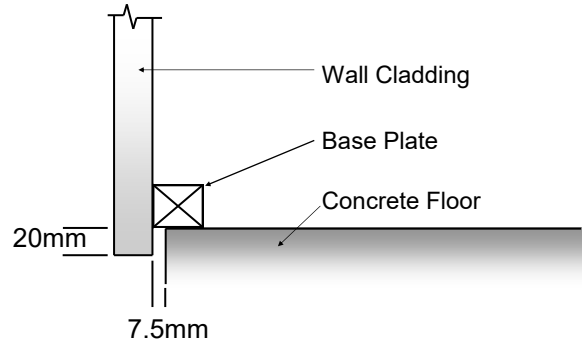
By choosing this option you will need to make the concrete pad to the specification below.

## RAISED BASE PLATE OPTION

(For sheds placed on a raised concrete floor)

- During construction, you may raise the bottom timber plate to allow the wall cladding to protrude 20mm below the bottom plate. This will stop water flowing between the bottom plate and the concrete floor.

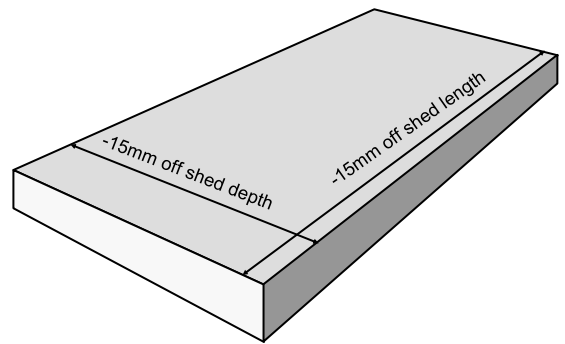
See note on page 8.



## CONCRETE SLAB FOR RAISED BASE PLATE SHED

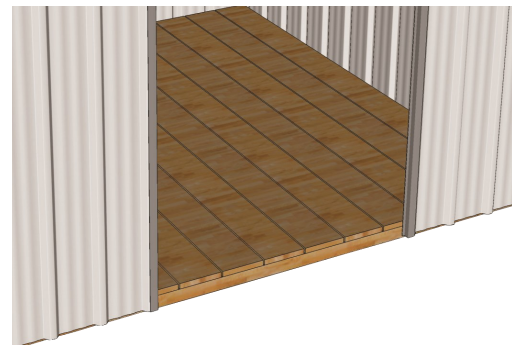
To build a raised concrete slab for your shed to sit on, we recommend the following:

- The raised slab size should be 15mm smaller than the base size of the shed and at least 30mm above ground line.
- The slab should be 80mm thick in the middle and 100mm thick around the edges.
- The slab should be laid on a solid or compacted base.
- Plastic sheeting under slab will prevent moisture coming through from underneath.



## GUARDIAN WOODEN FLOOR

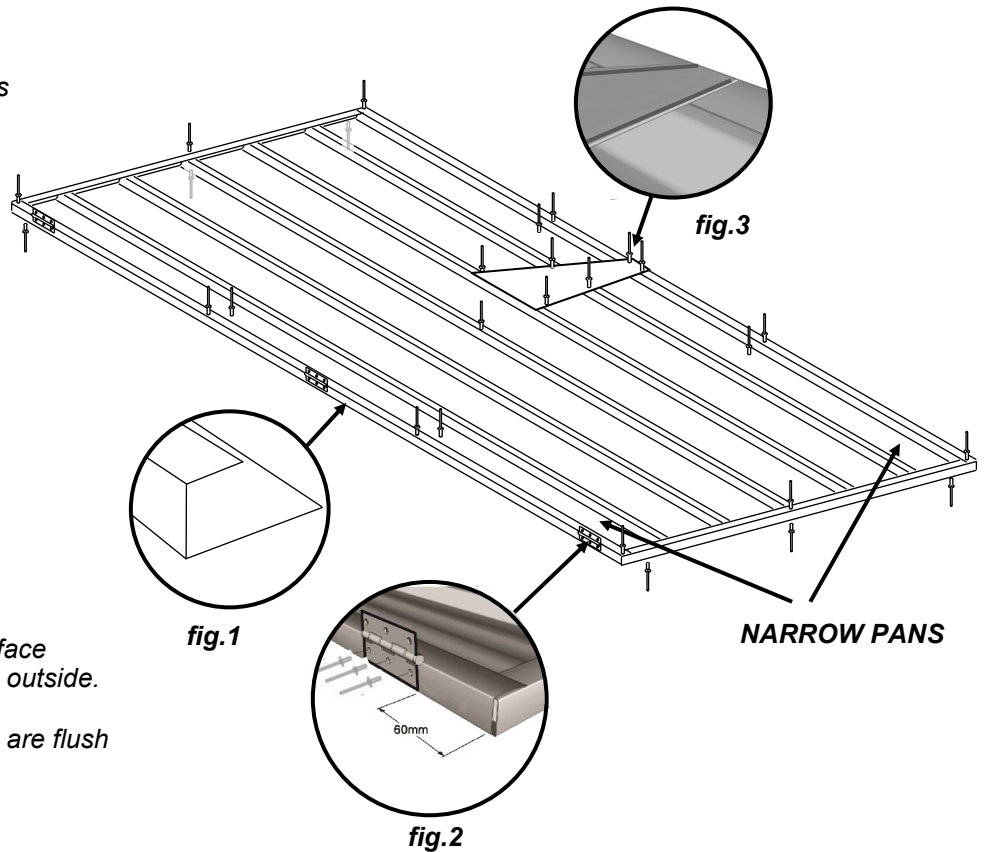
- The optional Guardian kitset wooden floor is precut and designed to be fitted into the shed after the shed is assembled.
- Assemble shed as per instructions and fit floor last. (see page 13 for details).





## SELECT:

- 2 x 1.850 m Door Sheets (Narrow)
- 2 x 0.945 m Door Top/Bottom Flashings
- 2 x 1.850 m Door Side Flashings
- 3 x Hinges
- 1 x Padbolt Support Flashing
- 2 x 1.160 m Door Brace Flashings
- 59 x Rivets



## STEP 1:

- Lay out 2 x door sheets on a flat surface making sure narrow pans are on the outside.
- Rivet sheets together ensuring ends are flush with each other.

## STEP 2:

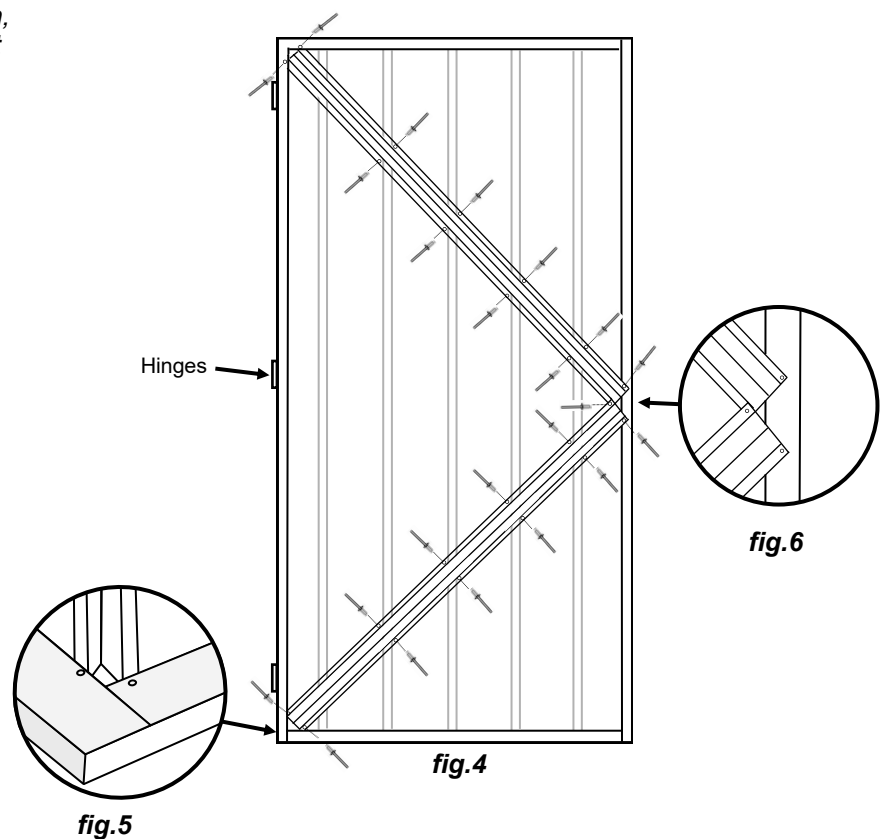
- Position door side flashings and door top and bottom flashings and assemble door as shown, ensuring narrow face of flashing is on the front as per **fig.1**
- Drill and rivet as per diagram.

## STEP 3:

- Attach hinges to door side flashing using rivets provided. Ensure hinge is flush with back of door, and 60mm in from each end as per **fig.2**.
- Using six rivets, attach padbolt support as shown in **fig.3**.

## STEP 4:

- On the back of the door, place door braces in position as shown in **fig.4**.
- Ensure that the top and bottom ends of the braces are under the door flashings as shown in **fig.5** and opposite ends of the braces overlap in the middle as shown in **fig.6**.
- Rivet door brace flashings onto back of door as shown. Where possible, rivet from front of door.







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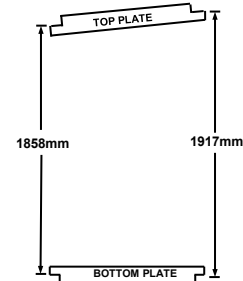
- 2 x 1.905 m Side Wall Sheets (Angled)
- 2 x 1.935 m Side Wall Sheets (Angled)
- 2 x 1.022m Top Plates (Red)
- 2 x 1.020m Bottom Plates (Green)
- 48 x 30mm Galv Clouts
- 4 x Rivets

## IMPORTANT—IF YOU CHOOSE TO RAISE YOUR TIMBER BASE PLATE —READ THE FOLLOWING;

For sheds with Raised Base Plate option only (see page 6), deduct 30mm from measurement shown between Top and Bottom Plates on all wall panels, so cladding protrudes 20mm below bottom plate.

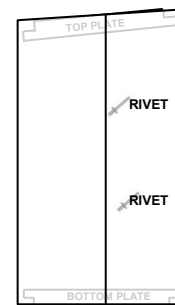
### STEP 1:

- Lay out 1 x Top Plate and 1 x Bottom Plate on a flat surface (corner cutouts to face as shown). **Measurements between Top and Bottom plates are critical to ensure wall panels fit together.**



### STEP 2:

- Place 1 x 1.935m Side wall sheet and 1 x 1.905m Side wall sheet on top of timber plates, with bottom of sheets flush with each other.
- Rivet sheets together on overlaps as shown.



### STEP 3:

- Nail wall sheets to the Top Plate at each end making sure that the top of the sheets are flush with the top of the Top Plate and the sides of the wall sheet overhang the Top Plate by approx 15mm as shown.
- Check that the Top Plate is straight then nail the wall sheet to the Top Plate, two clouts per pan (see **fig. 1**).

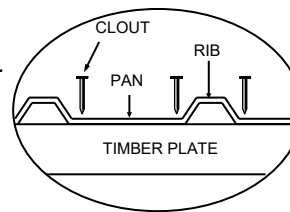
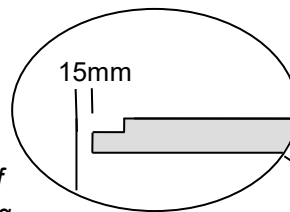
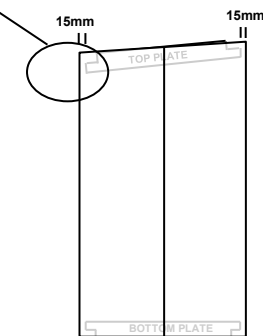


fig.1

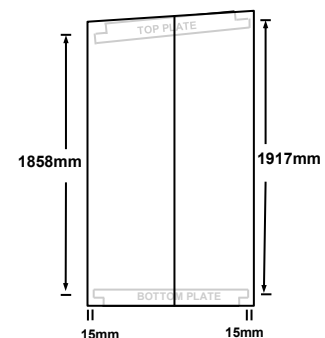


**Standard Shed — Bottom Plate will protrude below wall sheet by approximately 10mm.**

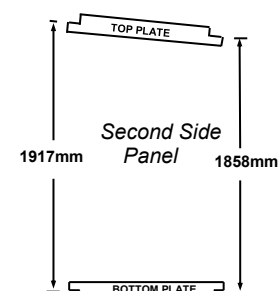
**Raised base plate shed — Wall sheet will protrude below the Bottom Plate by 20mm.**

### STEP 4:

- Nail the wall sheets to the Bottom Plate at each end ensuring each side of wall sheets overhangs the end of Bottom Plate by 15mm. Check that the distance between the Top and Bottom Plates is correct. (As per diagram in step 1)
- Check that the Bottom Plate is straight then nail the wall sheets to the Bottom Plate, two clouts per pan (see **fig. 1**).



**Repeat with second side panel ensuring Top Plate is positioned as shown.**



# ASSEMBLE BACK PANEL



## SELECT:

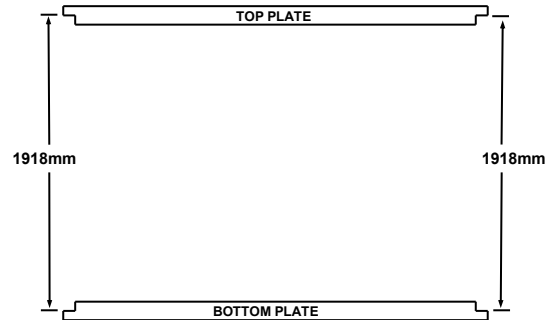
- 4 x 1.950 m Wall Sheets
- 1 x 1.950 m 1Pan Wall Sheet
- 1 x 2.190 m Top Plate (Red)
- 1 x 2.190 m Bottom Plate (Green)
- 60 x 30mm Galv Clouts
- 8 x Rivets

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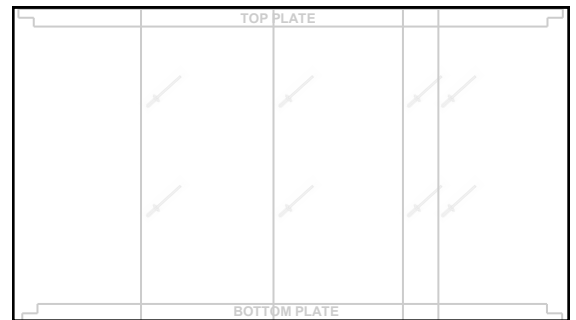
### STEP 1:

- Lay out 1 x Top Plate and 1 x Bottom Plate on a flat surface (corner cutouts to face as shown).



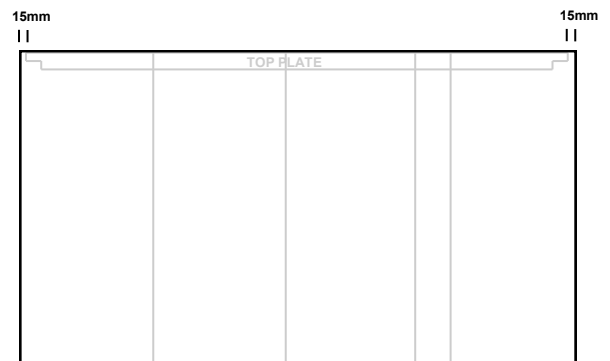
### STEP 2:

- Place 4 x 1.950 m wall sheets and 1 x 1.950 m 1Pan wall sheet on top of timber Plates with bottom of sheets flush with each other.
- Rivet the sheets together on overlaps as shown.



### STEP 3:

- Nail the wall sheets to the Top Plate at each end making sure that the top of the sheets are flush with the top of the Top Plate and that the sides of the wall sheets overhang the Top Plate by 15mm as shown.
- Check that the Top Plate is straight then nail wall sheets to the Top Plate, using two clouts per pan.

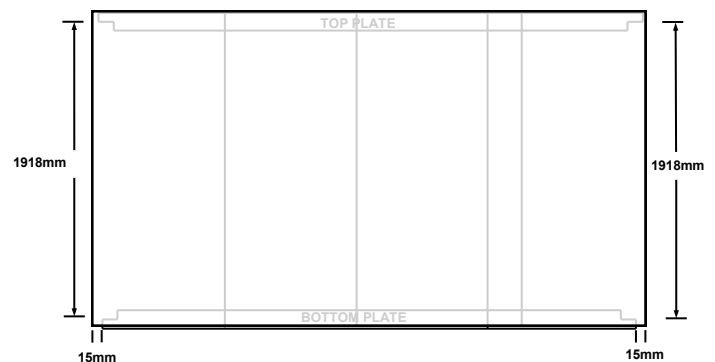


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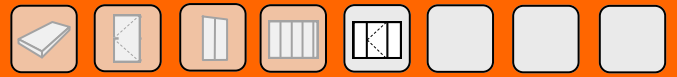
**Raised base plate shed — Wall sheet will protrude below the Bottom Plate by 20mm.**

### STEP 4:

- Nail the wall sheets to the Bottom Plate at each end, ensuring that each side of the wall sheets overhangs the Bottom Plate by 15mm and that the distance between the Top and Bottom Plates is correct. (As shown)
- Check that the Bottom Plate is straight then nail wall sheets to the Bottom Plate, using two clouts per pan.



# ASSEMBLE FRONT PANEL



## SELECT:

- 2 x 1.890 Wall Sheet
- 1 x 1.890 1Pan Wall Sheet
- 1 x 1.690 Top Plate (Red)
- 1 x 1.690 Bottom Plate (Green)
- 2 x 1.890 Door Jamb Flashings
- 32 x 30mm Galv Clouts
- 22 x Rivets

## STEP 1:

- Lay out 1 x Top Plate and 1 x Bottom Plate on a flat surface as shown.

**NOTE:** The Doorway is standard at 198mm from left-hand end. To shift the doorway to the right-hand side of the front wall, simply measure 198mm from the right-hand end.

## STEP 2:

- Using 2 x 30mm clouts, nail the Door Jamb Flashing flush with the top of the Top Plate at the correct measurement as shown in plan view. Pre drill holes using a 3.5mm drill bit.
- Check the distance between the top and bottom plates then use a further 2 x 30mm clouts to nail the Door Jamb Flashings to the bottom Plate. Pre drill holes.

## STEP 3:

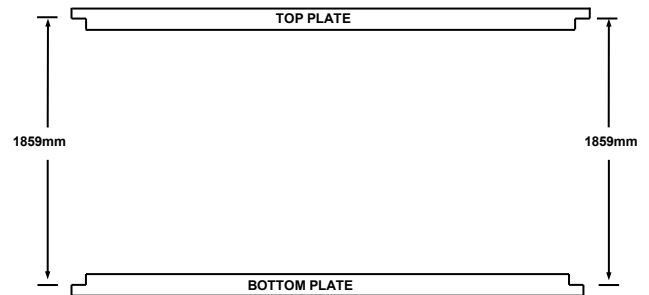
- Place 2 x 1.890m Wall Sheets and 1 x 1.890m 1Pan wall sheet on timber, ensuring wall sheets fit underneath door jamb flashings.
- Ensure that the top of the sheet is flush with the top of the Top Plate and that the sides of the wall sheets overhang the Top Plate by 15mm as shown. Nail wall sheets to Top Plate (two clouts per pan)
- Nail the wall sheets to the Bottom Plate making sure that the Plates are the correct distance apart and that the sides of the wall sheet overhang the Bottom Plate by 15mm.
- Drill & rivet Door Jamb Flashings to wall sheets using four

## STEP 4:

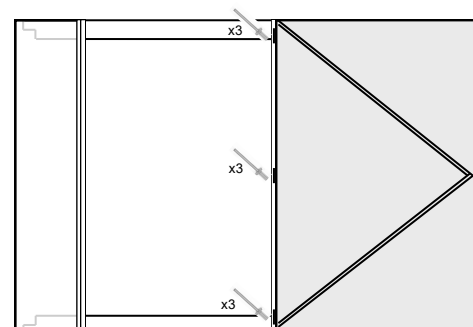
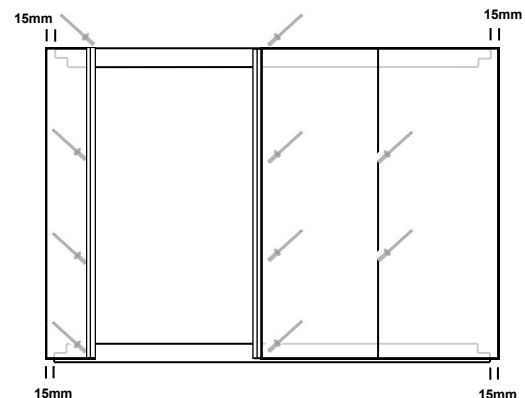
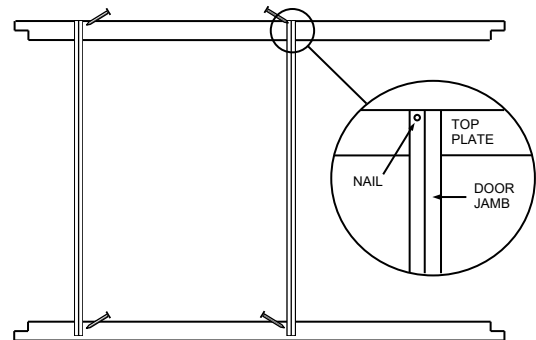
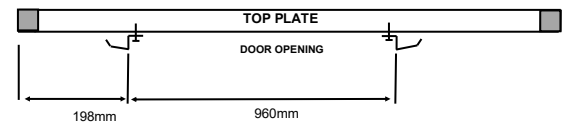
- Place the door on the panel (In open position, approx 25mm below top of top plate). Using two rivets, rivet the top and bottom hinges to the Door Jamb Flashing, ensuring door closes properly.
- Fit remaining rivets.

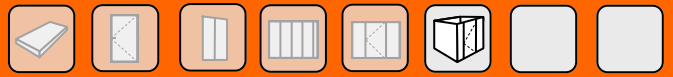
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Top View



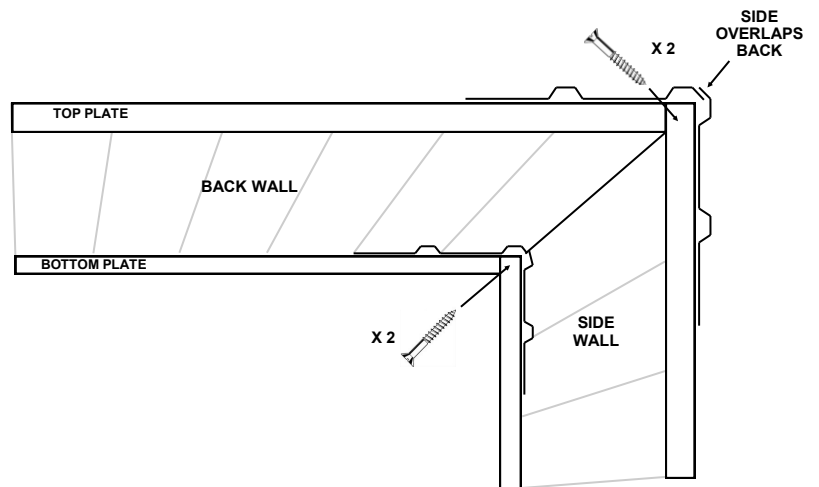


## SELECT:

- 4 x Pre-made Wall Panels
- 16 x 40mm Screws
- 16 x Rivets

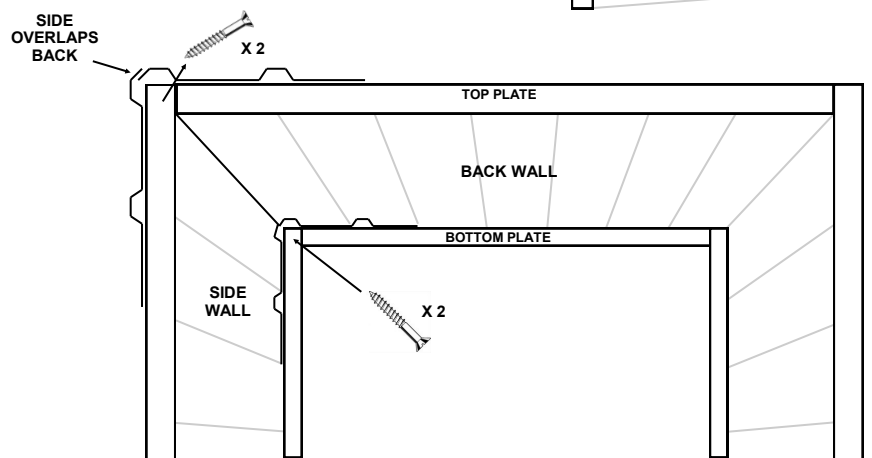
## STEP 1:

- Stand the Back Panel and the Side Panel up using someone to support the panels while they are screwed together.
- Before fixing, ensure that the Side Panel overlaps the Back Panel as shown.
- Using 4 x 40mm screws (2 per join) screw Top and Bottom Plates together in the corner.



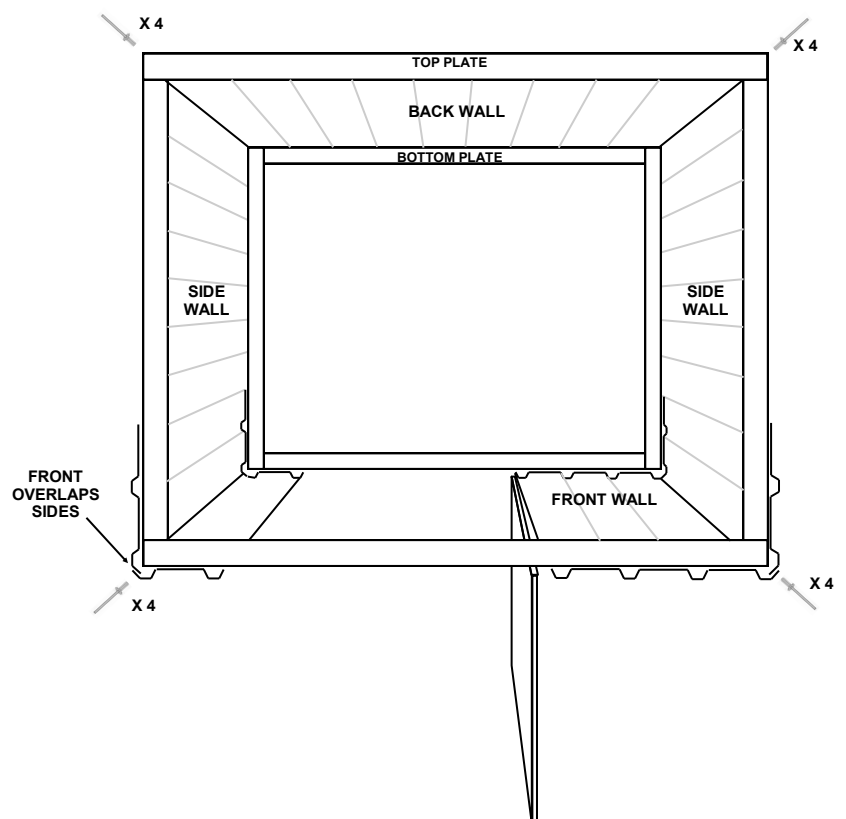
## STEP 2:

- Repeat Step 1 with the second Side Panel, ensuring that the Side Panel overlaps the Back Wall Panel.



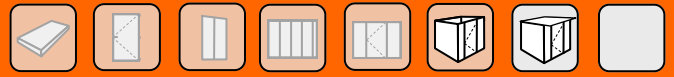
## STEP 3:

- Stand up the Front Wall Panel.
- Ensure that the Front Wall Sheets overlap the Side Wall Sheets.
- Using 8 x 40mm screws, screw the Top and Bottom Plates together.



## STEP 4:

- Rivet the wall sheets together at the corners using 4 equally spaced rivets as shown.



## SELECT:

- 4 x 1.110 m Roof Sheets
- 1 x 1.110 m 1Pan Roof Sheets
- 1 x 2.225 m Spouting
- 1 x 2.225m Ridge
- 2 x 1.110 m Barges
- 13 x 55mm Roofing Screws
- 42 x Rivets
- 17 x 50mm Clouts

## IMPORTANT

Use 50mm Clouts only on outside ribs covered by Barge flashings and back wall top plate. Use Roofing Screws on all other ribs. Pre-drill holes using a 3.5mm drill bit.

## IMPORTANT—FOR SHEDS WITH OPTIONAL CLEAR ROOF PANEL

Assemble as below, making sure that the Clear Roof Sheets overlap the standard roof sheets on both sides. Pre drill and fasten with the 55mm roofing screws provided. Ensuring screws are not overtightened as this can damage the seal and cause the shed to leak.

## STEP 1:

- Ensure Shed is sitting level and square.
- Lay Roof Sheets on the Top Plates.
- Rivet sheets together at overlaps with 2 x rivets per join (**fig.1**).

## STEP 2:

- Position the Roof Sheets with the back lining up with the outside edge of the back wall cladding as in (**fig.4**).
- Using 4 x 50mm Clouts, pre-drill and nail the Roof Sheets to the Top Plates through the ribs, at each corner, ensuring ribs on the Roof Sheets line up with ribs on the Wall Sheets (**fig.2**).

## STEP 3:

- Ensure the Front and Back Top Plates are straight.
- Using 13 x 50mm clouts, nail the roof sheets to the back Top Plate, through each rib.
- Using 13 x 55mm roofing screws, screw the roof sheets to the front Top Plate, through each rib.

## STEP 4:

- Place Barge Flashings on roof at end of shed ensuring the diagonal trimmed end is at the front. (See diagram on pg 5)
- Rivet the Barge Flashings to the roof and the side wall, using four rivets on top of barge and four into the side (**fig.3**).

## STEP 5:

- Place the Ridge in position ensuring flashing does not extend past side wall cladding.
- Rivet Ridge to roof and back wall, riveting at the ends and at each join of the roof sheets (**fig. 4**).

## STEP 6:

- Place spouting in position and rivet to Barge Flashings at each end and rivet to roof sheets (1 rivet per 1 sheet) (**fig.5**).

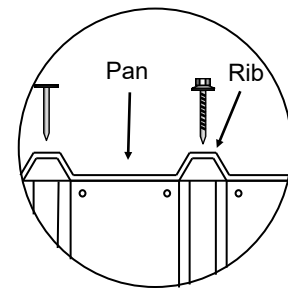
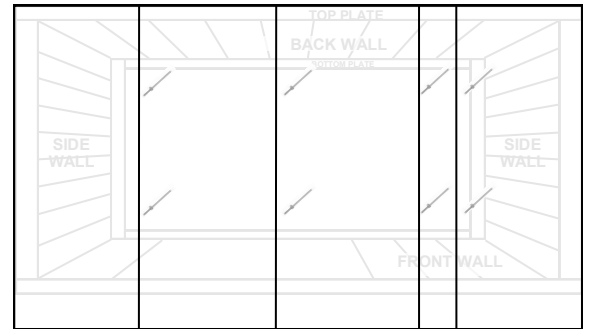


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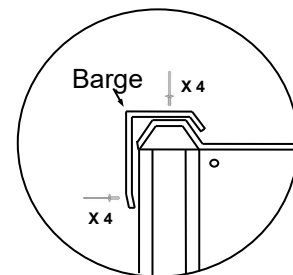


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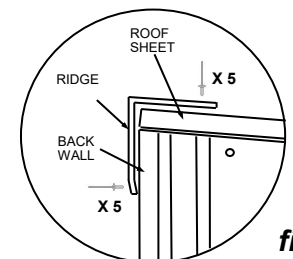


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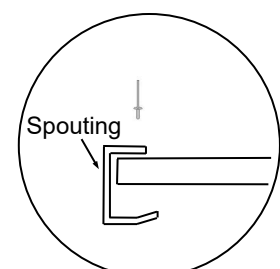
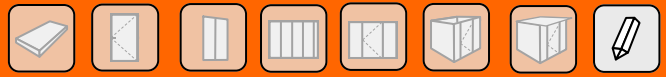


fig.5



Secure your shed using Treated Timber Pegs or a Bolt Down Kit

## TIMBER PEGS—WOODEN FLOOR

- The optional Duratuf Timber Peg Down Kit includes six H5 treated timber pegs that can be hammered into the ground and then attached to the Base Plate with stainless steel screws. A Guardian timber floor can then be fitted on top of the Base Plate if required.



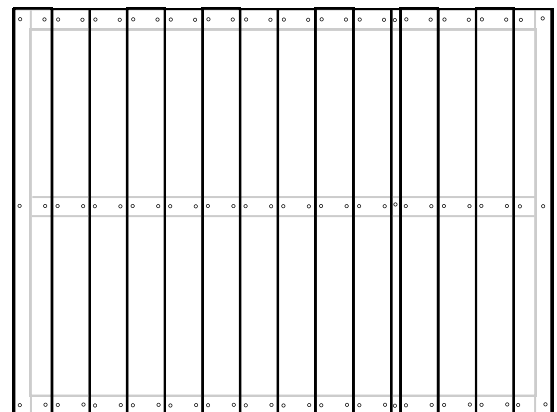
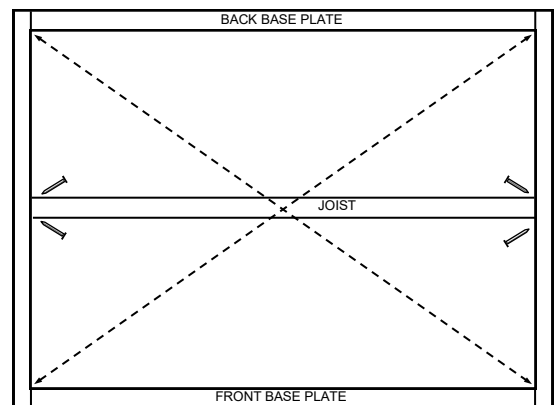
## BOLT DOWN KIT—CONCRETE

- The optional Duratuf Bolt Down Kit includes 6 x galvanised brackets, screws and dynabolts.
- Space the brackets evenly around the shed and fix to the Bottom Plate and the concrete slab. A 10mm masonry drill bit is required.



## FITTING A GUARDIAN FLOOR KIT (OPTIONAL)

- Position the Floor Joists centrally between the side Base Plates and skew nail each end with two 75mm nails.
- Check that the shed is sitting level and square. Check that the diagonal Bottom Plate measurements are the same. This ensures that the shed base is square.
- Place the Floor Boards in position. (You may need to cut the last Floor Board to the correct width using a Skill Saw.) Nail each Floor Board in, using two 50mm nails each end and two nails into each floor joist.



## FIT PADBOLT

- Rivet Padbolt to door and keeper onto Door Jamb as shown.



## IMPORTANT— CLEAN UP

REMOVE ALL DRILL FILINGS FROM ROOF, WALLS AND CHANNELS THOROUGHLY. FAILURE TO DO THIS WILL RESULT IN CORROSION AND COULD THEREFORE VOID THE WARRANTY.

**YOUR DURATUF GUARDIAN SHED IS NOW COMPLETE. RELAX.....**







## 20 YEAR WARRANTY

Riverlea Group Ltd warrant that the cladding used in the manufacture of the Guardian shed will not rust within 20 years from the date of purchase.

Any liability for product failure that may arise will be limited to repair or replacement of the defective product and will only apply for the benefit of the original purchaser. Riverlea Group Limited will not be liable for any consequential loss or damage, labour, or transport charges.

This warranty is conditional on:

- Construction, installation and maintenance being carried out as specified in the Assembly Instruction Manual.
- The shed being installed in modest inland corrosion zones or areas where the steel corrosion rate is less than 200g/m<sup>2</sup> (as published by Branz).
- Warranty certificate being returned to manufacturer within 21 days of purchase together with proof of purchase.

This warranty does not cover the following:

- Fastenings and fixings.
- Normal wear and tear, damage by impact or acts of God.
- Situations where the shed has been used for storage of chemicals, manure or corrosion causing products.
- Unauthorized modification of the structure, including painting of the cladding.

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## WARRANTY REGISTRATION

Please visit <http://www.riverleagroup.co.nz/warranty-garden-sheds> to validate the Warranty on your shed. Click on the Warranty Registration Link and complete all details.

If you are unable to access the computer, please phone us on 0800 438 274 and one of the customer services team will help you to activate the warranty on your garden shed.

***Many thanks, from the Team at Riverlea Group.***