

APIMAYE ERGO & ERGO PLUS HIVES

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Apimaye Beekeepers Family now in more than 30 countries!
Please follow the instructions included on how to set up and use
your new Apimaye Bee Hive



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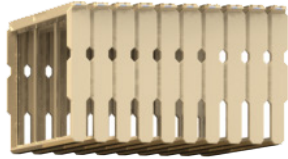
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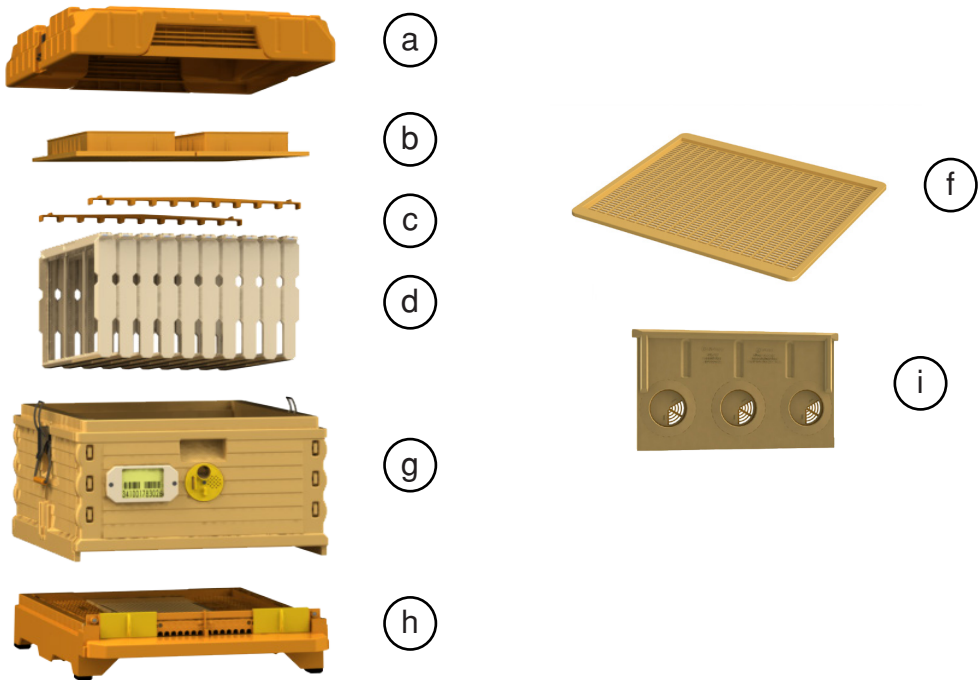


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- a. Top Cover
- b. Top Feeder
- c. Frame Spacer (4 pcs)
- d. Optional 20 Frames
- e. Super
- f. Queen excluder
- g. Brood Box Body
- h. Bottom Board
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ERGOHIVE



- a. Top Cover
- b. Top Feeder
- c. Frame Spacer (2 pcs)
- d. Optional 10 Frames
- f. Queen excluder
- g. Brood Box Body
- h. Bottom Board
- i. Brood Division Board

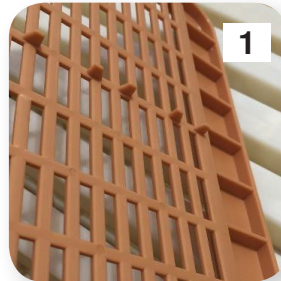
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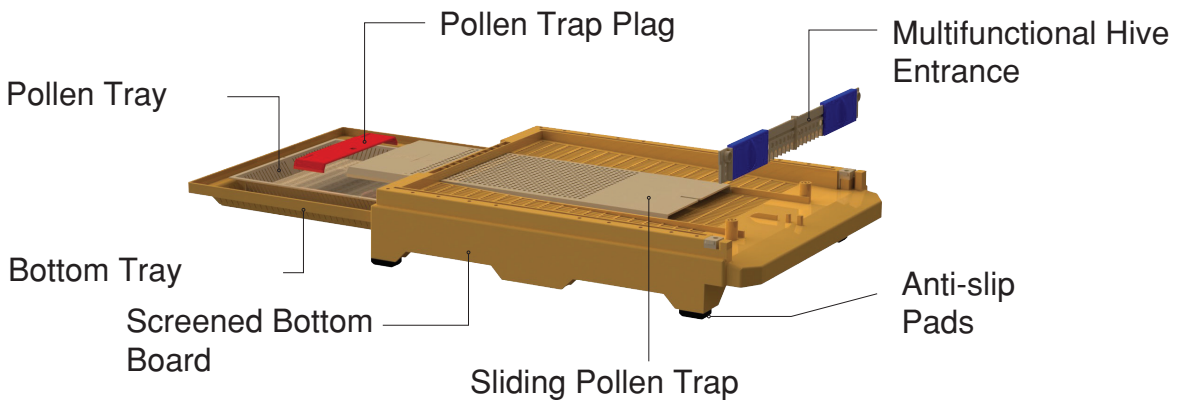
Your hive is already assembled and is almost ready to go. Please follow the instructions to remove the Sliding Pollen Trap from the bottom board and put the Red Plug in before introducing the bees to the hive.

If using queen excluder, make sure to:

1. Have the spacing pins facing down
2. Use the bottom slot of the latch (2a)



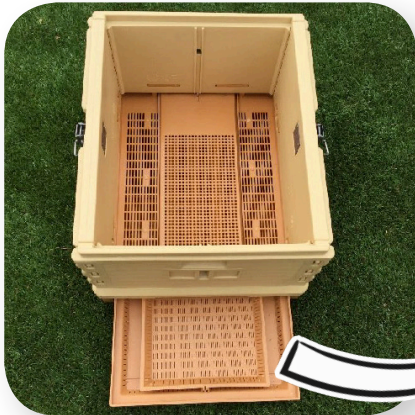
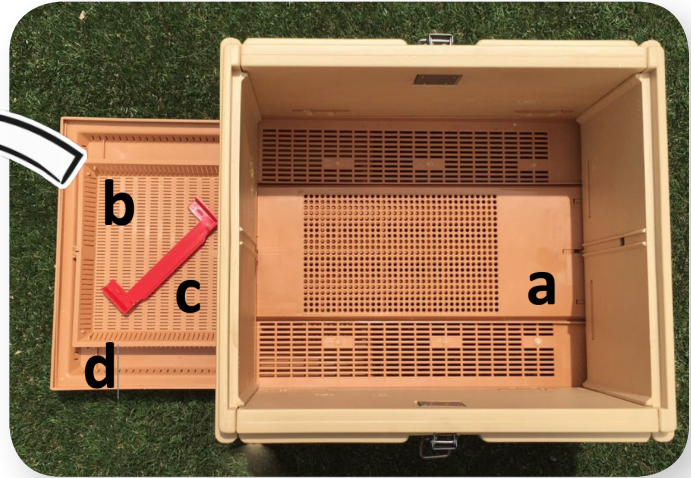
3. When queen excluder is not installed, use the top slot of the latch (2b)



USING BOTTOM BOARD 1

Bottom board is mounted on the brood box.

Includes pollen trap (a) and tray (b), red pollen trap plug (c), and screened bottom board (d).



To enable pollen collection, the trap should be inserted all the way in. The pollen can be gathered from the drawer below.

To disable the pollen trap, pull it out completely as shown on right.

NOTE: Pollen is essential for bees! Enable the pollen trap (a) only when there is high pollen flow. It is not recommended to use it continuously. Please research about pollen collection before enabling the pollen trap



USING BOTTOM BOARD 2



Remove the pollen trap and drawer entirely to use it as a full screen bottom or when installing package bees or transferring the bees first time



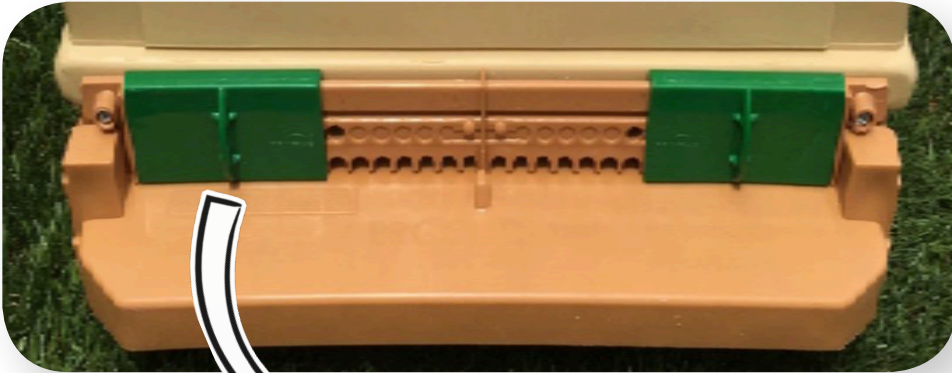
Whenever you remove the trap, close the slot with the red plug



The pollen trap must be removed and the red plug must be inserted on the slot to use the division board

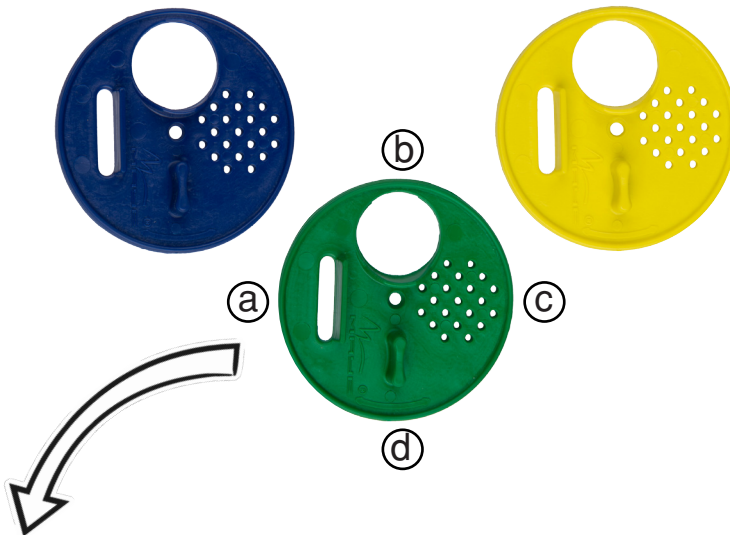


USING HIVE ENTRANCE



2 sliders are used as entrance reducers
2 single holes above the outmost entrances are for drones
2 notches above the center entrances are to shut lock the sliders

“Keep the hive entrances wide open when introducing bees to the hive.”



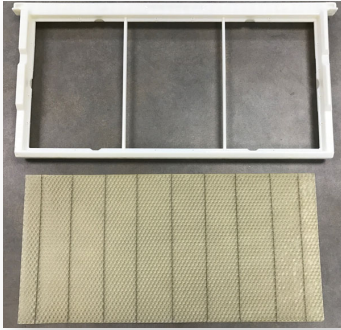
The round entrance (blue, green or yellow) piece can be set to be :

- a) Additional hive entrance (horizontal slit on top)
- b) Queen entrance for mating flights (big hole on top)
- c) Ventilation (small holes on top)
- d) Shut closed (handle on top)

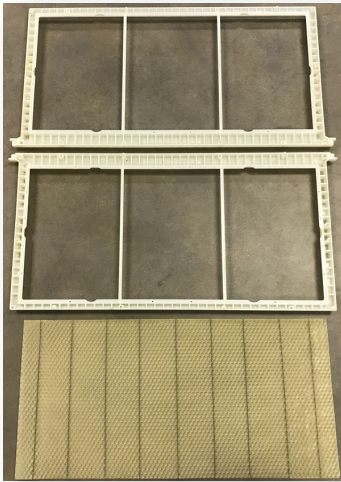
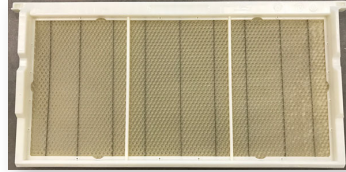
HANDY FRAMES ASSEMBLY

Apimaye offers two different kinds of plastic frames.

Handy Frames and **Pro Frames**. Handy Frames can only take wax foundation, while Pro Frames can take both plastic and wax foundation. Make sure you use only beeswax foundation on your handy frames.



1. Your handy frames use standard deep size wax foundation (8 1/2" x 16 3/4")

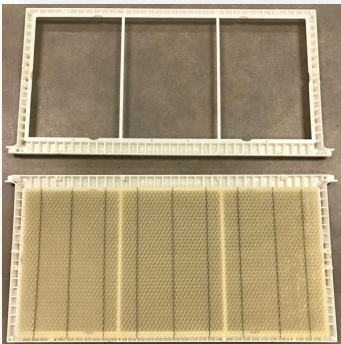


2. The handy frames are made of 2 pieces that snap each other. There are pins at both the top and the bottom side.

Just split the two pieces and place them like shown on the left.

Splitting them for the first time will be harder, you may want to use a hive tool or a small knife to make it easier.

Do not split the frames like opening a book as it may damage the pins at the bottom. Just try to keep them parallel.



3. Put the wax foundation on top of one of the halves, and then snap the other half back on. It should take less than a minute per frame.

It easy to install plastic foundations on Pro Frames. Just split the frames as you do in handy frames. Insert the plastic foundation and snap the pieces back.

When installing beeswax foundation on the Pro Frames, split the 2 pieces,

place the beeswax foundation, press it with your fingers from each corner to embed the beeswax foundation and snap the other piece back. (It is important to press the beeswax foundation on the Pro Frames to prevent the beeswax foundation from sagging.)

USING DIVISION & UNITING BOARD



To divide the colony, use the division board with the slots closed



To merge 2 colonies, adjust the circular gates for the small slots first, then larger slots a few days later



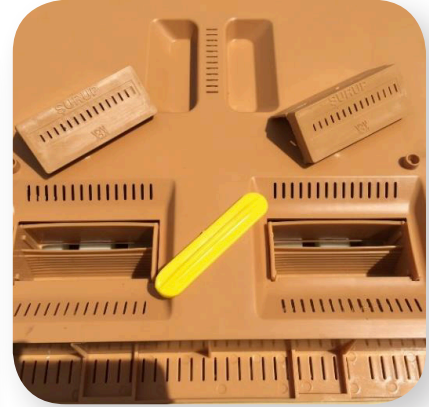
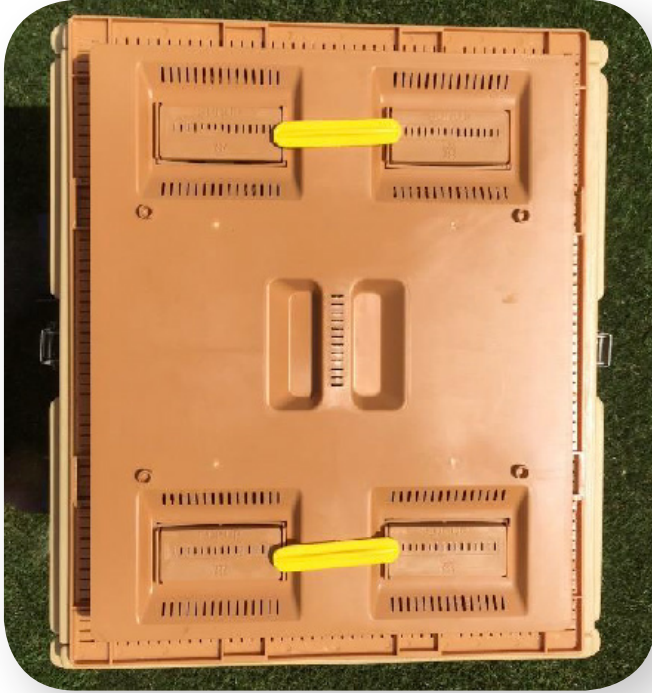
You can use only 4 frames on each side when using the division board



Make sure the pollen trap is removed completely and the slot is closed with the red plug

Ergo Plus Hives come with two division boards. The division board for the super is shorter, therefore the two can not be used interchangeably. Make sure you're using the right division board.

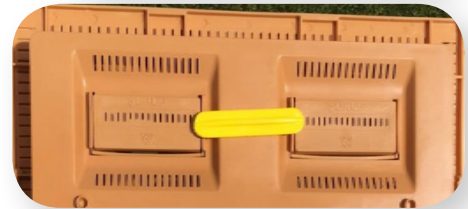
USING SINGLE TOP FEEDER



If you have a hive with a single top feeder, your feeder has a cover with yellow handles and 4 adjustable feed slot covers.

To fill the feeder:

1. Remove the feeder top by holding from the center
2. Put the feed (Syrup or candy)
3. Adjust the feed slot covers according to the feed. The feeder and these covers are designed to prevent bee drowning in syrup
 - 3a. If feed is syrup make sure all the writings "SYRUP" is outwards
 - 3b. If feed is candy make sure all the writings "CANDY" is outwards so bees can walk to the center of the feeder
4. Close the feeder top and adjust the yellow handles to secure slot covers



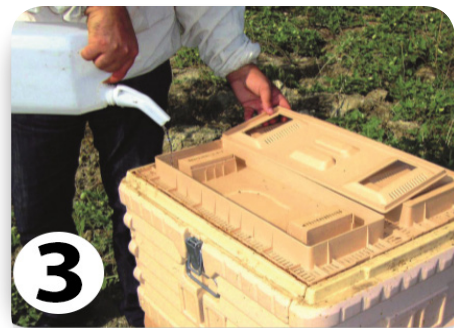
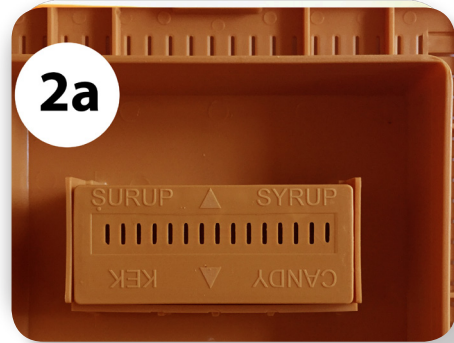
You can not use syrup and candy at the same time in the single top feeder.

USING TOP FEEDER

If you have a hive with a pair of half feeders, each pair has a cover and 2 adjustable feed slot covers.

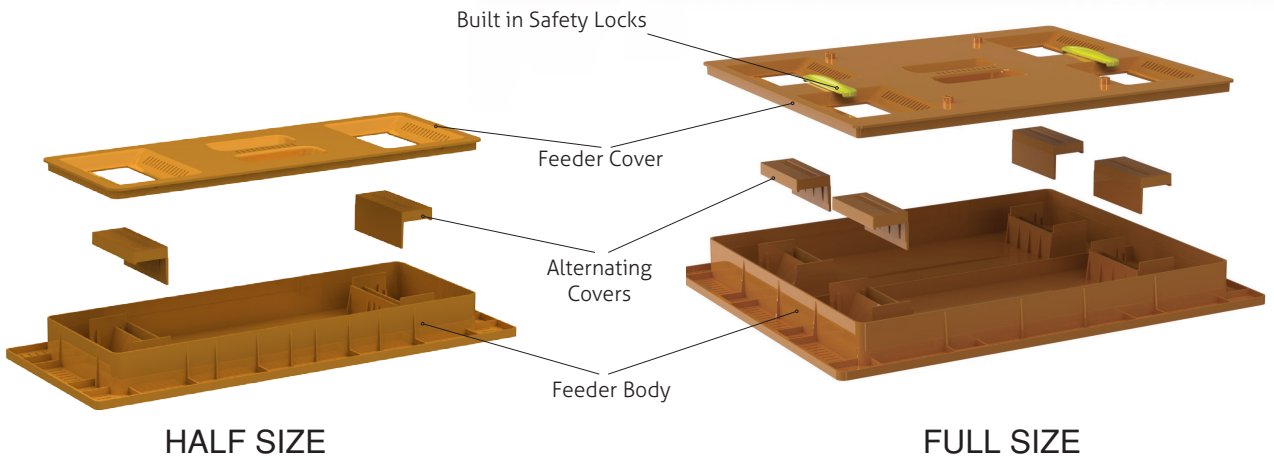
To fill the feeders :

1. Remove the feeder cover by holding from the center as shown.
2. Adjust the feed selectors by removing and inserting them into the vertical slots according to the feed type as follows:
 - a. If feed is syrup, place all the selectors with the word “SYRUP” away from the center.
 - b. If feed is candy, place all the selectors with the word “CANDY” away from the center.
3. Put in the feed, syrup (as shown below) or fondant / pollen patties.
4. Close the feeder cover.



INNER COVER TYPE TOP FEEDER

Liquid Feeding
The cover reading "Syrup" should be the outermost cover when feeding syrup.



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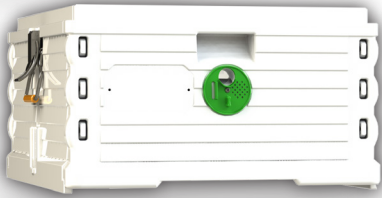


Solid Feeding

The cover reading "Cake" should be the outermost cover when feeding cake.

Built-in feeders of the inner cover enable solid and liquid feeding without having to open the hive, while both the hive temperature balance and the bees remain undisturbed.

OPTIONAL SUPER

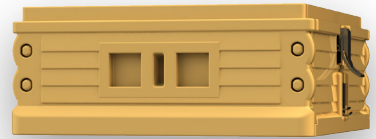


Ergo Deep Super

- Pro Frame
- Handy Frame
- Wooden Frame
- No Frame

Ergo Medium Super

- Handy Frame
- Wooden Frame
- No Frame





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