



# Assembly, Operation and Pet Care Manual

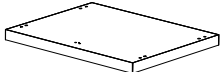
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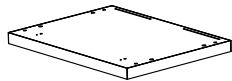
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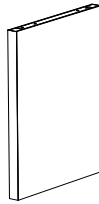
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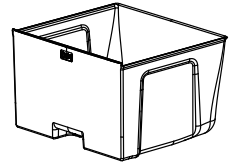
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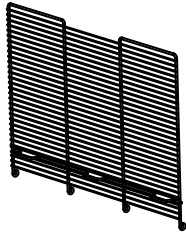
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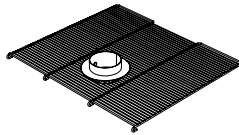
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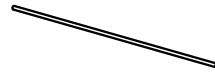
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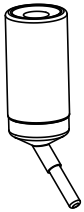
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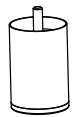
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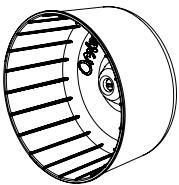
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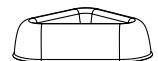
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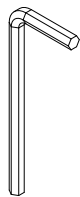


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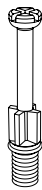


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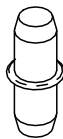
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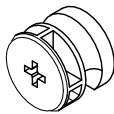
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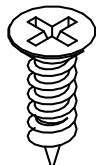
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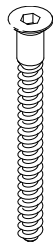
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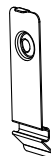
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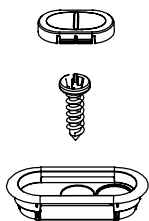
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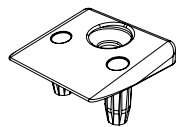
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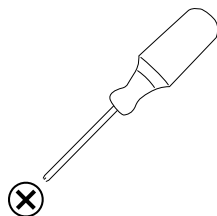


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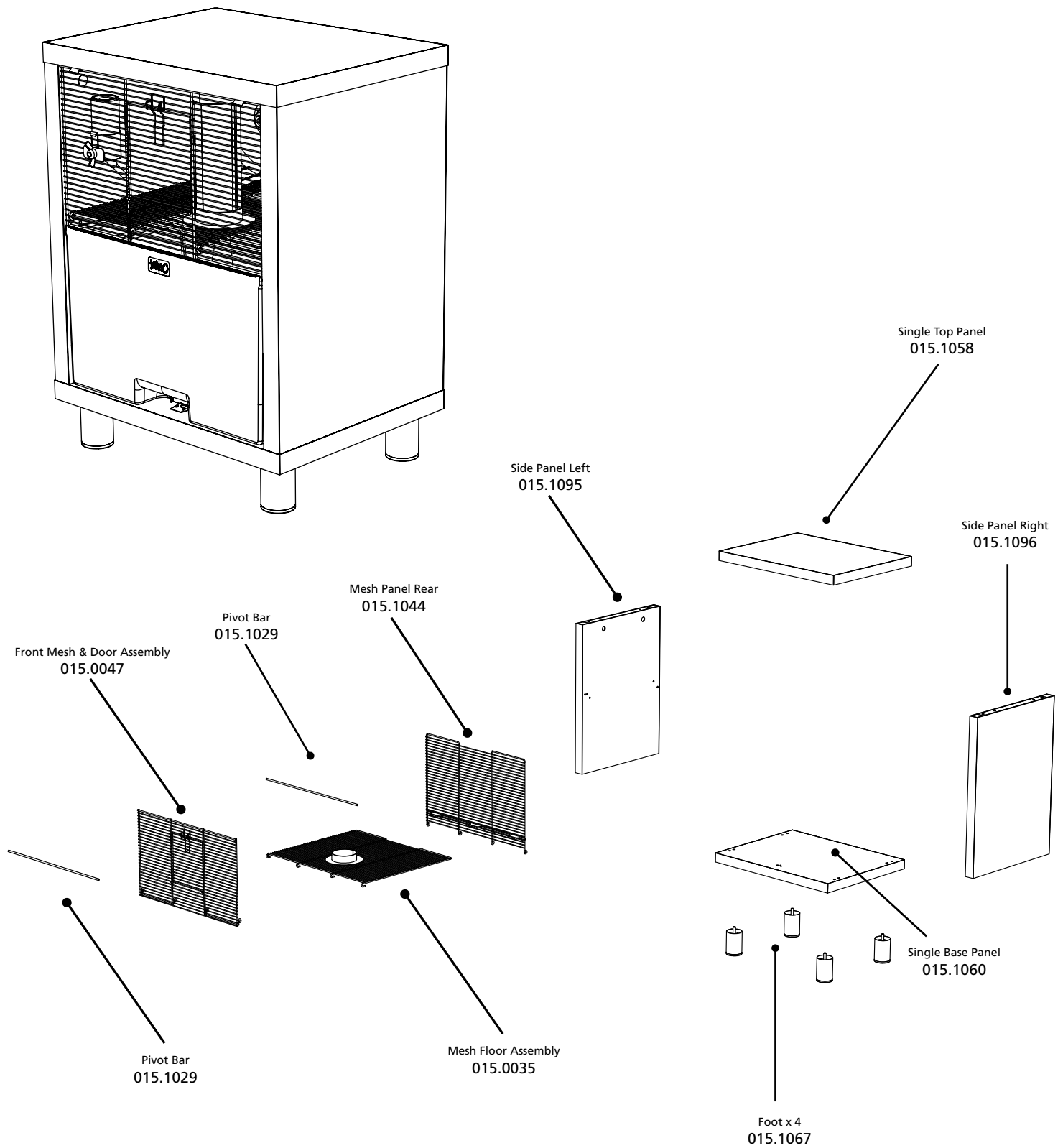
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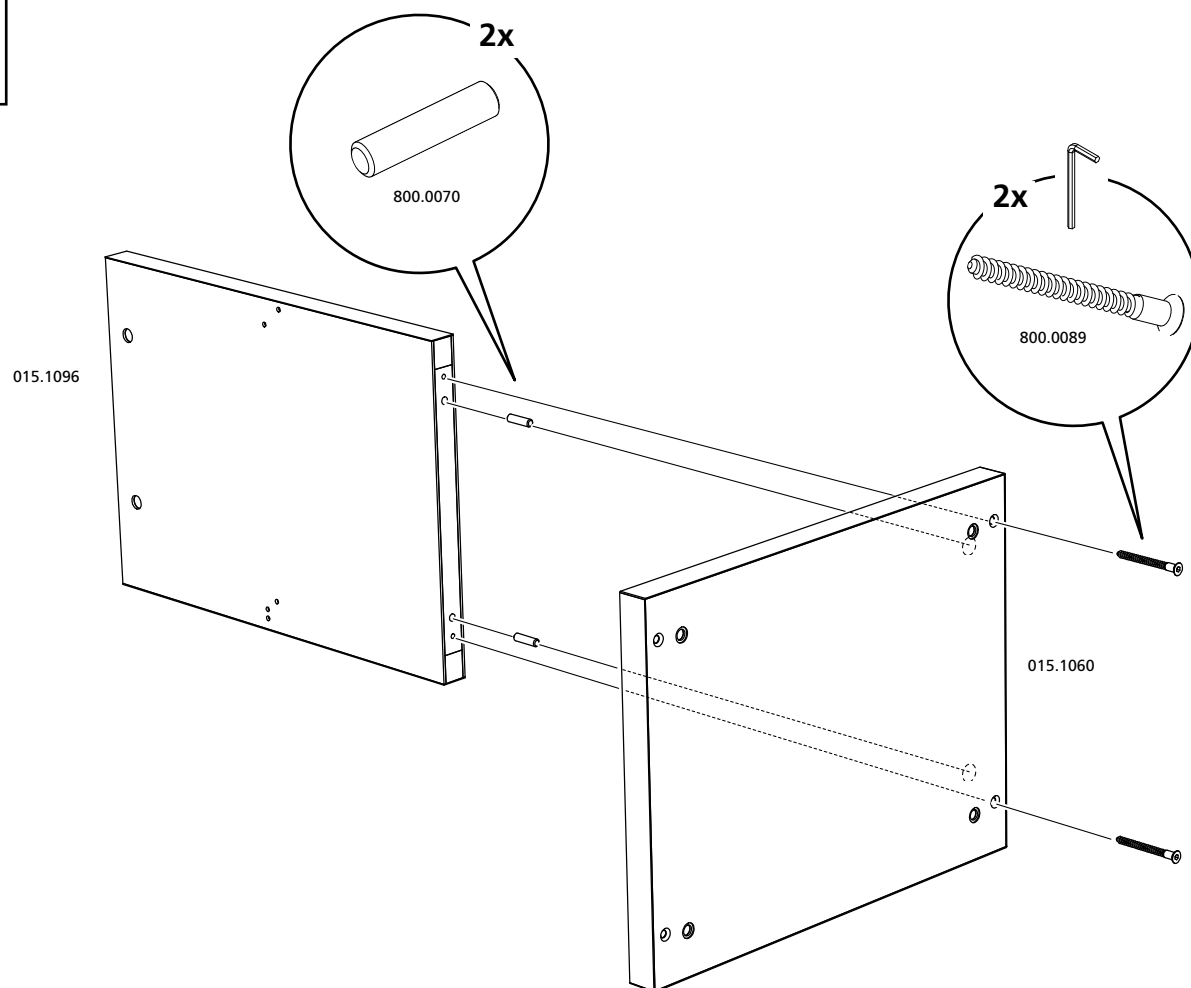


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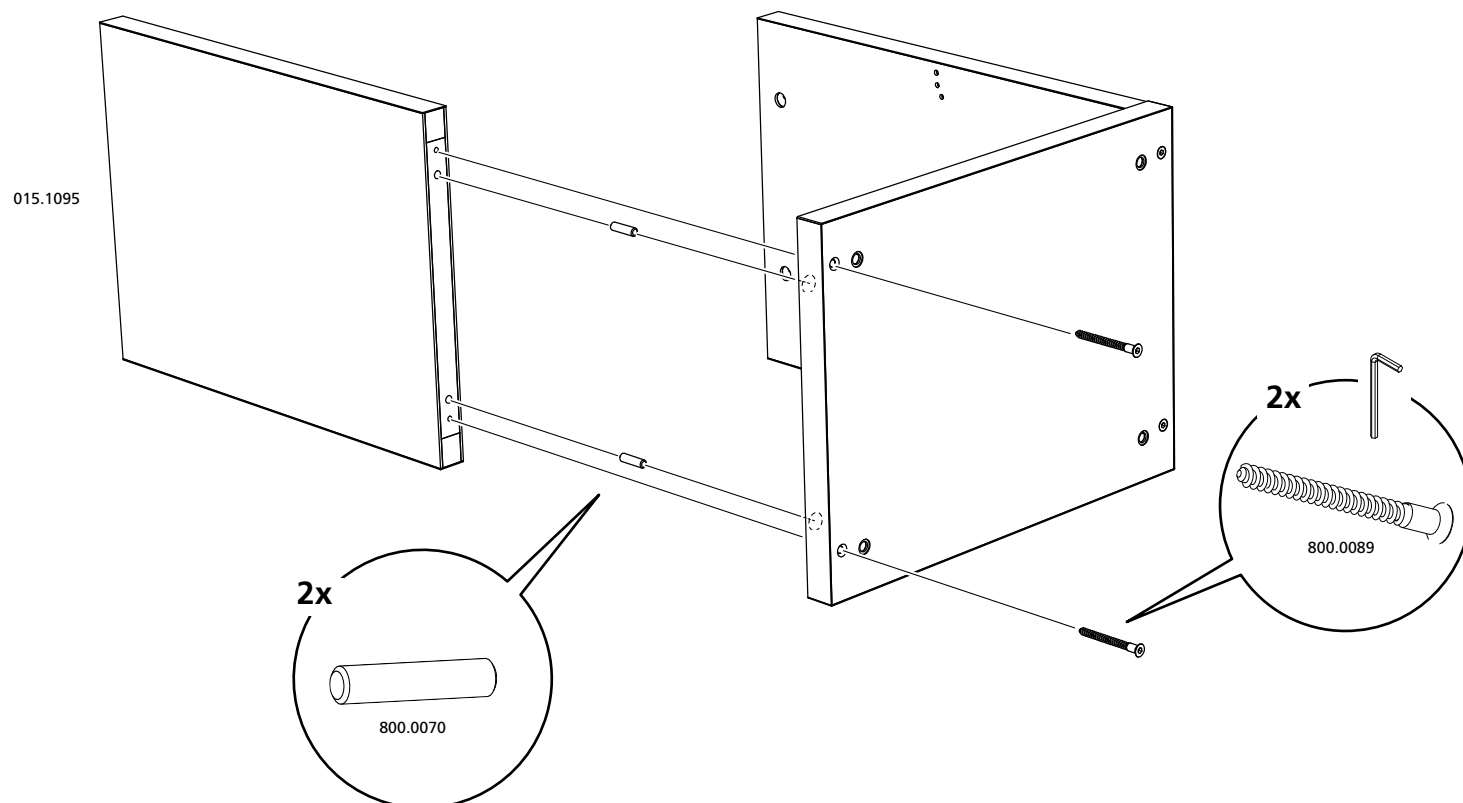




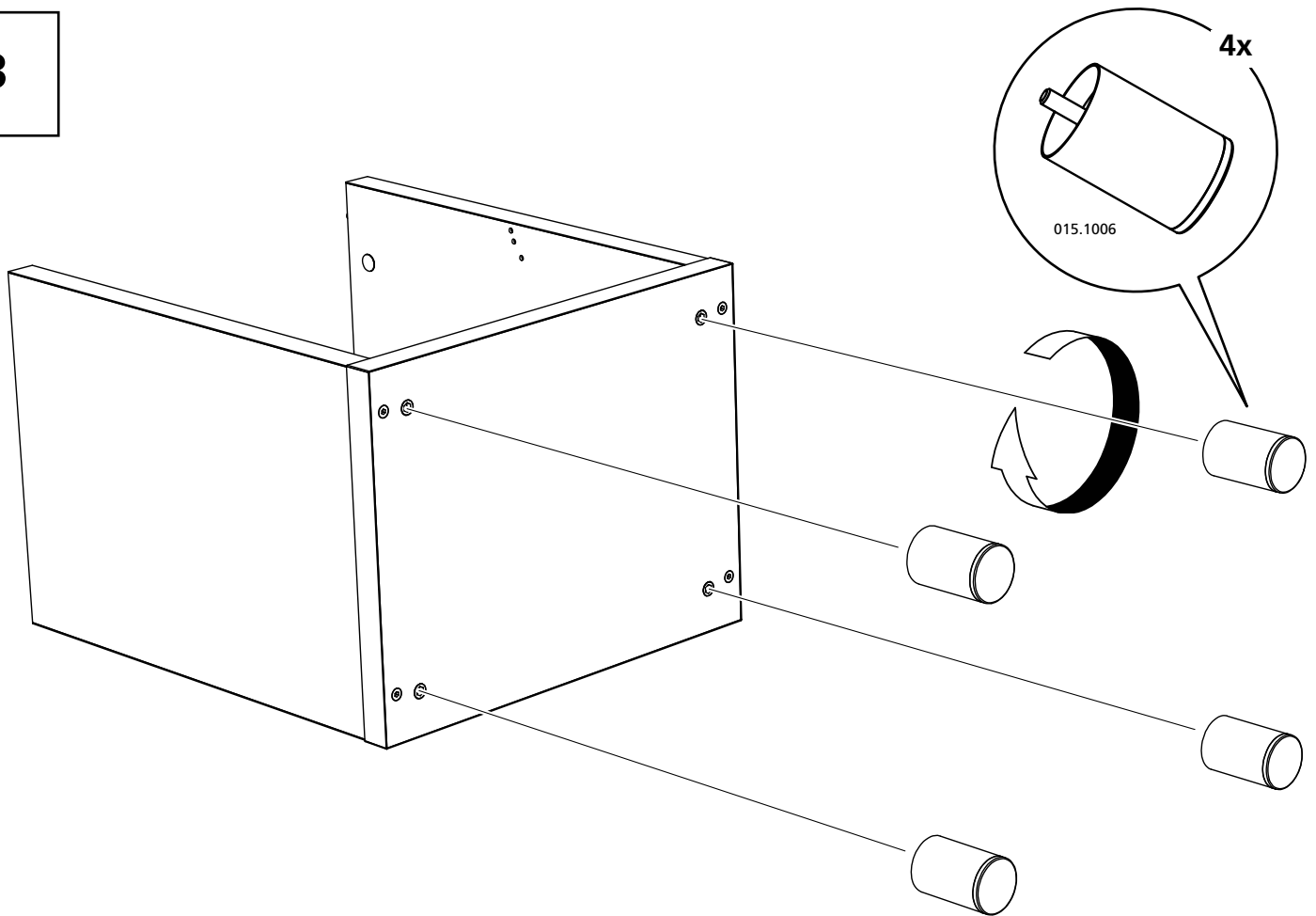
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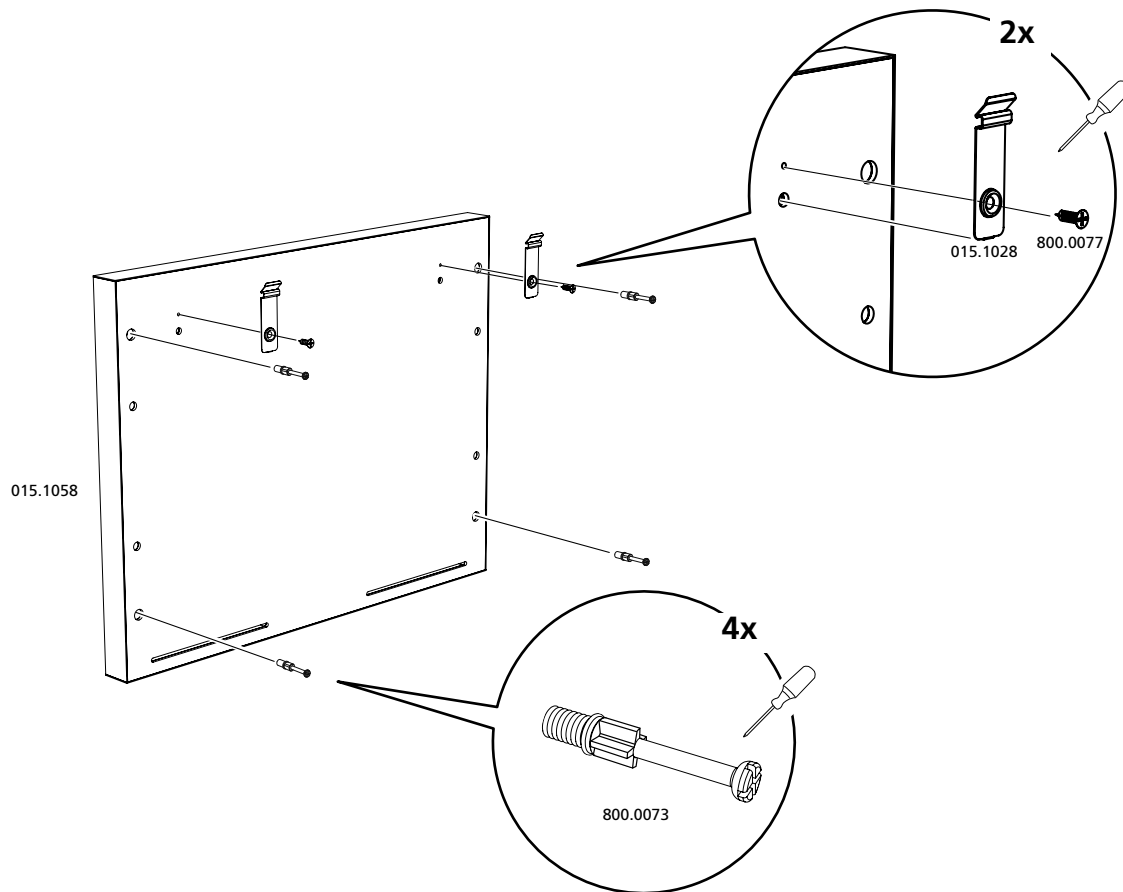
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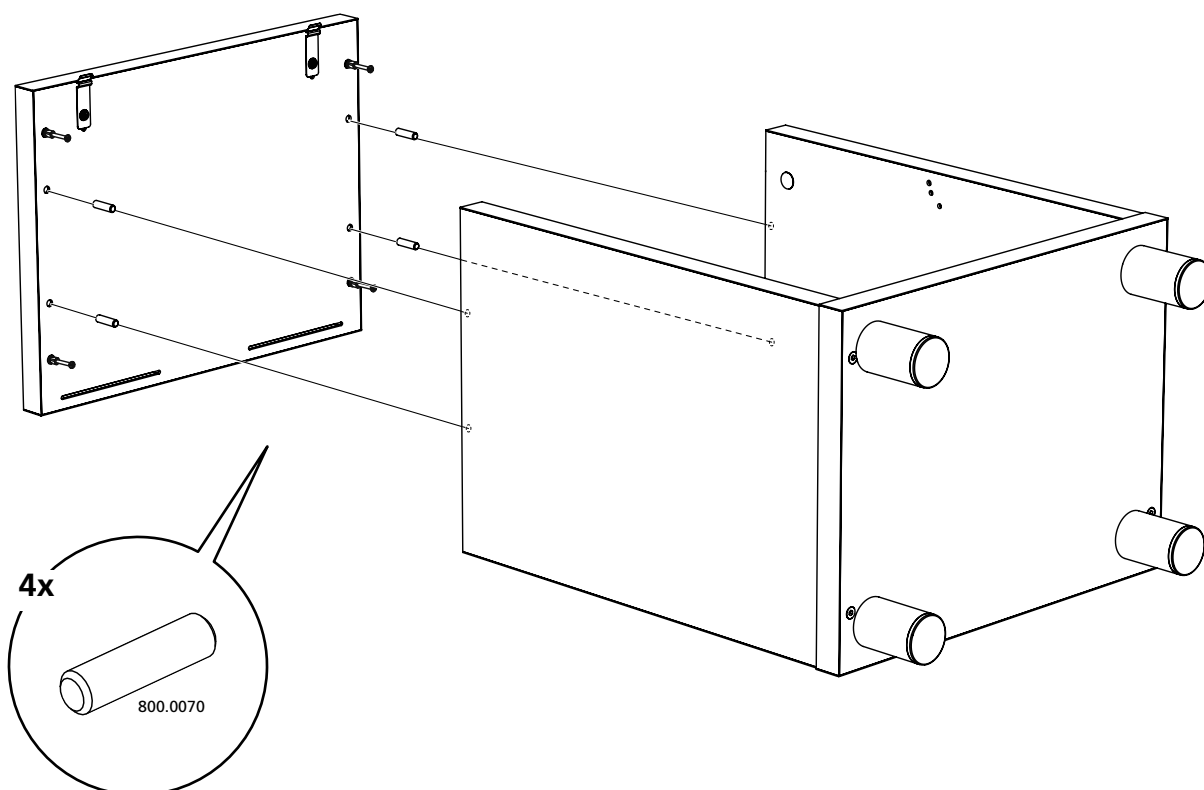
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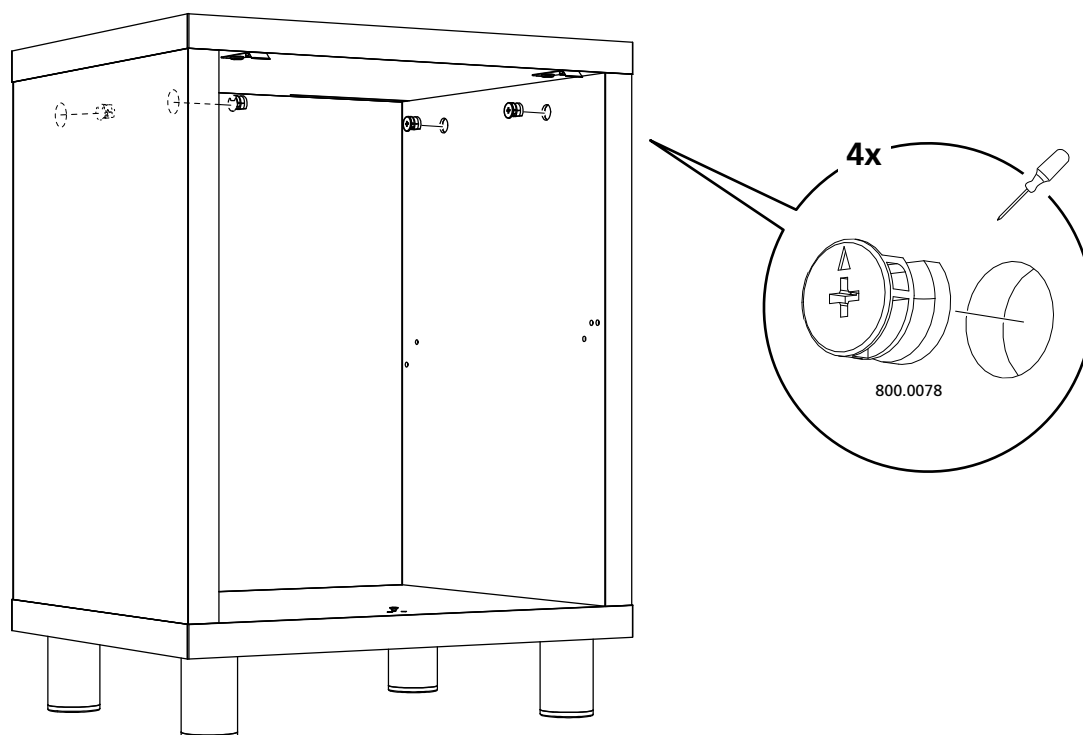
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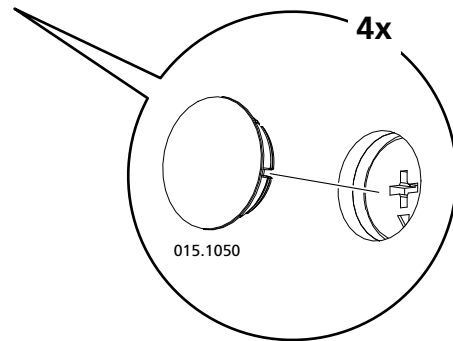
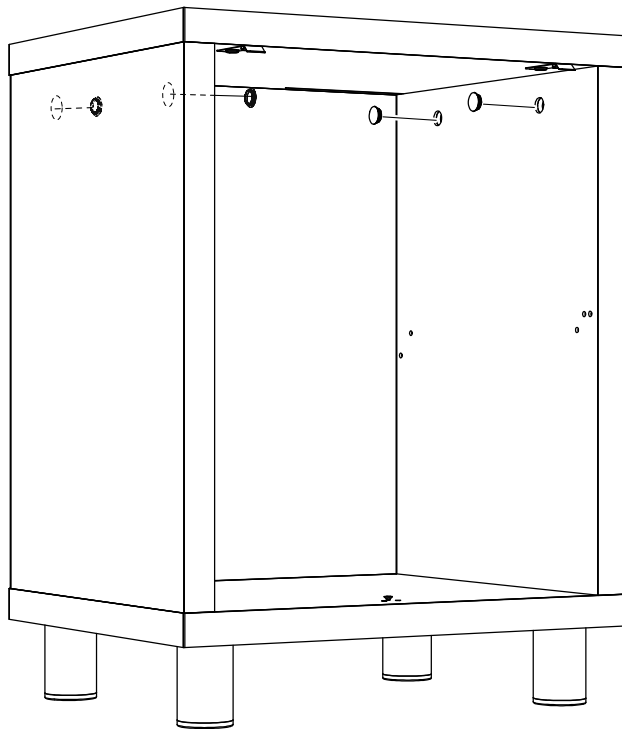
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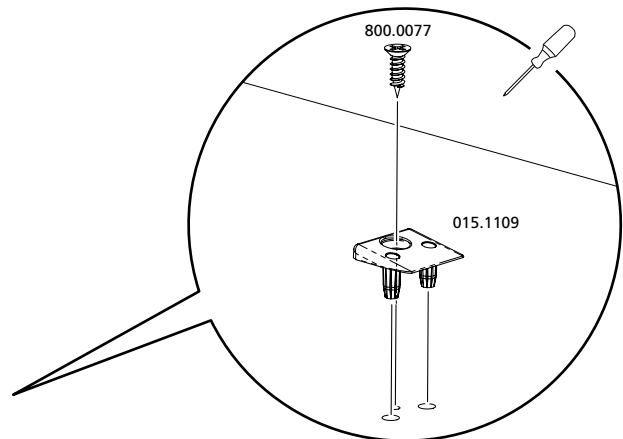
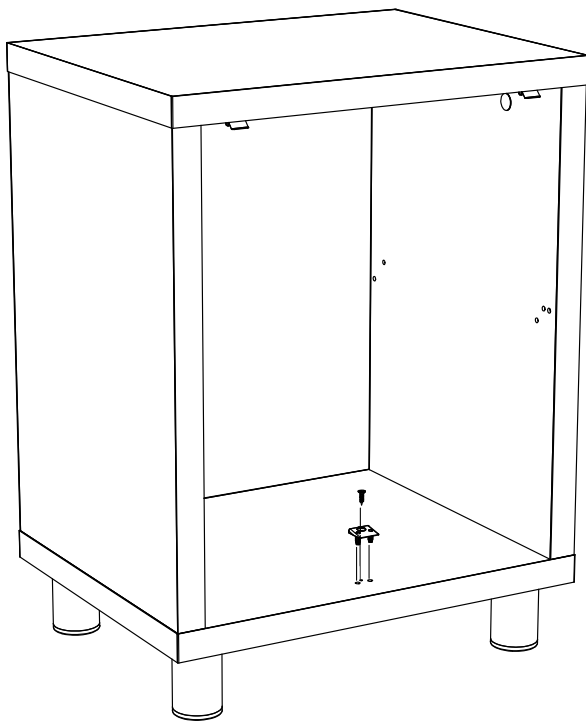
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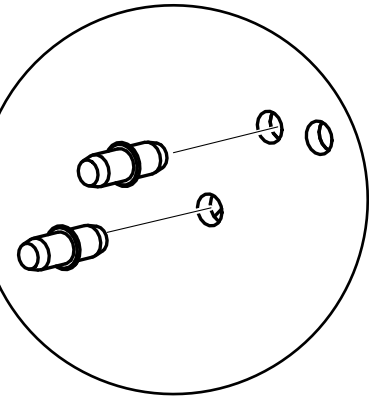
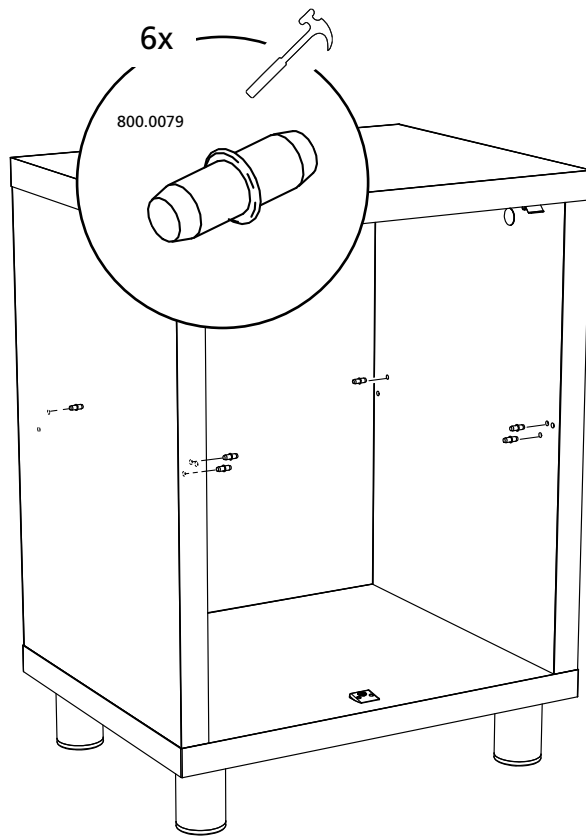
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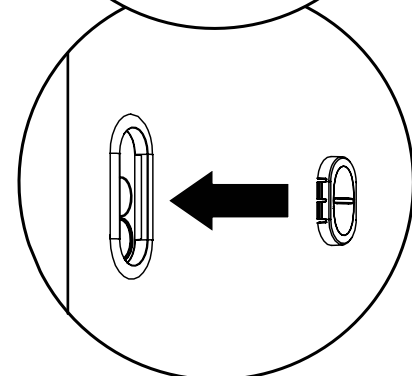
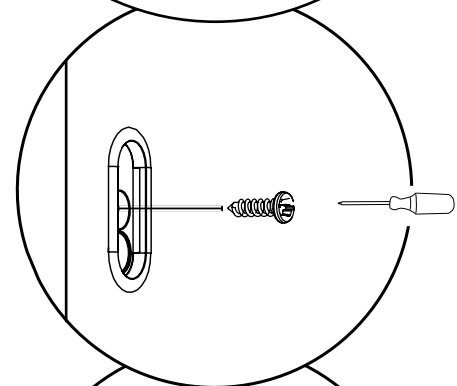
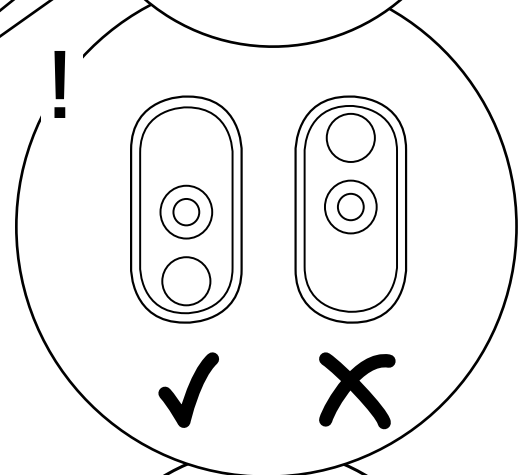
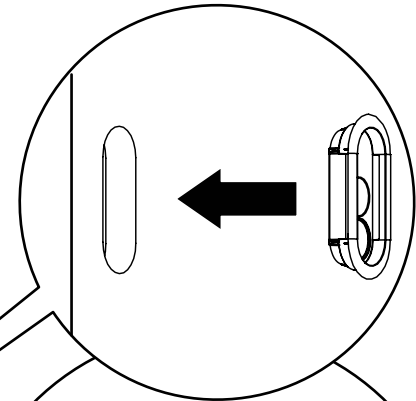
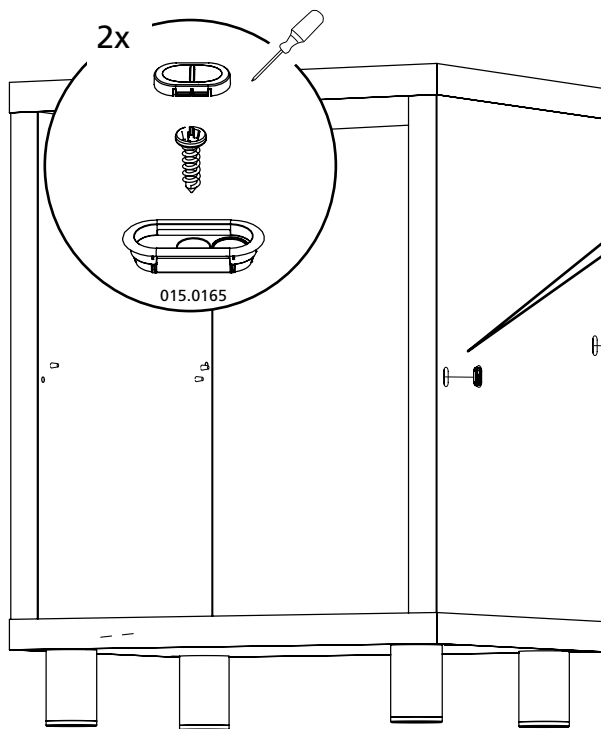
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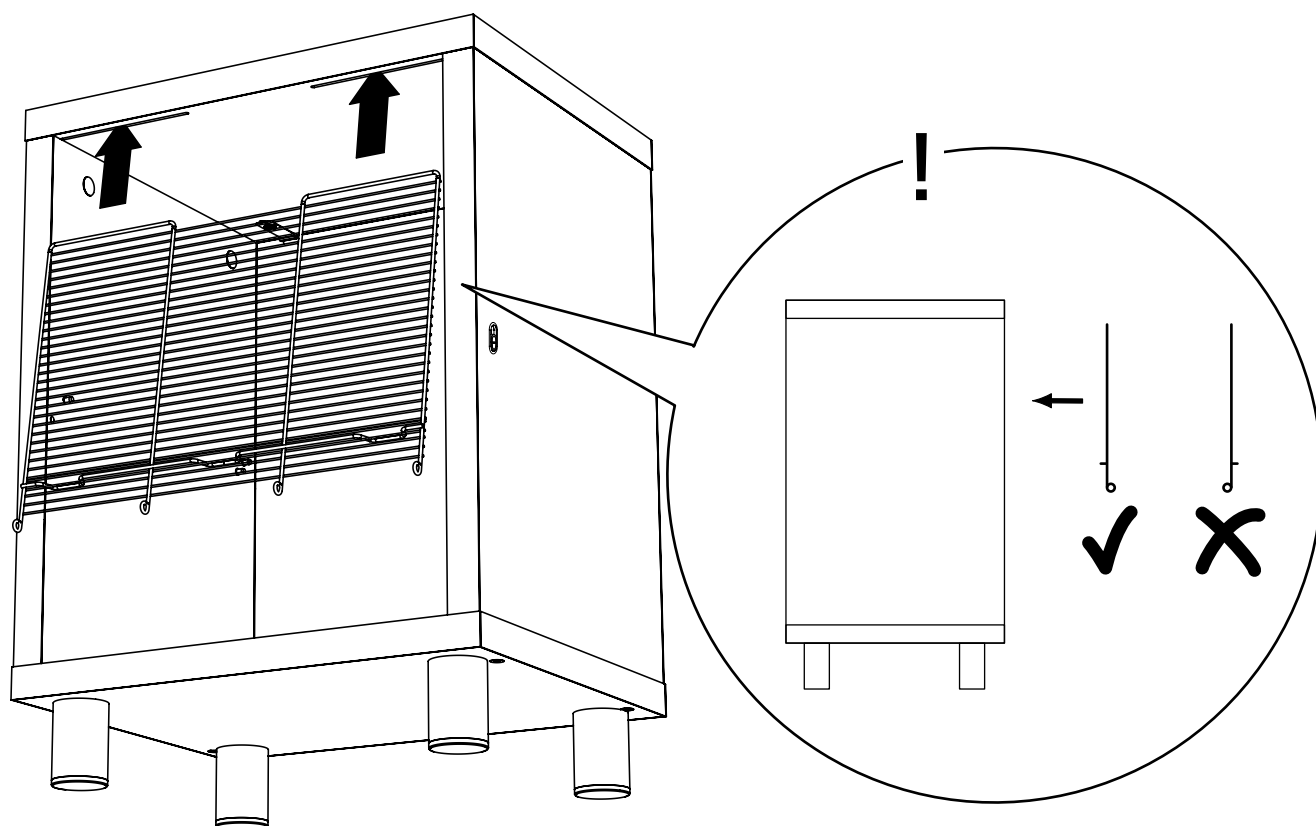
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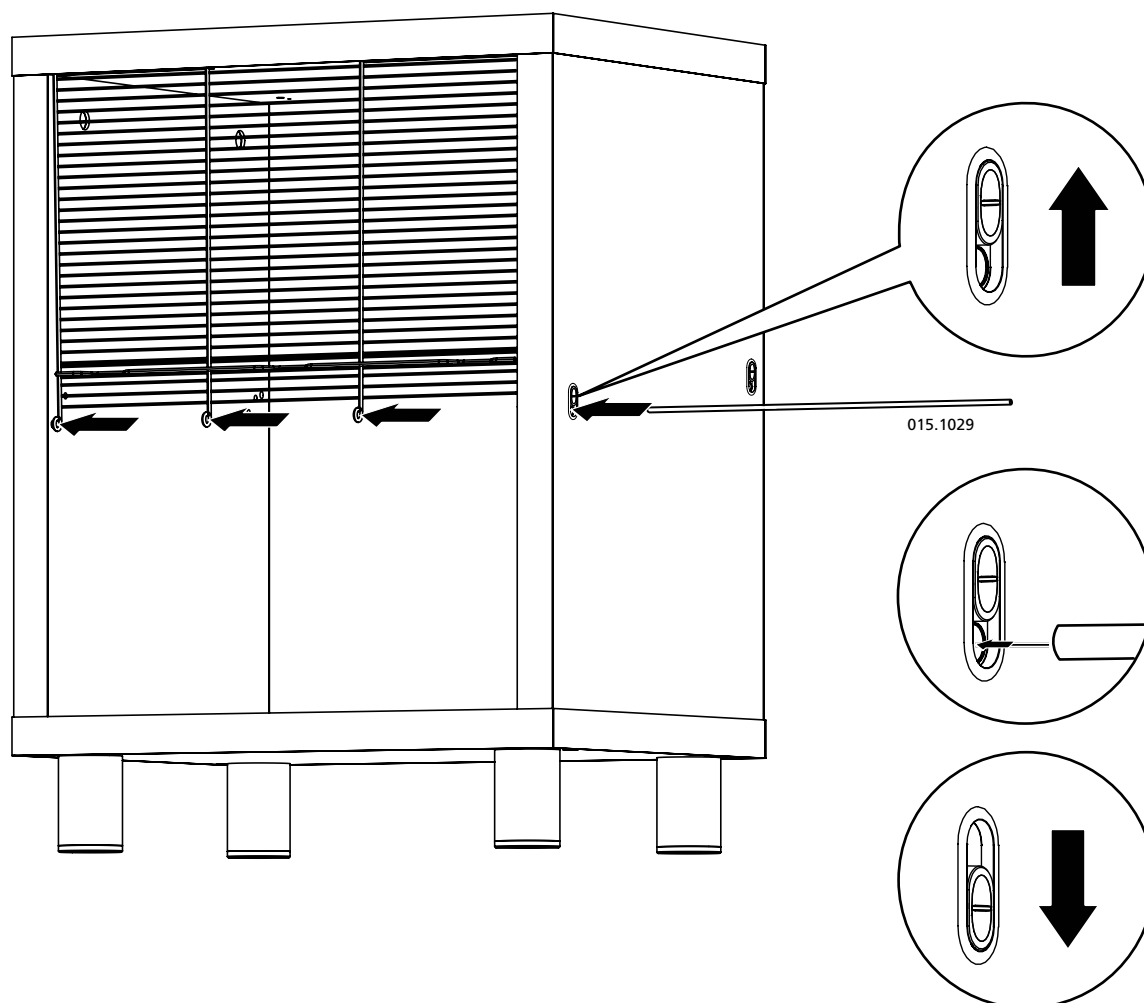
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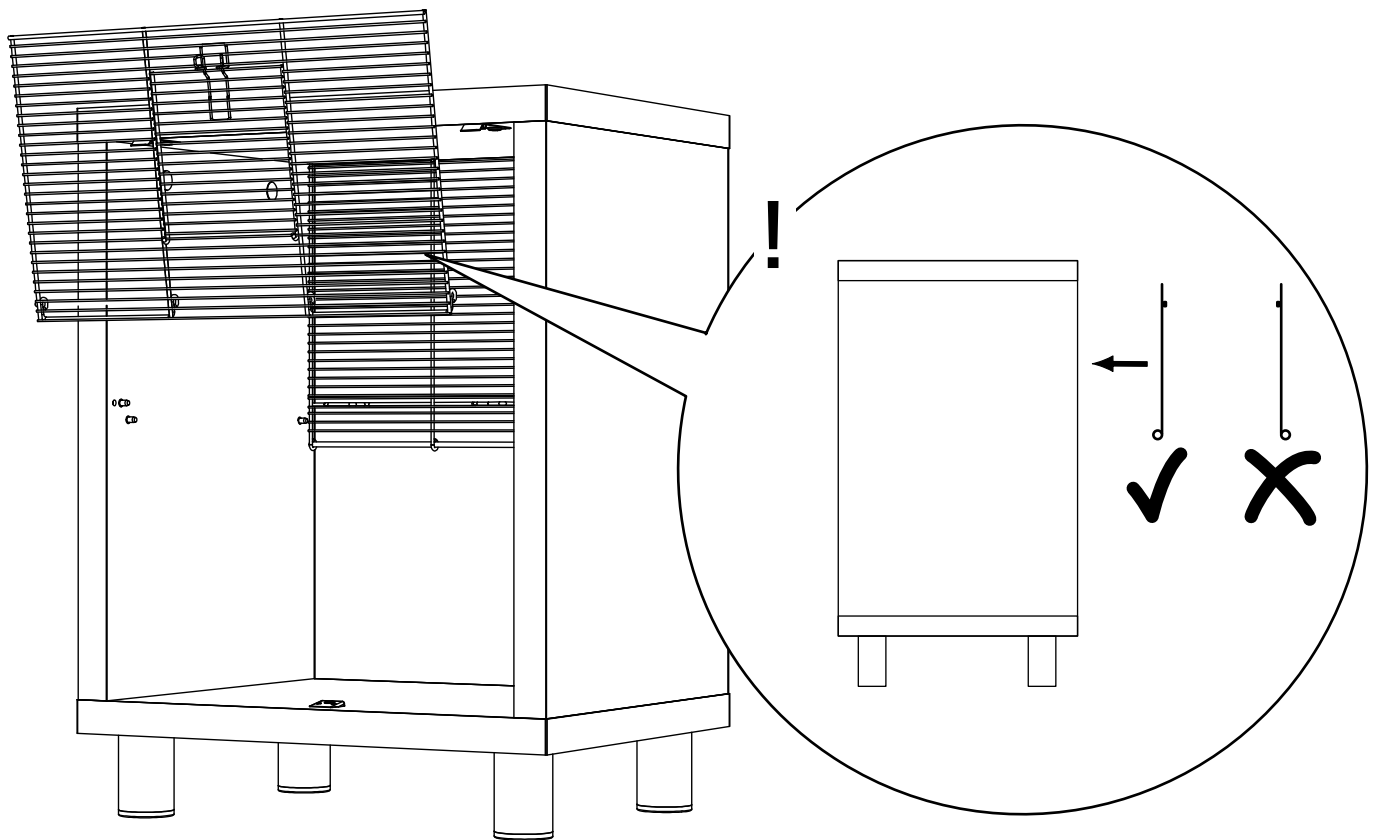
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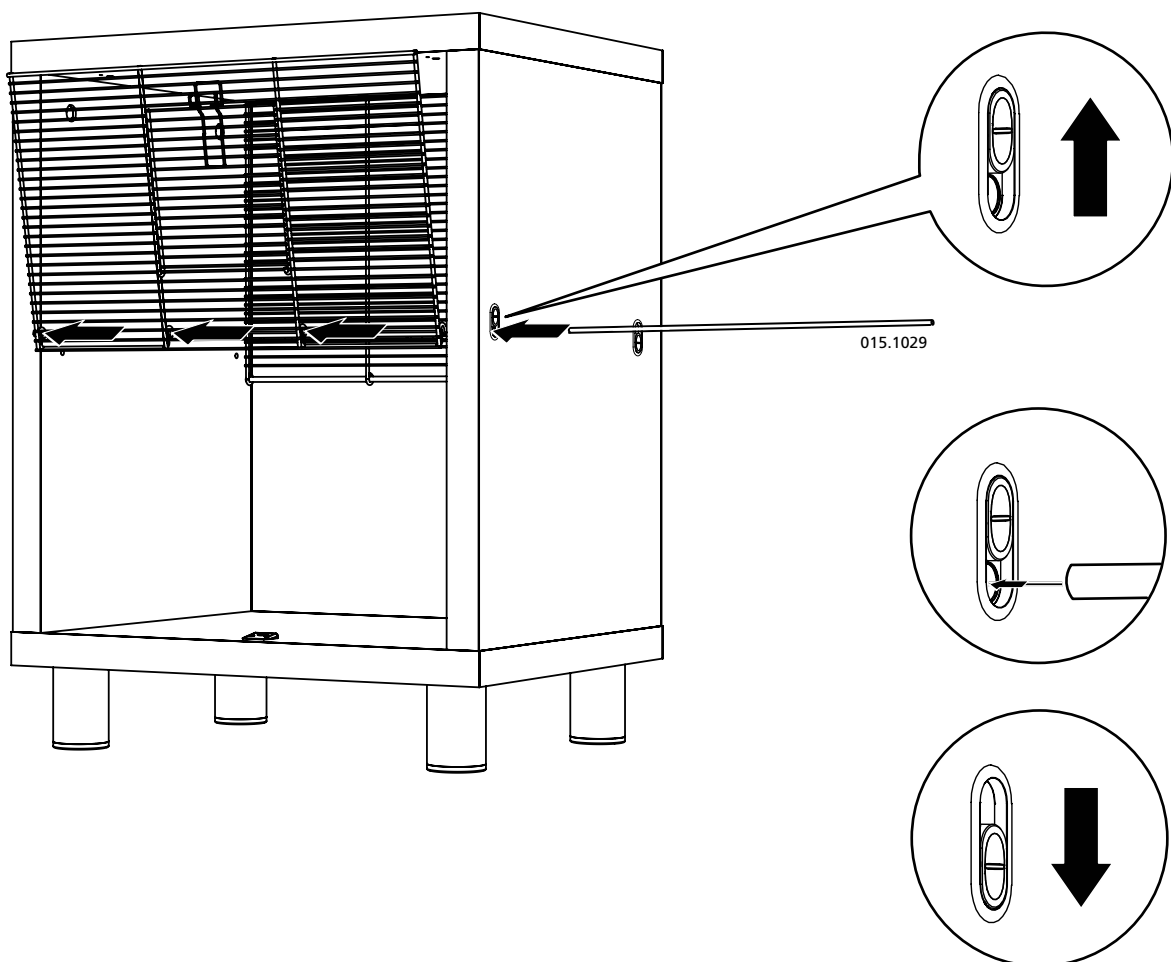
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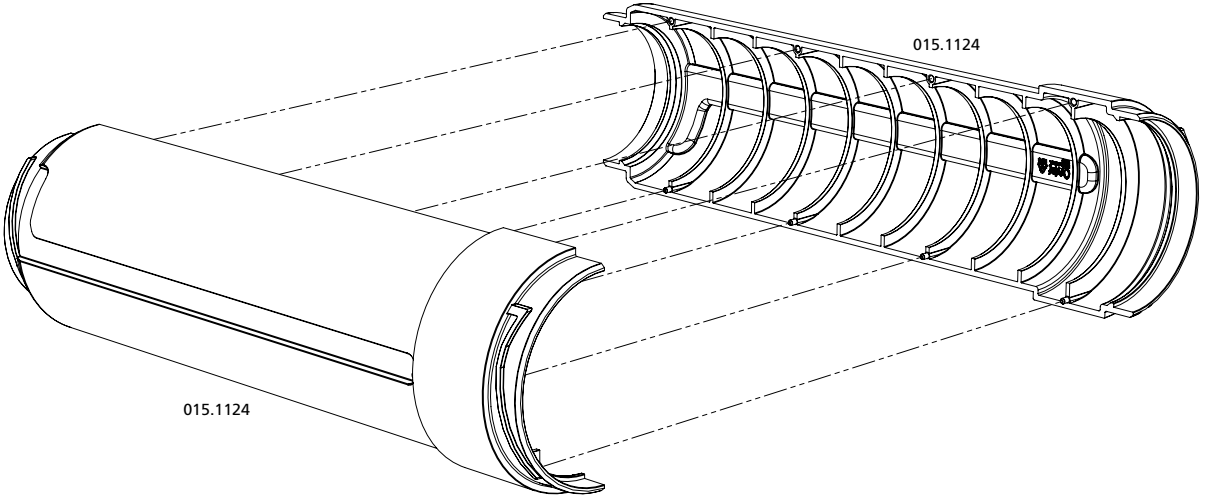
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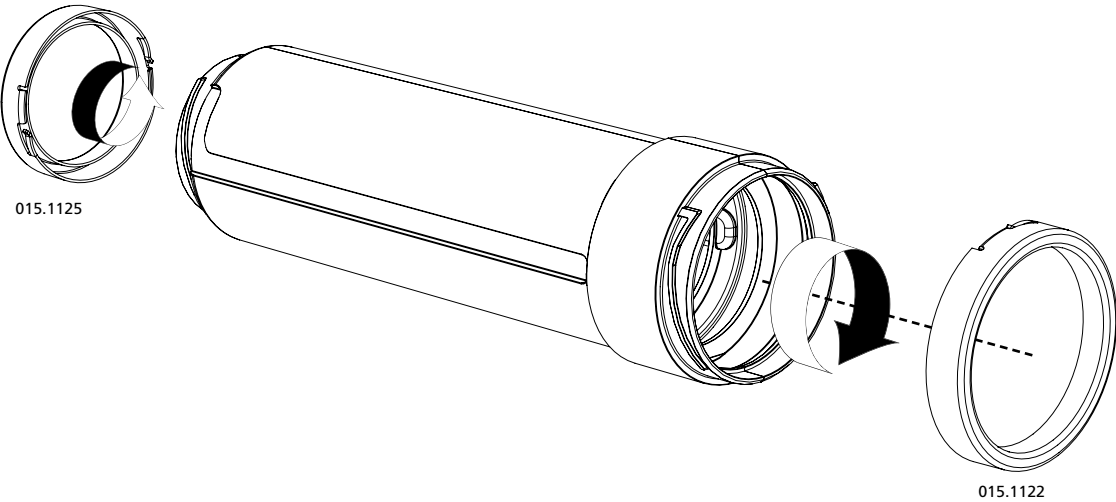
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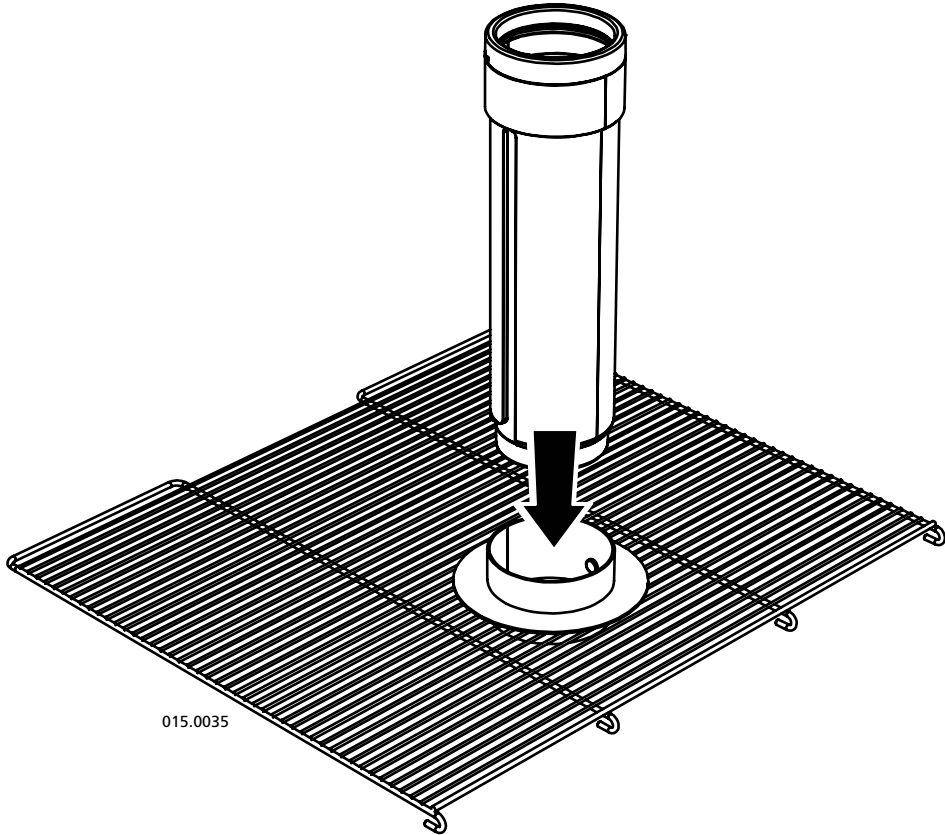
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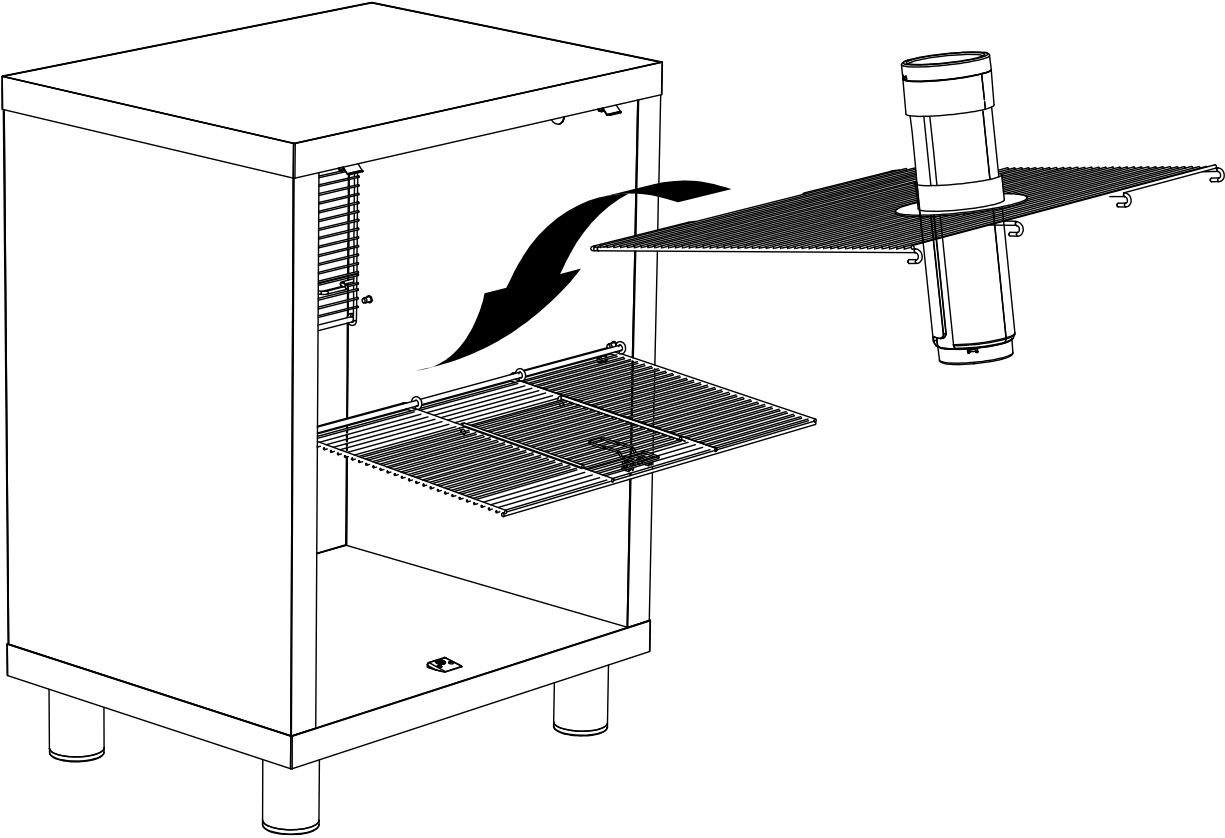


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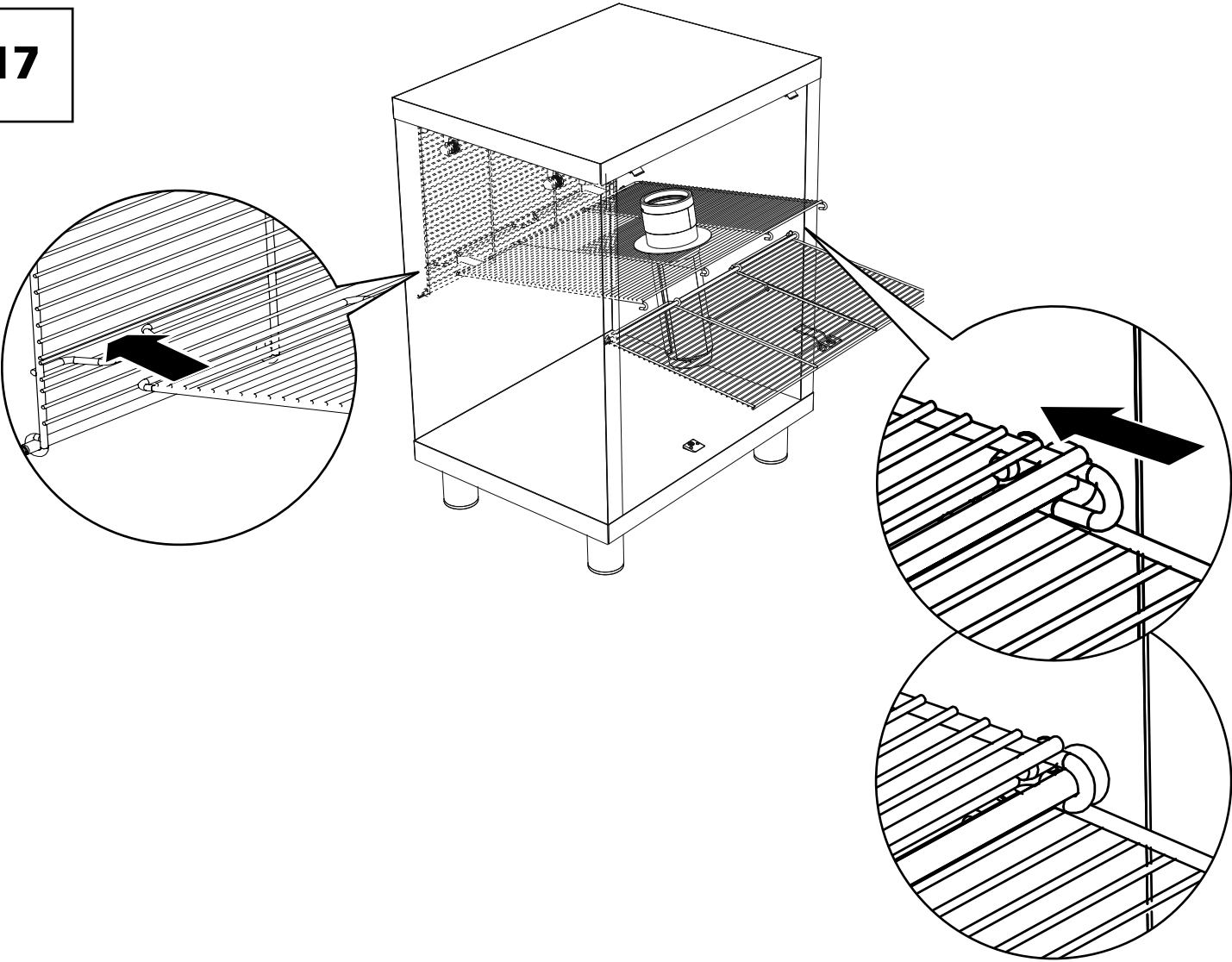




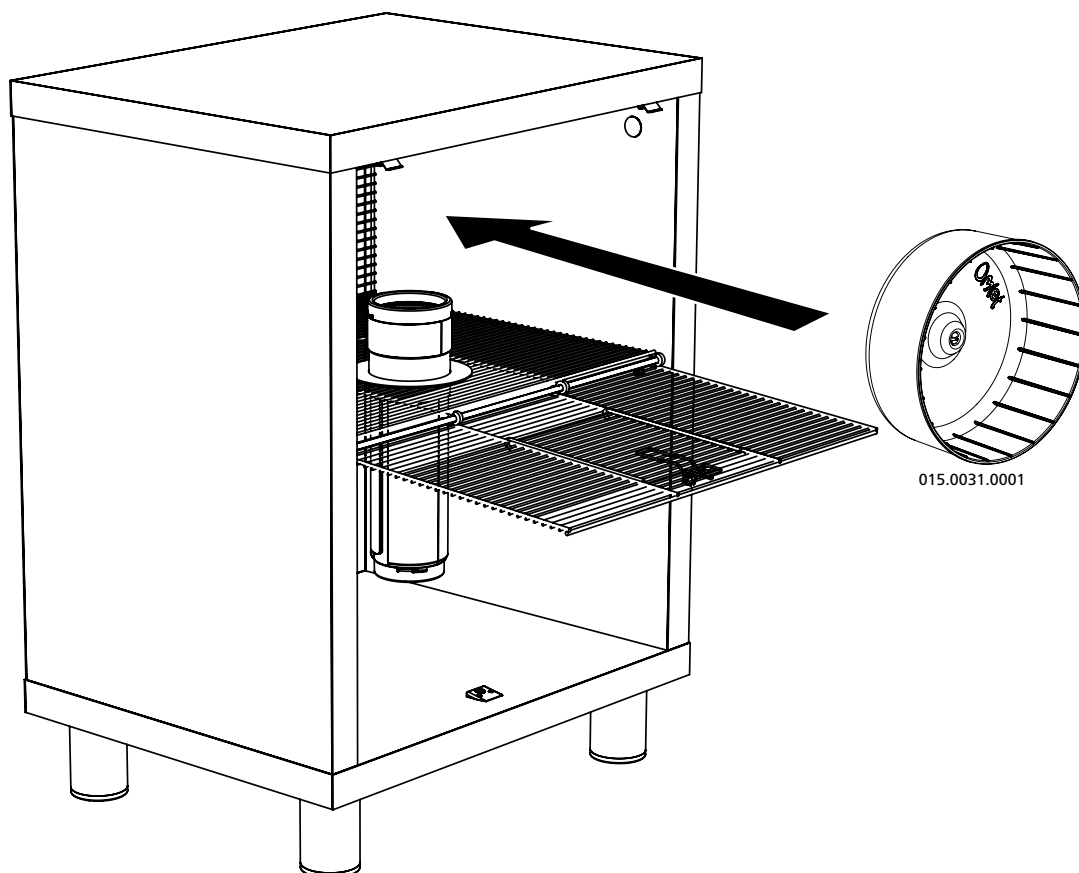
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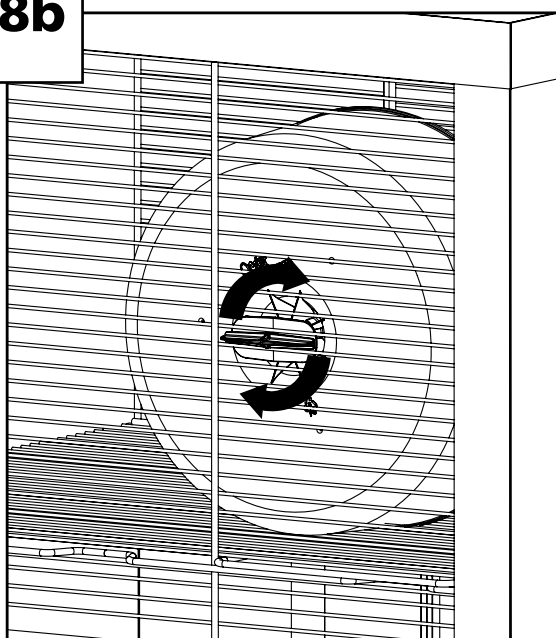
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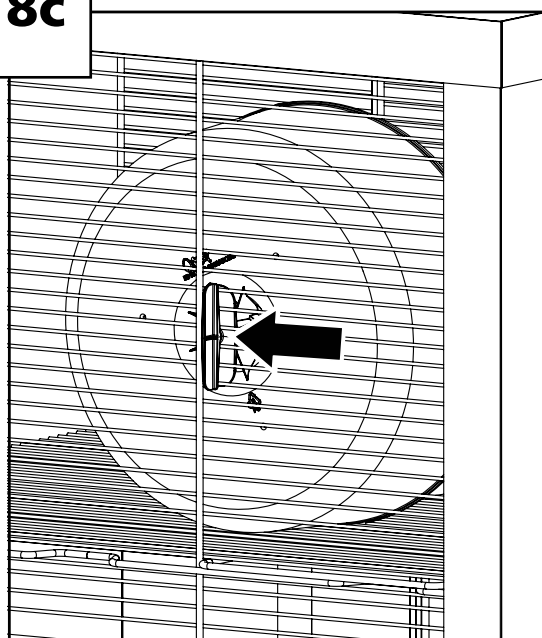
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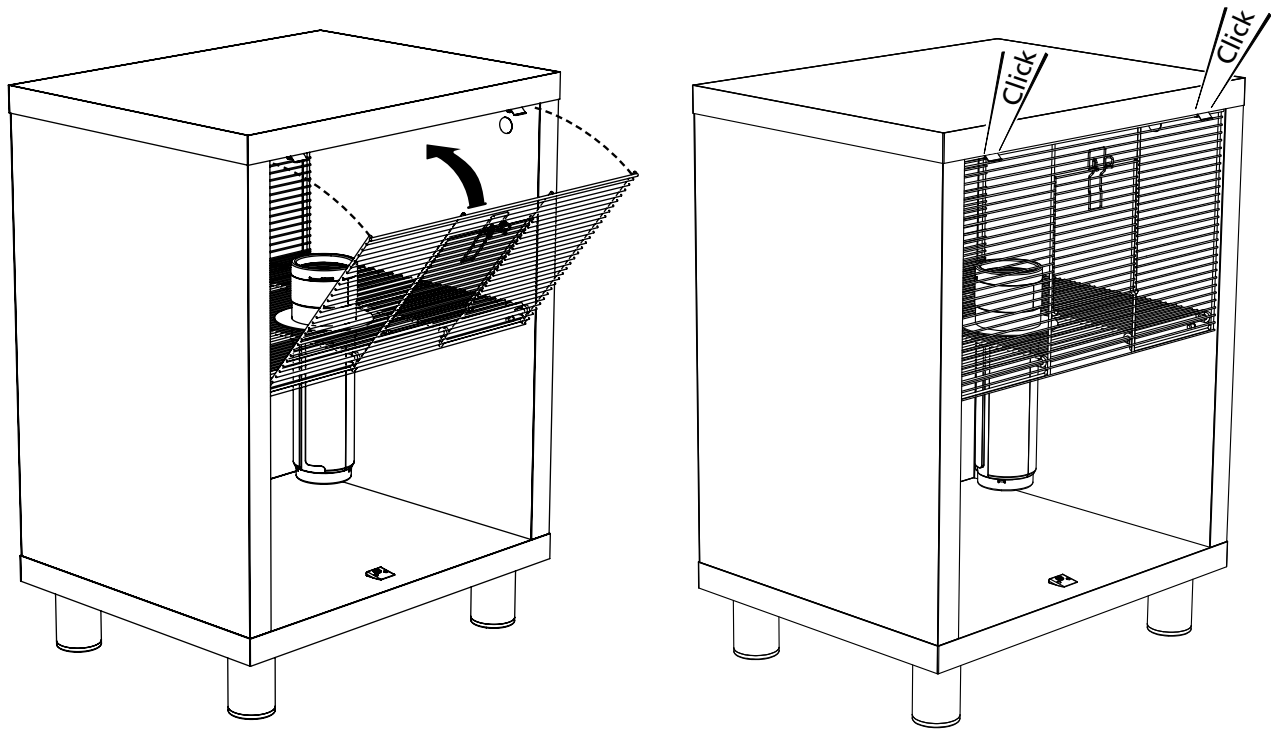
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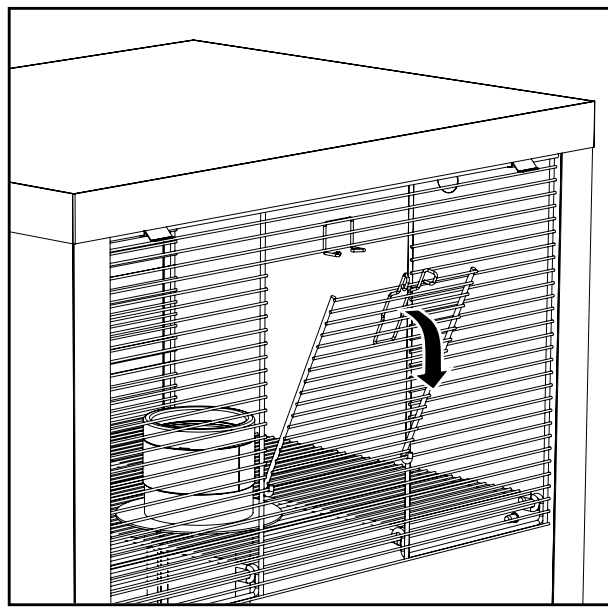
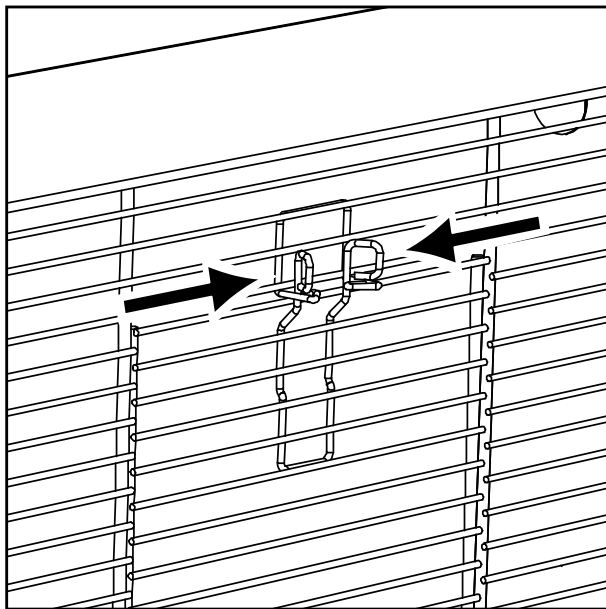
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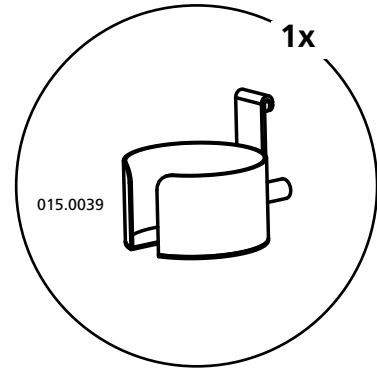
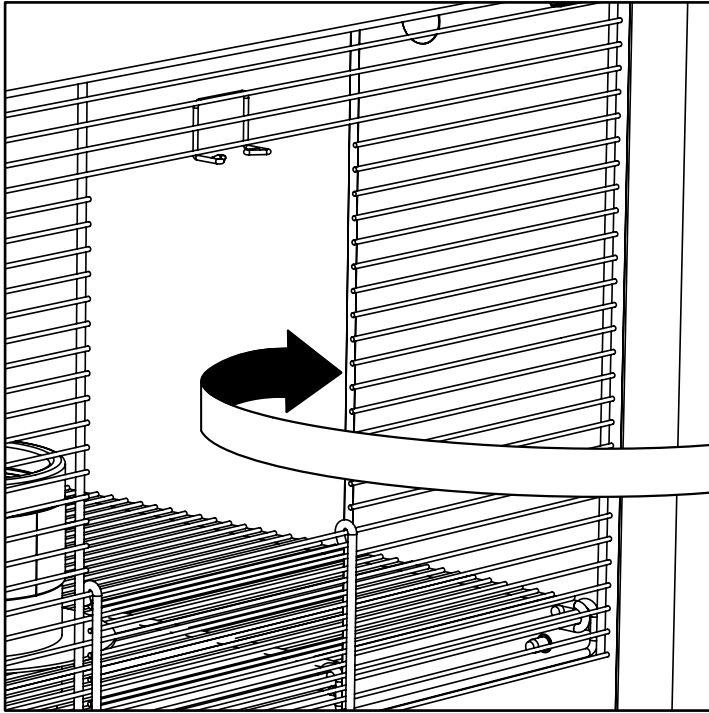
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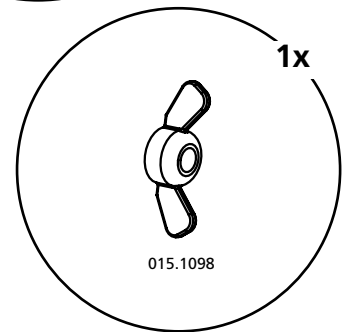
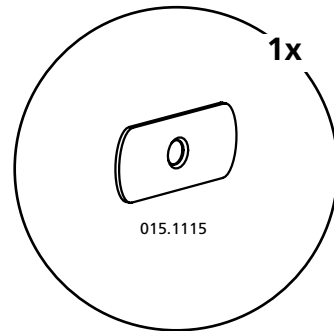
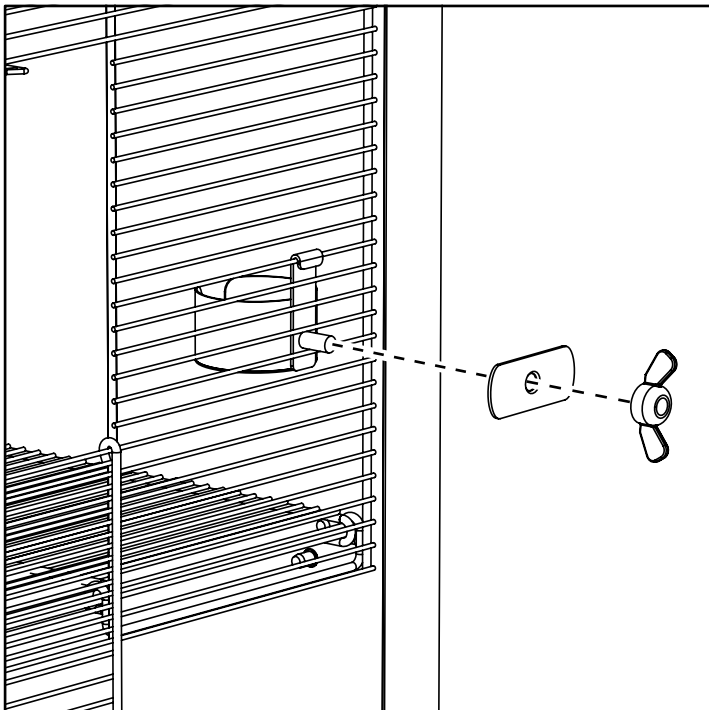
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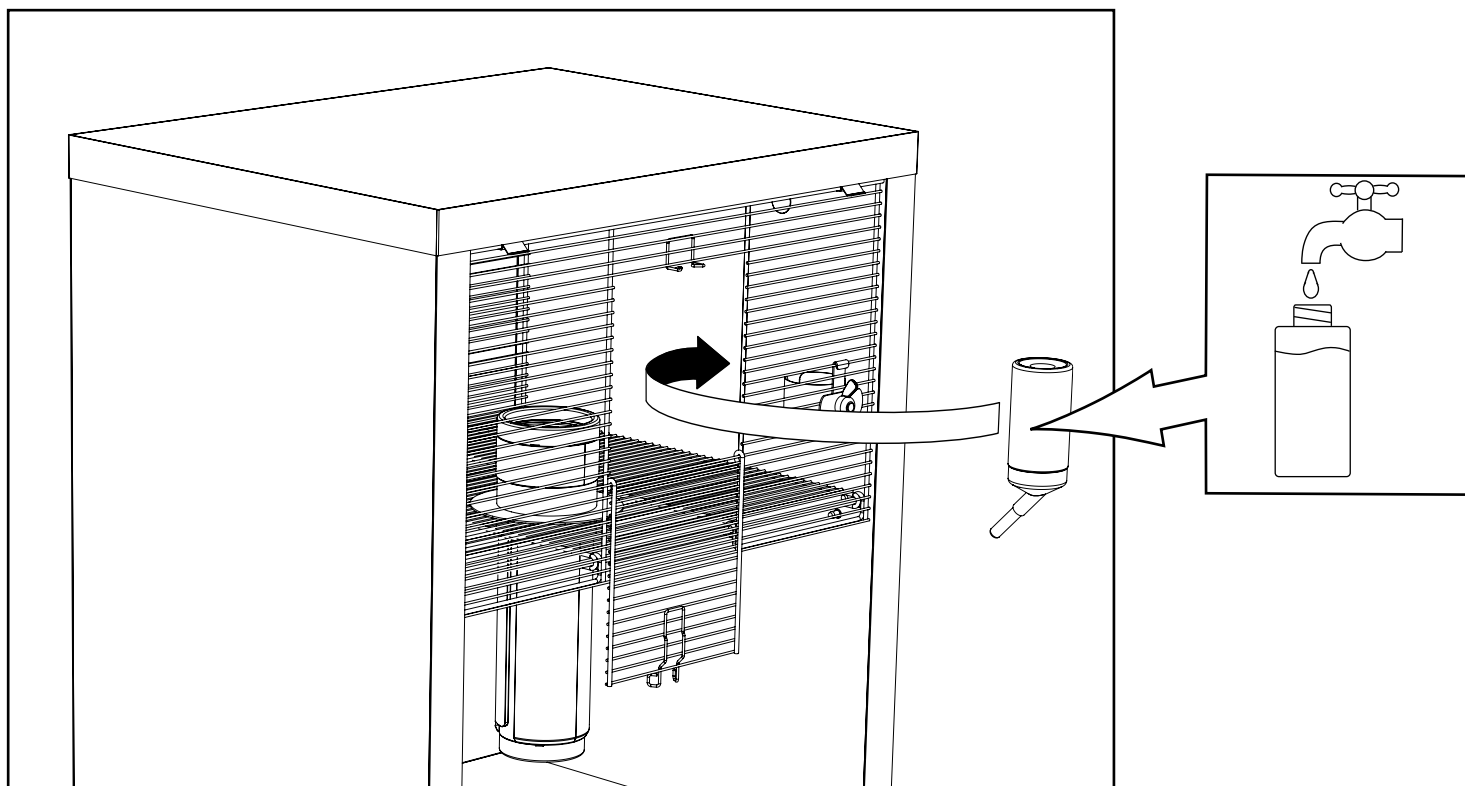
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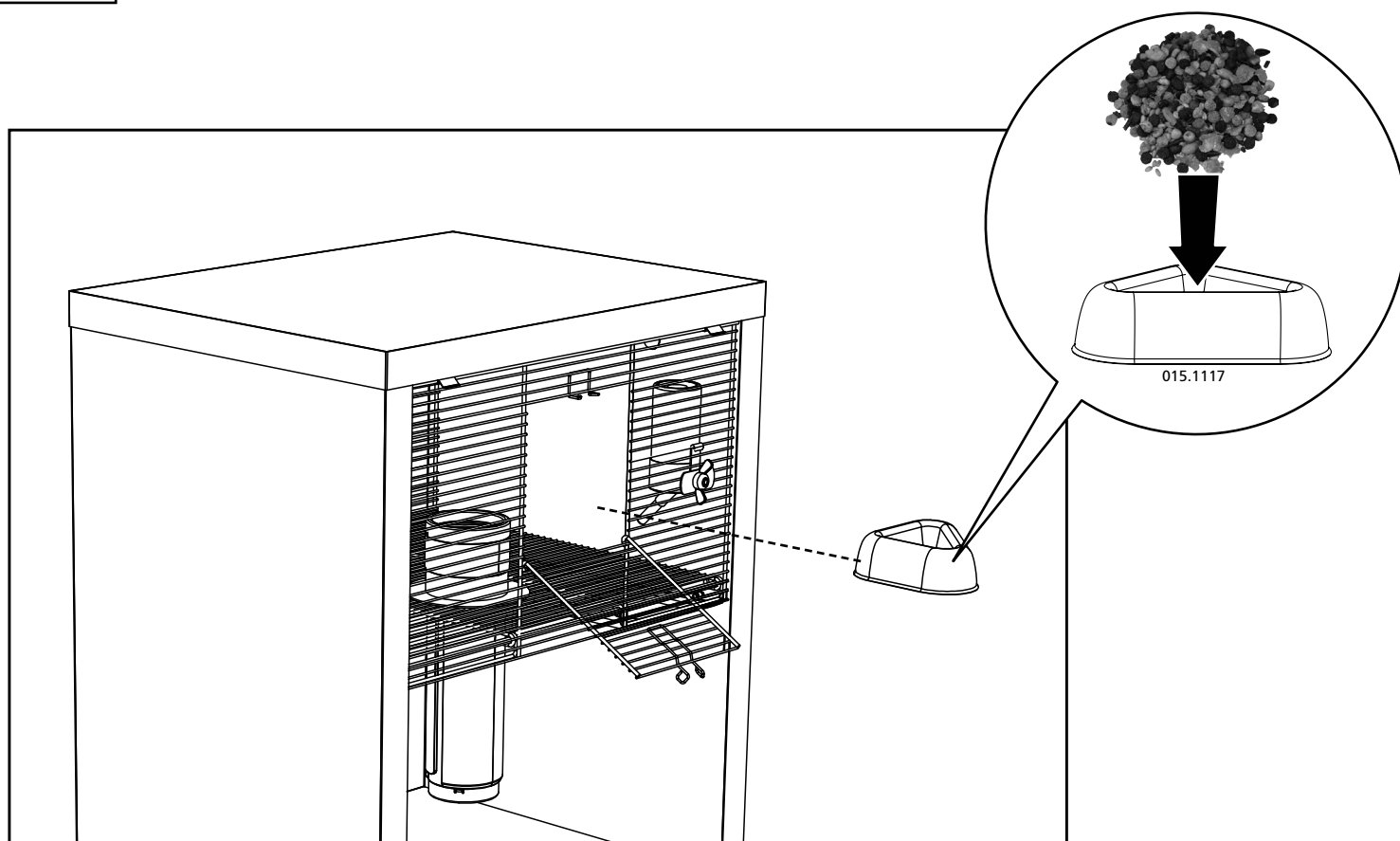
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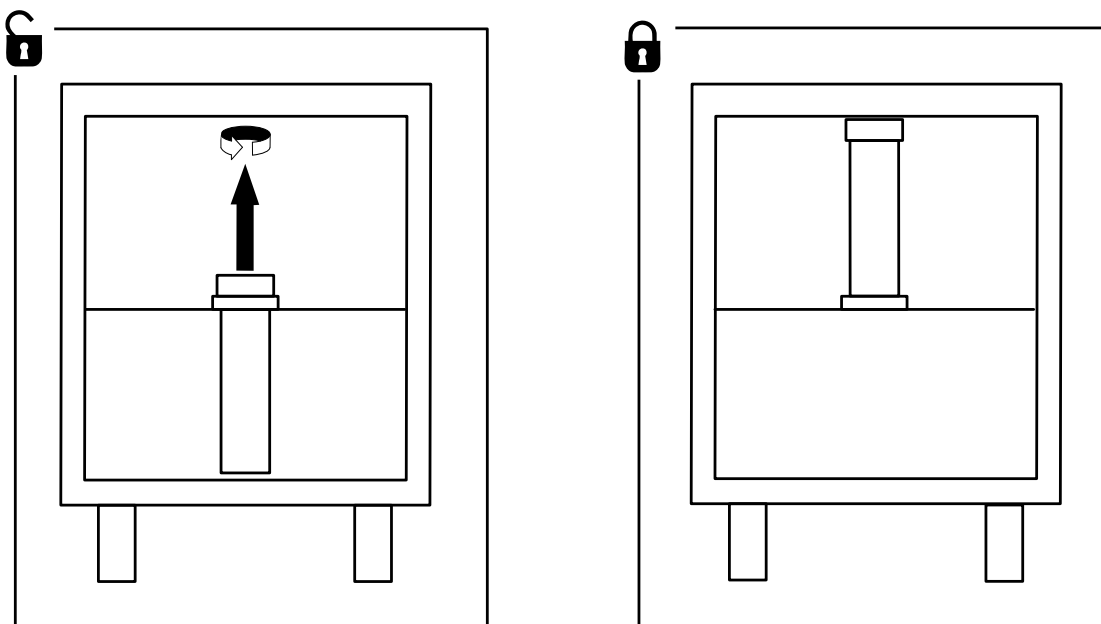
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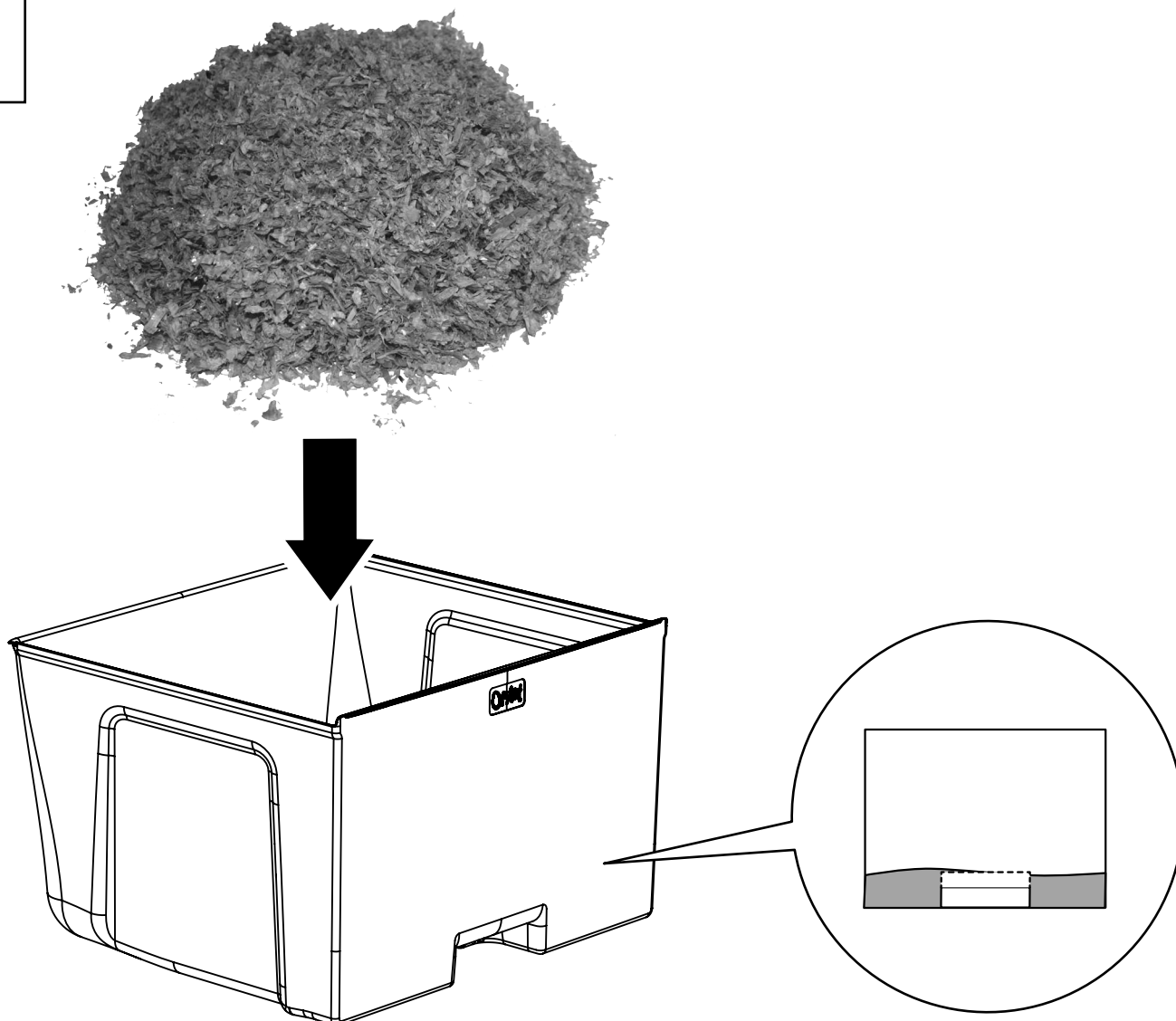
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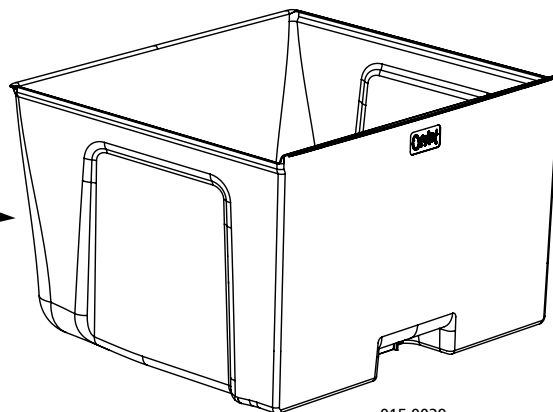
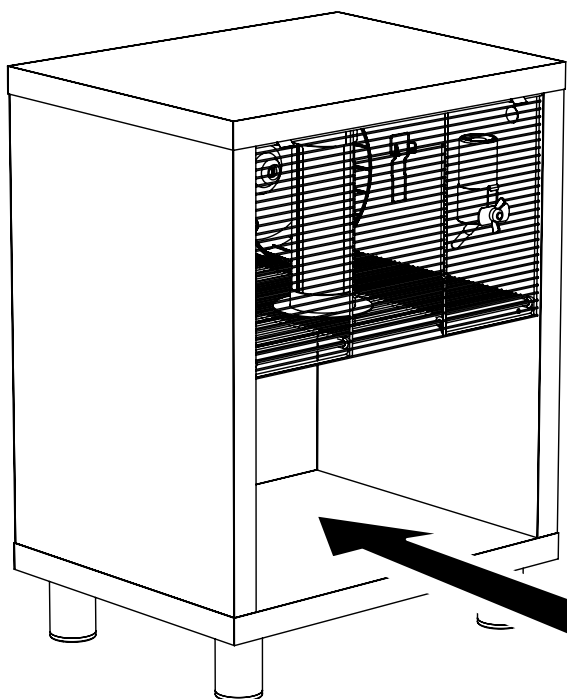
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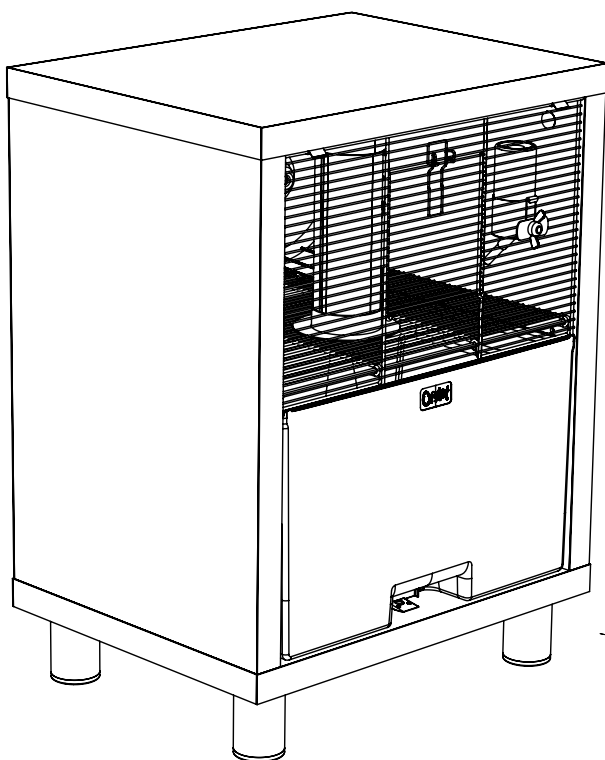


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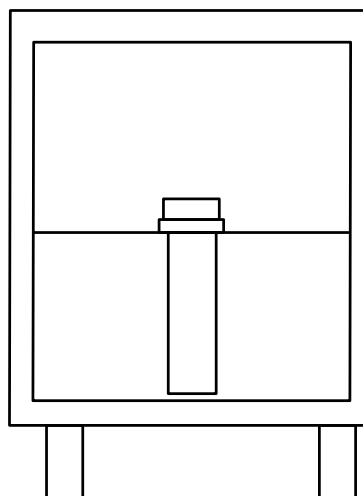
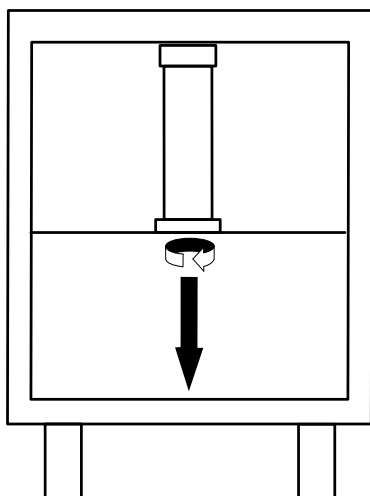
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# Small Mammal Care

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**



This is a general guide to help you get started. Please visit your local pet shop, a veterinarian, specialist guide books or [www.omlet.com](http://www.omlet.com) for more advice.

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## Choosing your pet...

Choosing your pet is really fun but it's also important to take your time and to ask questions about the proper care and handling you will need to provide. This will help you make the right choice and ensure that you and your pet have a long and happy relationship.

These are the key signs of a healthy pet and just in case, the signs that may suggest the animal is not healthy.

Healthy	Unhealthy
Bright and Clean Eyes	Dirty or Watery Eyes
Clean Nose	Dirty or Runny Nose
Normal Teeth	Wet Tail
Shiny and Clean Fur	Dirty Bottom
Active	Bald Patches
Easy to Handle	Overly Thin or Fat
Healthy Size	Inactive

### Good to know

Hamsters and dwarf hamsters can fight if more than one is kept per home, so always keep just one in your Qute. Do not pair male and females (unless you want to breed in which case some contact is essential).

## Do you have everything you need?

The minimalism look hasn't caught on with hamsters and gerbils yet so to make your Qute a bit more comfortable you need to add some things.

### Bedding

Your pet will want a nice deep layer of soft bedding in the bedding tray to burrow and play in. There are some different options but as a general rule wood and paper based bedding materials are best.

Bedding made from wood pulp, such as Carefresh®, is very good and comes in different colours which you can use to jazz up your Qute.

Wood shavings sold by pet stores make good bedding, but avoid any bedding which is dusty, for example sawdust, as the fine particles can irritate pets eyes.

Some pets, especially hamsters, like to take food and store it in their nest, this is completely natural behaviour. Just make sure that it doesn't go mouldy or stale.

## **Nesting Material**

As well as bedding material, your pets will like something a bit softer to build their nest with. This is a cosy area in the house that they will sleep in. The best material is shredded paper - you can use kitchen roll.

## **Food**

Feeding your pet is a great way to gain it's trust and build a long lasting bond together. Your pet store will stock the right food for your new pet. Eating the same thing all the time is a bit boring though so you can make your pet's meal times more interesting by giving small amounts of treats like sunflower seeds, millet, and crunchy vegetables like broccoli. Just remember never feed your pets sweets, chocolate or salty things like crisps.

## **Something to Gnaw on.**

Most small mammals love a good stick to gnaw on. In fact it's essential you provide your pets with wood and cardboard toys to chew. This is because their teeth are always growing and instead of going to the dentist, they can use things like wood to grind their teeth down. You should always buy your sticks from a pet store as not all wood is suitable.

## **Water**

Clean water every day is essential! No need to buy expensive mineral waters, just ordinary tap water.

## **Where to position your Qute**

Put your Qute in a room that you are in a lot such as the kitchen, living room or bedroom. This will ensure that you get to see and enjoy your pets as much as possible.

Place the Qute away from direct sunlight, away from heaters, away from draughts and away from moisture (don't put your Qute in the bathroom even if you spend a lot of time there).

## **Introducing your pet to its new home**

If your pet came in a transport box that will fit in the Qute, simply put it in and open the end. Let your new pet come out in it's own time. Otherwise carefully remove your pet from the transport box and place it in the upper level of the Qute.

It's important to let your new pet settle into its new home for 1 or 2 days before handling it again.

## Handling your animal

Once your pet has settled in, frequent handling will make your pet tame and friendly. If your pet is in the bedding tray, slide it out and place your hand next to it. Let it come to you, try not to chase it around. If they are shy at first, try holding a grape or piece of celery which will prove hard to resist.



Once your pet is feeding from your hand, try gently scooping it up.

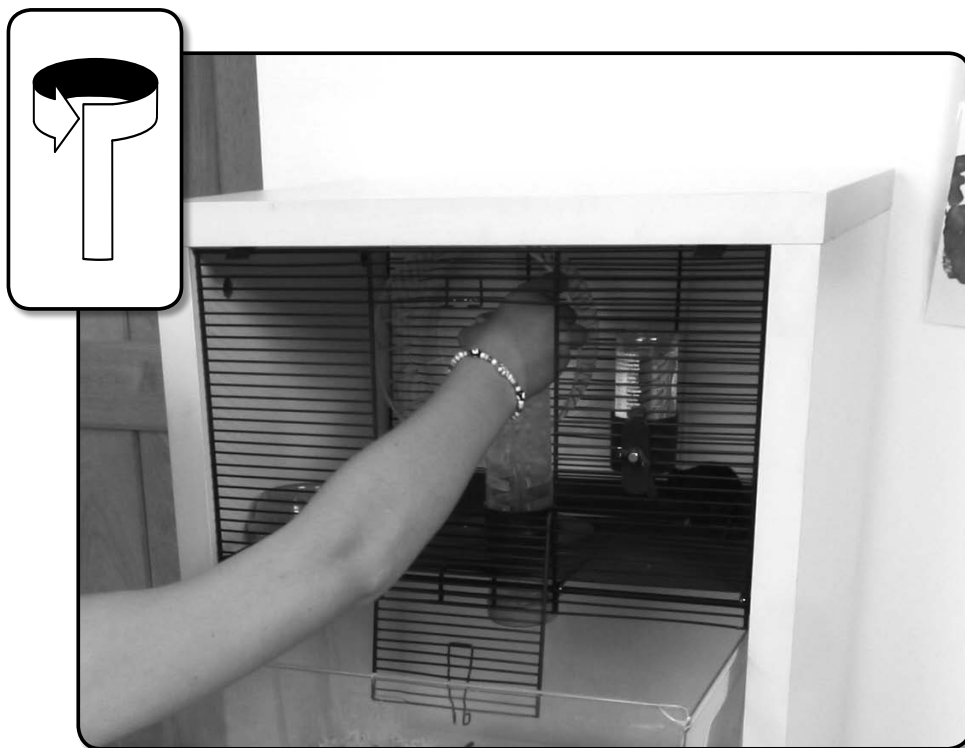


Your pet will look forward to play time with you.

When your pet is happy to take food from your hand, you can gently scoop it up. It's best not to pick up your animal from above or by grabbing it's tail. When you have finished playing with your pet, put it back in the Qute and make sure the tube is in the down position. Always wash your hands after handling your pet. If you have other pets, especially cats, make sure they are not in the room whenever you take your pet out of the Qute.

## Lift 'n' Twist Tube

Your Qute comes with patented Lift 'n' Twist technology! It's a brilliant way to separate the upstairs from the downstairs level. Simply lift and twist the tube, locking it in the up position. Do this when you want to remove the bedding tray for cleaning or when you want to use the bedding tray as a mobile play station.



## Cleaning your Qute

You should clean your Qute at least once a week. It only takes a minute and will keep your pet happy and healthy. You can do this with your pet in the upper compartment.



1. Lift 'n' Twist the tube and stow your animals in the upper compartment.



2. Remove the bedding tray.



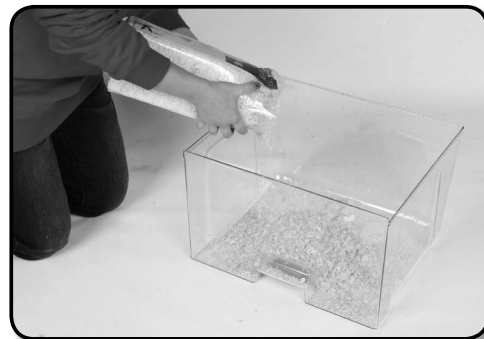
3. Empty the contents of the bedding tray into your composter or general waste bin. Note: do not put synthetic bedding into your composter.



4. Wash the tray with warm soapy water or wipe with a pet safe disinfectant. **Do not use abrasive cleaners, detergents, abrasive cloths or pads.**



5. Dry the tray with a cloth.



6. Add fresh bedding.



7. Replace the bedding tray.



8. **IMPORTANT** – Unlock and lower the tube.

## Deep Cleaning your Qute

You can also perform a deep clean of all sections of the Qute that your pet comes into contact with. You can do this with your pet in the bedding tray. Here's how:

1. Follow the steps 1-8 outlined on the previous page.



2. Lift 'n' Twist the tube and stow your animals in the bedding tray.



3. Open front mesh by releasing the two clips in the top corners of the Qute.



4. Remove food bowl.



5. Remove wheel.



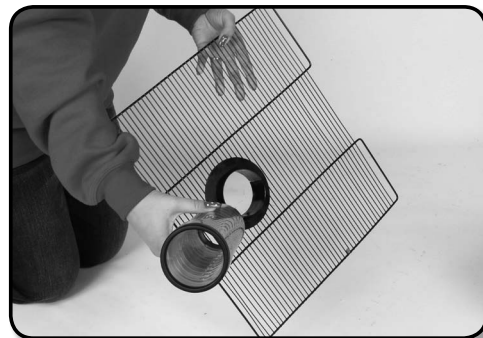
6. Remove mesh floor and tube together.



7. Wipe the sides, top and mesh surfaces of the Qute with a damp cloth, use a pet safe disinfectant if preferred.



8. **IMPORTANT!** Close the front mesh again to stop your animals escaping while you clean the floor and tube.

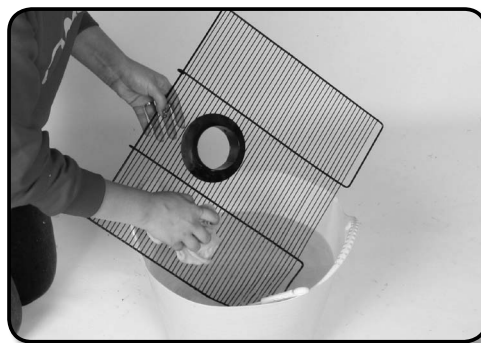


9. Remove the tube from the floor.

## Deep Clean continued



10. Wash and dry the tube, feedbowl and wheel using a non abrasive soft cloth or sponge.



11. Wash and dry the mesh floor panel using a non abrasive soft cloth or sponge.



12. Re-assemble the tube and put the tube back in the floor panel.



13. Replace the floor panel.



14. Replace the wheel and food bowl.



15. Close the front mesh.



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