

# How to Introduce Pierco Frames and Foundations

Differing weather conditions, floral sources and nectar flows will influence the best method of frame/foundation introduction. Your colonies should be strong, healthy and free of stressors. It is difficult to get bees to draw new comb if they are under any stress. Also, colonies must have a good nectar flow, be it natural or artificial (sugar syrup). Bees cannot produce wax without carbohydrates coming in.

The following two methods have proven to be the most successful for new frame introduction:

## 1. Inter-space Pierco frames with drawn comb

- a. Insert three new Pierco frames/foundations in the 3, 5, and 7 positions. The reason for using the 3, 5, and 7 positions is that bees are often slower to draw foundation on the outside of the super. We recommend feeding the bees heavily until the honey flows begin. This will encourage the bees to start drawing new comb immediately. **NOTE:** If the inter-spacing method does not yield; try method 2, below.

## 2. Replace all the drawn combs with new Pierco frames/foundations

- a. You are now running 100% new, undrawn Pierco frames/foundations in your standard 9 frame super. Any undrawn Pierco frames/foundations with brace or burr comb can be scraped clean with a hive tool and returned to the super. This approach gives the bees no choice but to go to work and draw out the Pierco frames/foundations. We recommend feeding the bees heavily with sugar syrup at this time, to stimulate comb building. Some beekeepers also place a drawn comb on each end of the super as bait comb.

Remember that your local conditions of weather, floral sources, colony condition etc. can cause your results to vary. If the above two methods do not yield the results you expect, call us at (800) 233-2662. We'll be glad to help.

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