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**Unapproved changes can cause your  
Murphy bed to NOT WORK CORRECTLY  
and will VOID your warranty.**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**This kit is engineered to work with  
ANY mattress that meets  
these WEIGHT and THICKNESS  
specifications:**

<b><u>SIZE OF BED</u></b>	<b><u>THICKNESS (including any pillow top)</u></b>	<b><u>WEIGHT</u></b>
<b>TWIN</b>	<b>Up to 12 inches</b>	<b>35 to 50 pounds</b>
<b>FULL</b>	<b>Up to 12 inches</b>	<b>50 to 65 pounds</b>
<b>QUEEN</b>	<b>Up to 12 inches</b>	<b>65 to 80 pounds</b>

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These plans are for constructing a  
STANDARD  
**FULL VERTICAL BED**  
using **PLYWOOD** material

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## TOOLS NEEDED:

Power Drill  
Drill Bits: 1/8", 1/4", 5/16"  
1" Forstner Bit, 5/8" Forstner Bit  
Power Saw, Table Saw or Circular Saw  
Jigsaw or Coping Saw  
Phillips-Head and Flat-Head Screwdrivers or Driver Bits for Drill  
Tape Measure  
#4 Allen Wrench  
Hammer  
Clamps  
Straight Edge or Framing Square  
Household Iron for Veneer Tape and Utility Knife

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murphy bed mechanism

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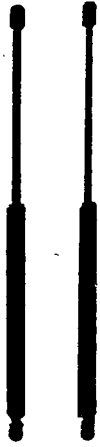
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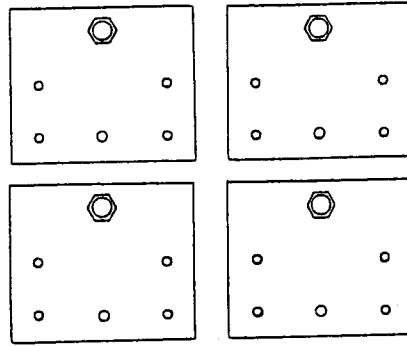
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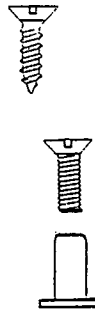
FULL VERTICAL (UPRIGHT) murphy bed mechanism  
PLYWOOD construction



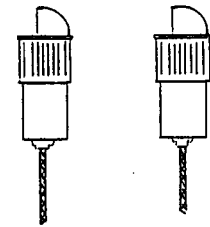
Two (2) PISTONS



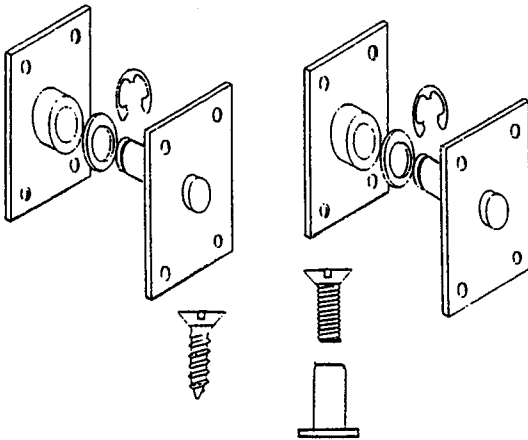
Four (4) BALL STUD PLATES with twelve (12) black #10 x 3/4" screws and eight (8) "T" nuts with machine screws



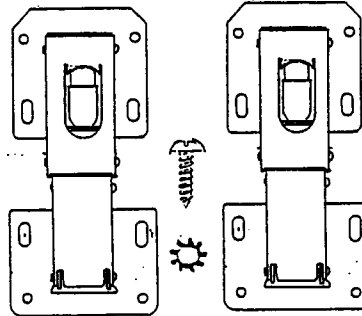
Two (2) BED STOPS with two (2) #8 x 5/8" round head SCREWS



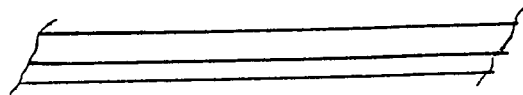
Two (2) LOCKING SPRING LATCHES with CABLES



Two (2) pair of METAL PIVOTS with two (2) WASHERS  
two (2) "E" CLIPS  
four (4) "T" nuts with MACHINE SCREWS  
twelve (12) #12 x 3/4" zinc SCREWS



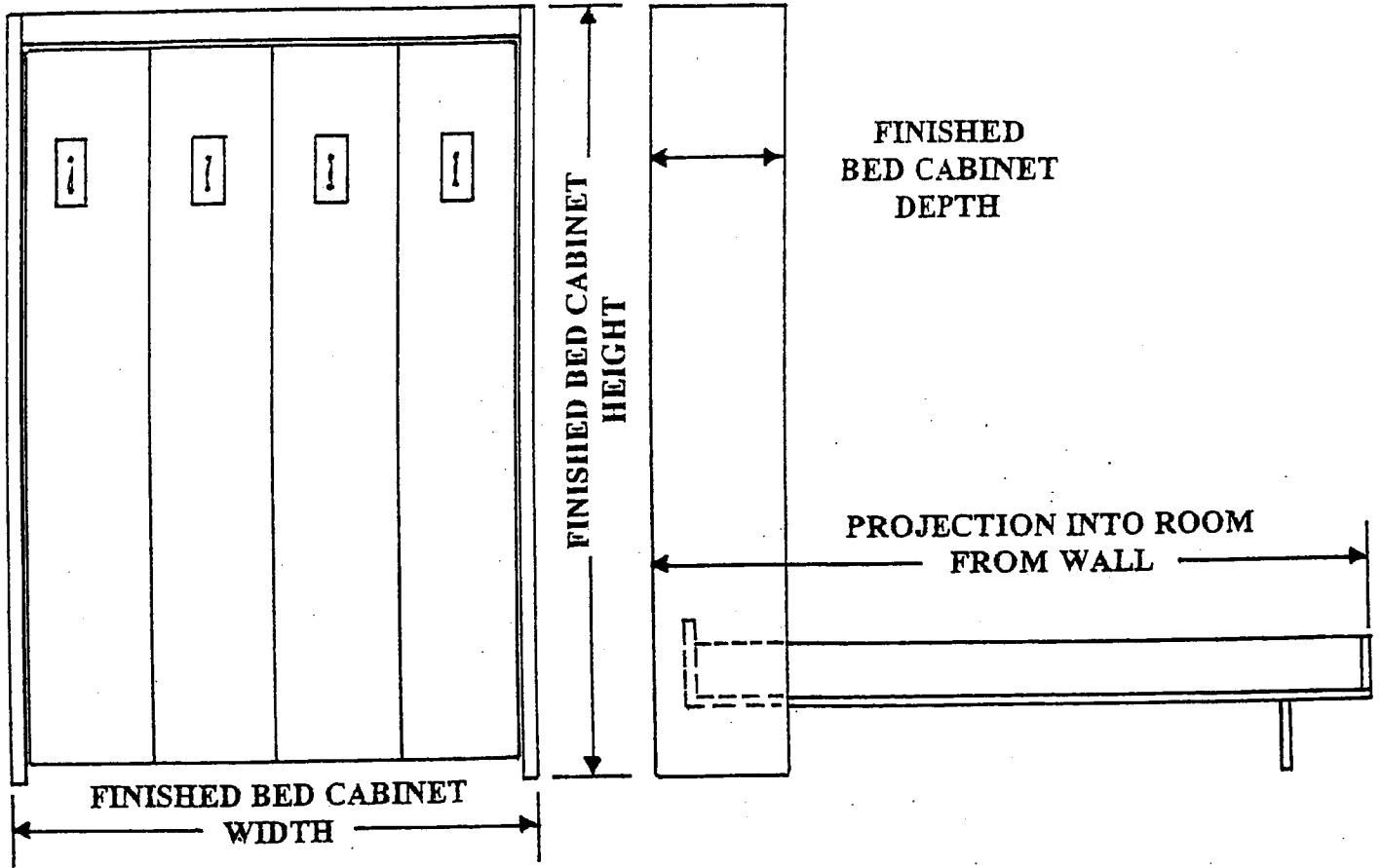
Two (2) double-acting, fully-concealed LEG HINGES with sixteen (16) #8 x 5/8" round head MOUNTING SCREWS with two (2) LOCK WASHERS



Two (2) ELASTIC MATTRESS RETAINING STRAPS

- One (1) yellow PLYWOOD CONSTRUCTION booklet
- One (1) white PARTICLE BOARD CONSTRUCTION booklet
- One (1) blue ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION booklet
- One (1) VERTICAL bed Construction, Assembly and Installation VIDEO.

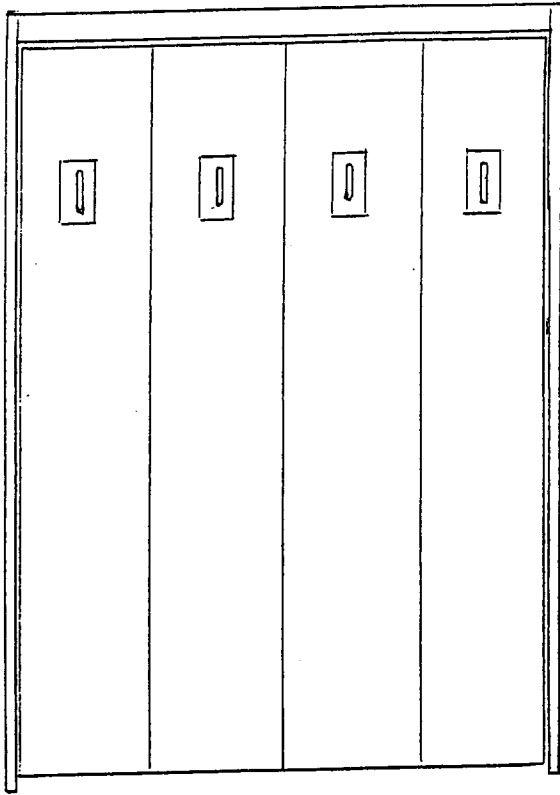
Out-to-out dimensions of **VERTICAL STYLE** murphy bed cabinet constructed using the **Create-A-Bed®** mechanism



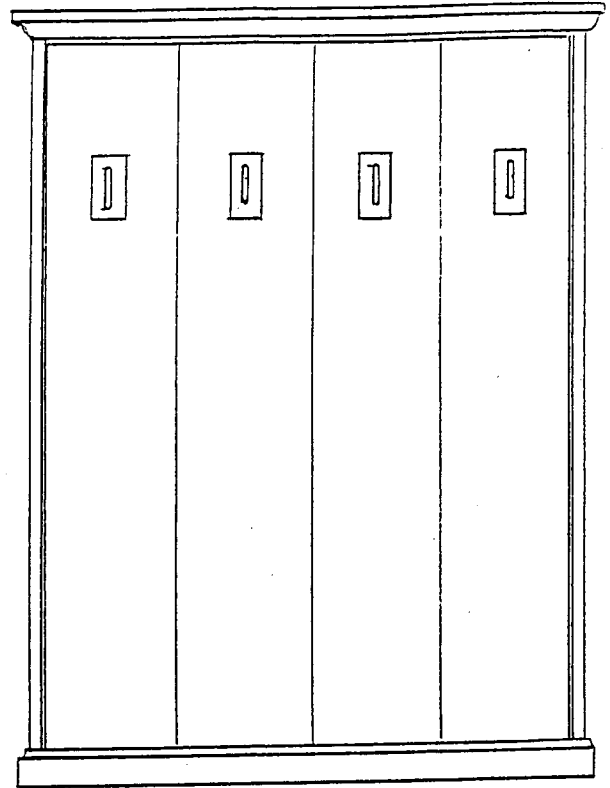
**OUTSIDE-EDGE to OUTSIDE EDGE  
FINISHED VERTICAL BED CABINET DIMENSIONS**

SIZE	HEIGHT	WIDTH	DEPTH	PROJECTION
Twin	82 1/8"	42 7/8"	15 7/8"	80"
Full	82 1/8"	57 7/8"	15 7/8"	80"
Queen	87 1/8"	63 7/8"	15 7/8"	84"

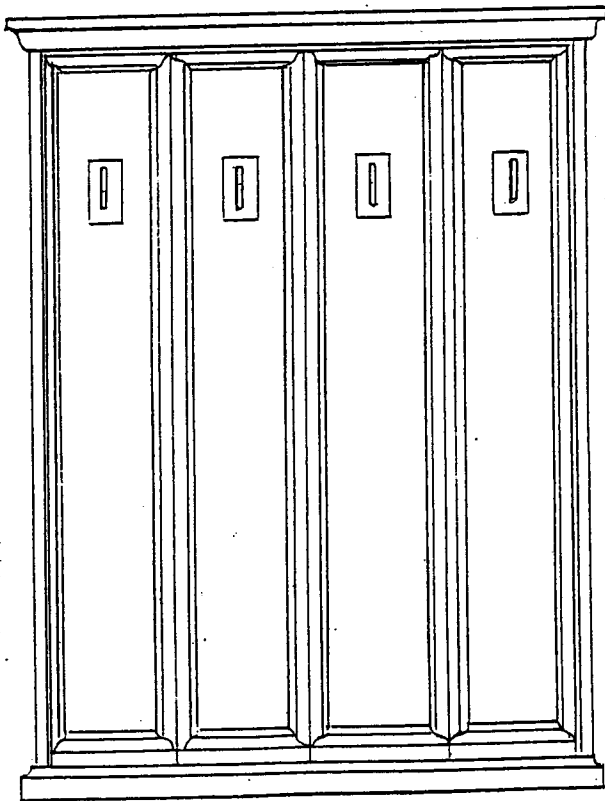
Some design options... or create your own!



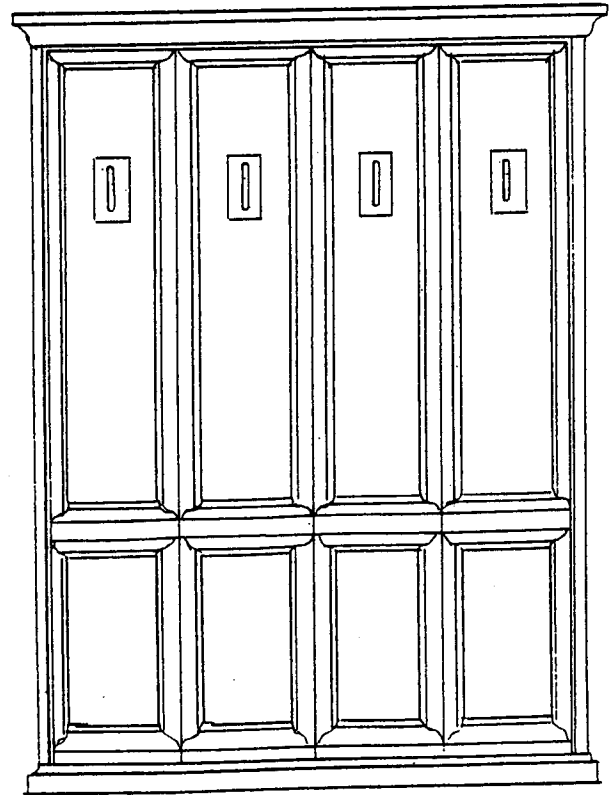
**BASIC BED**



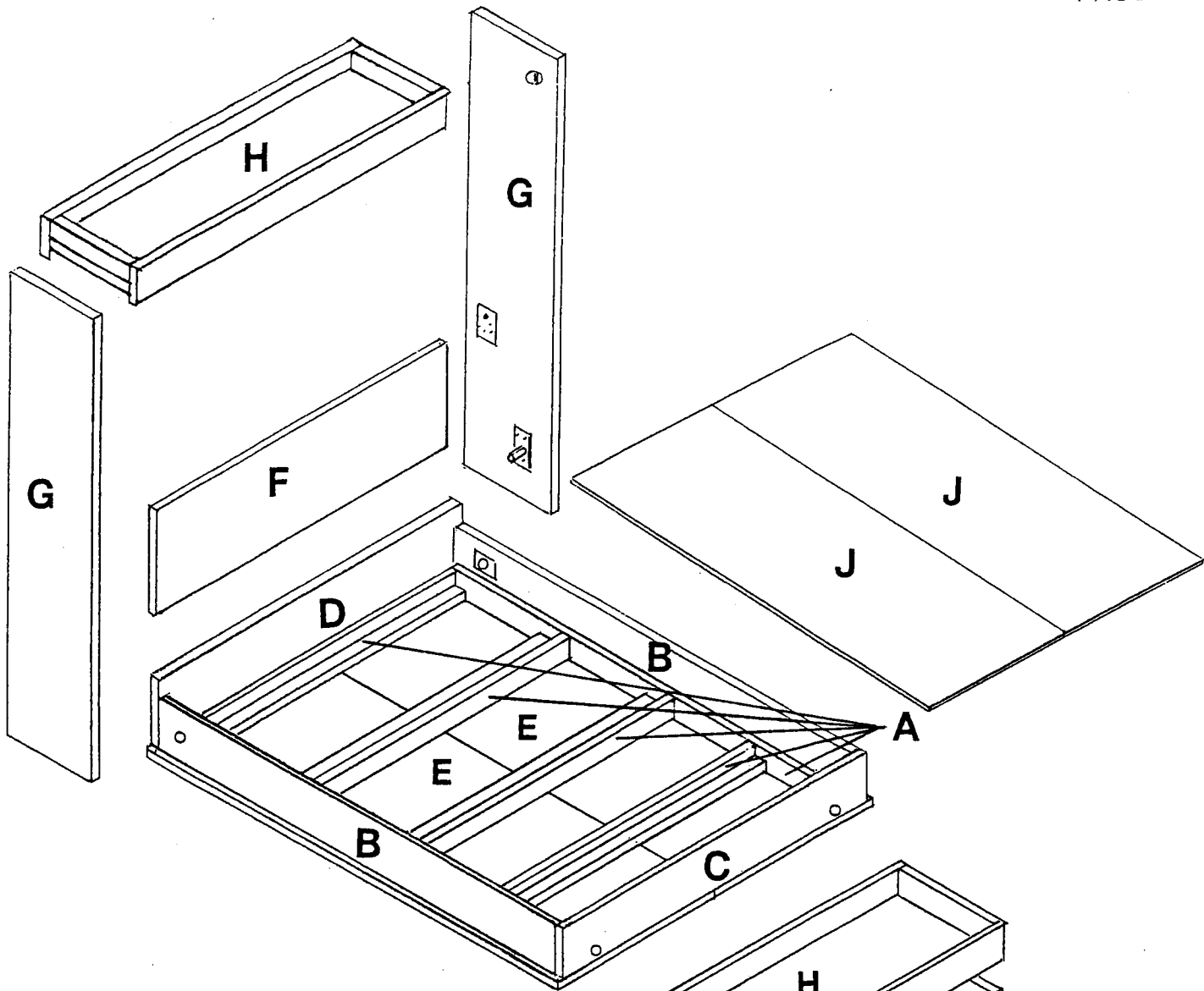
**WITH CROWN  
AND BASE MOLDING**



**WITH CROWN, BASE  
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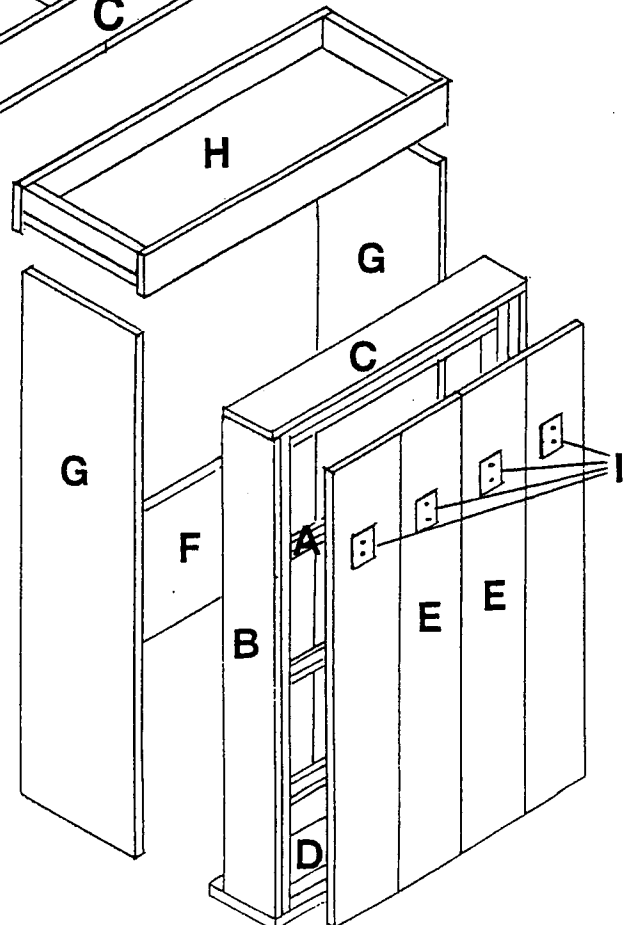


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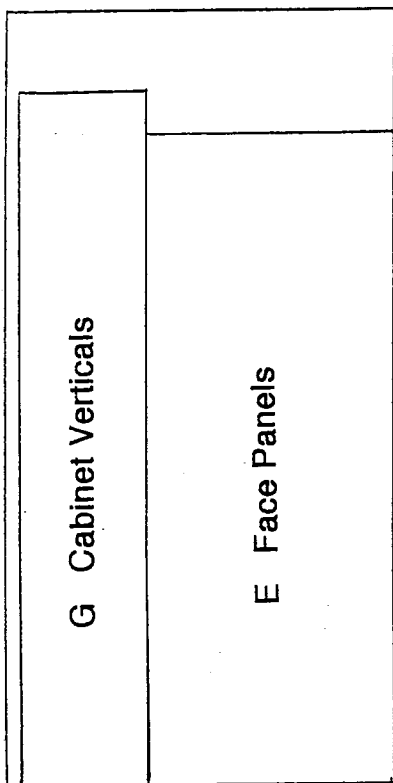


**COMPONENTS OF FINISHED MURPHY BED**

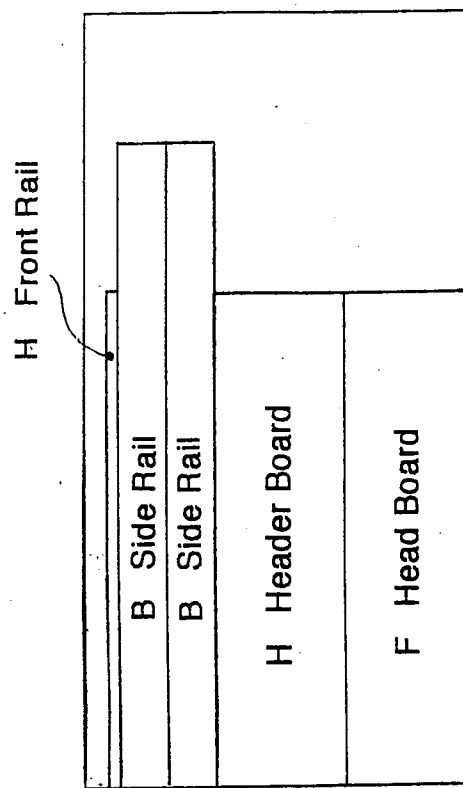
- A. INNER WOOD BED FRAME
- B. SIDE RAILS
- C. FOOT RAIL
- D. HEAD RAIL
- E. BED FACE PANELS
- F. BED HEADBOARD
- G. BED CABINET VERTICALS
- H. BED HEADER
- I. WOODEN LEGS
- J. 1/4" PLYWOOD MATTRESS SUPPORT



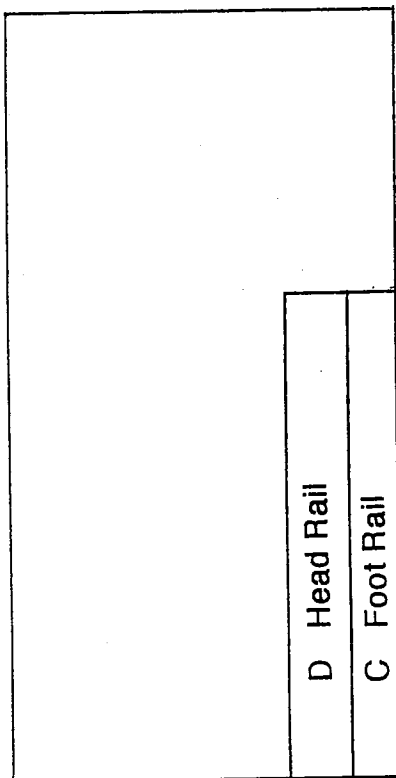
Full Size Vertical Plywood Cutting Guide  
Requires 4 sheets of 3/4" x 4' x 8' and 2 sheets of 1/4" x 4' x 8'  
NOTE: Refer to page 6 for the cutting dimensions.



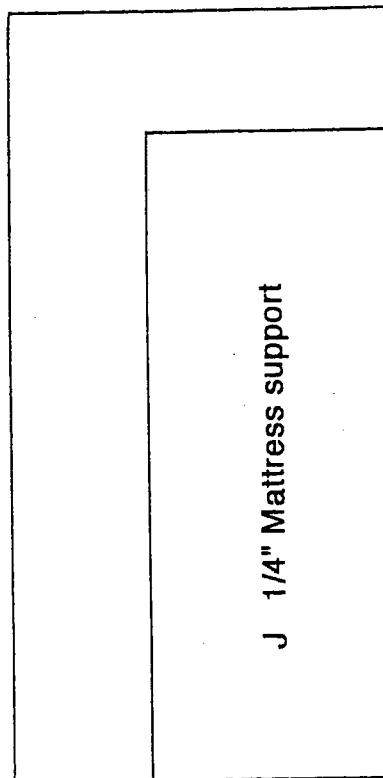
Requires 2 sheets 3/4"



Requires 1 sheet 3/4"



Requires 1 sheet 3/4"



Requires 2 sheets 1/4"

FULL SIZE VERTICAL (upright) BED WITH 3/4" PLYWOOD FACE PANEL  
BILL OF MATERIALS / CUT SHEET

\_\_ check off as completed

__A. INNER WOOD BED FRAME:	*To be constructed of solid wood: poplar, clear pine, maple, etc.	
FRAME STRUTS: *Solid wood:	3/4" X 1 1/2" X 52 1/2"	10 pieces
FRAME SIDES: *Solid wood:	3/4" X 1 1/2" X 75"	2 pieces

**IMPORTANT: PLYWOOD MATERIAL MUST BE USED ON THESE PIECES:**

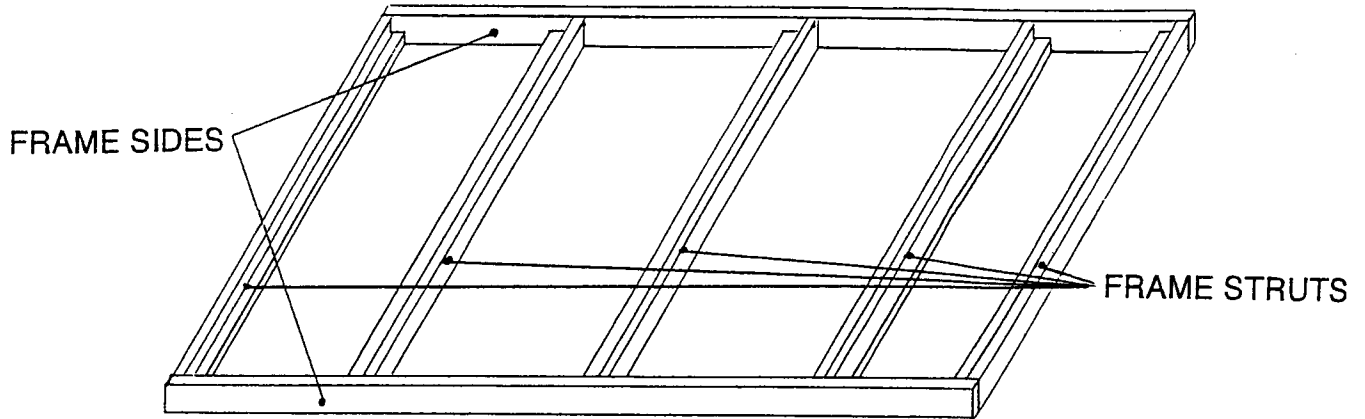
__B. SIDE RAILS:	3/4" X 5 7/8" X 75"	2 pieces
__C. FOOT RAIL:	3/4" X 5 7/8" X 55 1/2"	1 piece
__D. HEAD RAIL:	3/4" X 7 7/8" X 55 1/2"	1 piece
__E. BED FACE PANEL:	3/4" X 28" X 76 3/4"	2 pieces
__F. BED HEADBOARD:	3/4" X 15 7/8" X 56 3/8"	1 piece
__G. BED CABINET VERTICALS:	3/4" X 15 7/8" X 82 1/8"	2 pieces
__H. BED HEADER:		
HEADERBOARD:	3/4" X 14 3/8" X 56 3/8"	1 piece
FRONT RAIL:	3/4" X 2-3/4" X 56 3/8"	1 piece
REAR RAIL: *Solid wood	3/4" X 2-3/4" X 56 3/8"	1 piece
MOUNTING CLEATS: *Solid wood	3/4" X 1-1/2" X 14 3/8"	2 pieces
__I. BED LEGS: *Solid wood:	3/4" X 3" X 7"	4 pieces
__J. 1/4" PLYWOOD mattress support:	1/4" X 27" X 75"	2 pieces
__K. VENEER or MELAMINE TAPE:	13/16" X 75 feet	
__L. WOOD GLUE:	One 8 ounce bottle	
__M. CONSTRUCTION ADHESIVE:	One 10 ounce tube	
__N. FINISH NAILS:	One box of 1 1/4" One box of 1 1/2"	
__O. SCREWS:	#8 1 1/4" coarse thread Box of 100 #8 1 1/2" coarse thread 30 #8 2" coarse thread 40	

\_\_P. INNERSPRING MATTRESS weighing 50 pounds or more

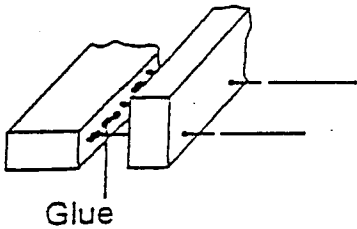
**NOTE: Make sure your mattress dimensions DO NOT exceed 54" x 75."**

**Mattress thickness not to exceed 12"**

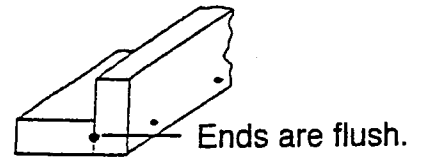




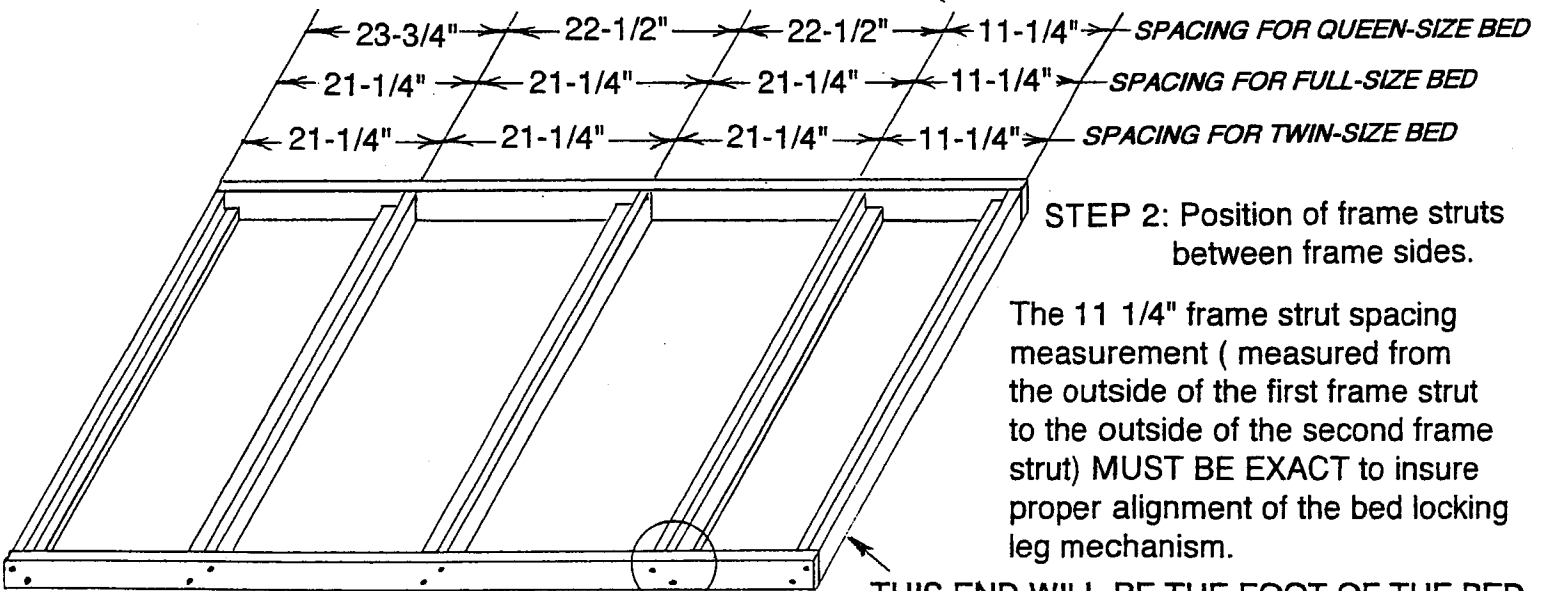
STEP 1: Construction of five (5) frame struts.



Run a bead of wood glue along inside edge. Making sure ends are flush drill pilot holes approximately 8" apart and nail with 1 1/2" finish nails, or you can use #8 x 1 1/2" screws.



Ends are flush.

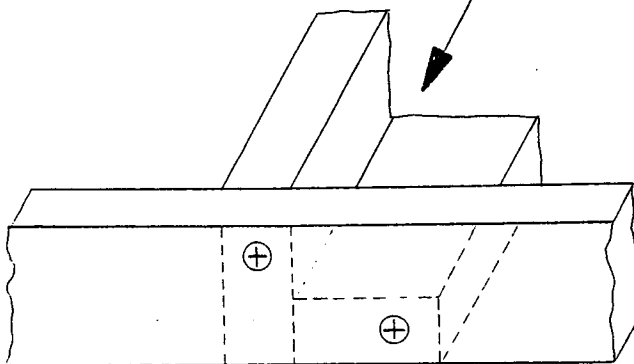


STEP 2: Position of frame struts between frame sides.

THIS END WILL BE THE FOOT OF THE BED

STEP 3: Mounting the frame struts between the frame sides.

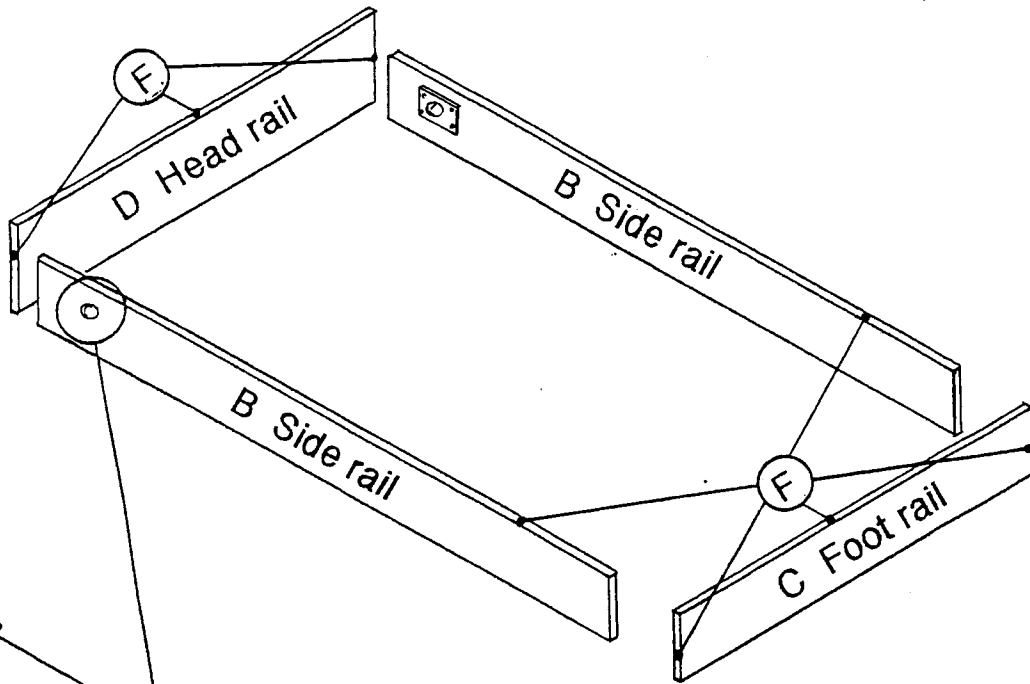
Using a 1/8" drill bit and countersink, drill pilot holes through the frame sides into each end of the "L" shaped frame struts. Screw #8 x 2" wood screws flush.



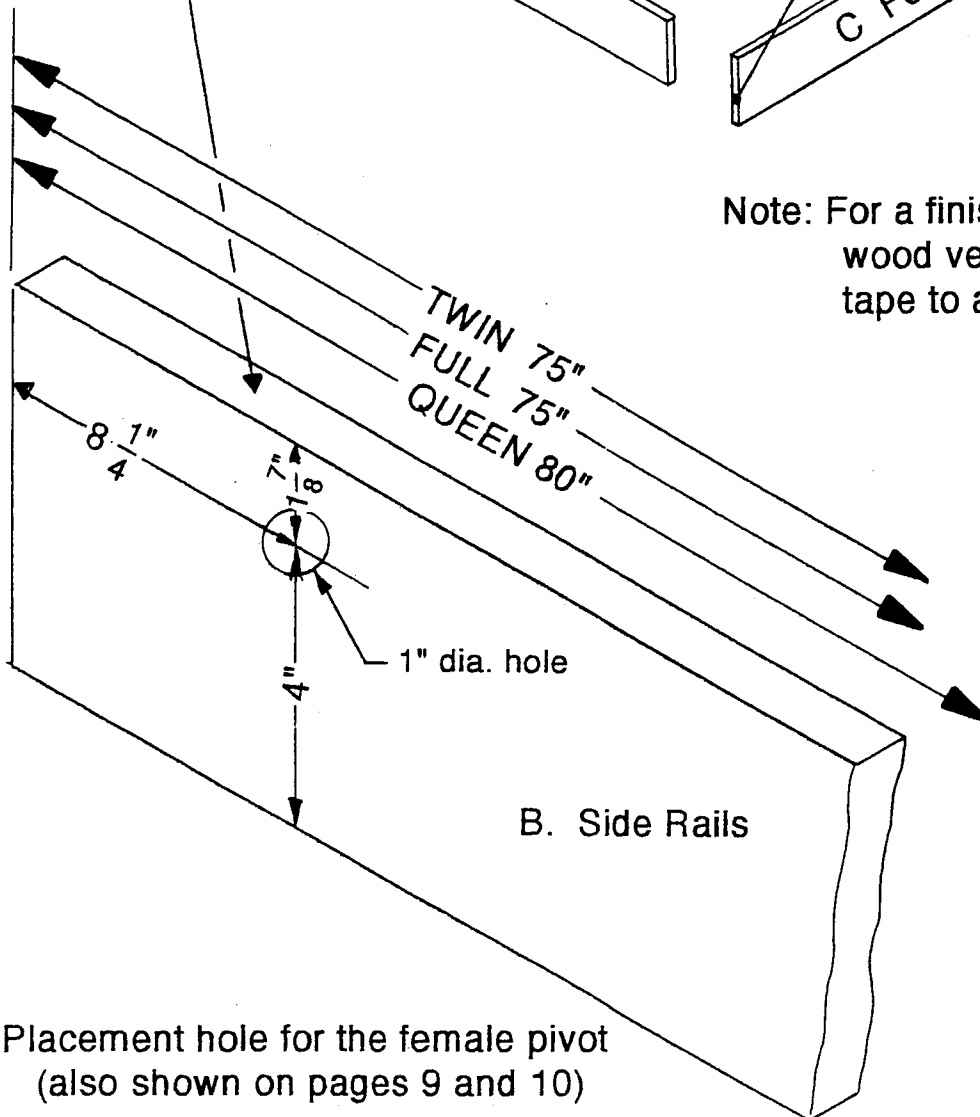
PART B. Side Rails: (must be made of plywood) Why?... This is where the stress takes place, Plywood is stronger than solid wood.

PART C. Foot Rail

PART D. Head Rail

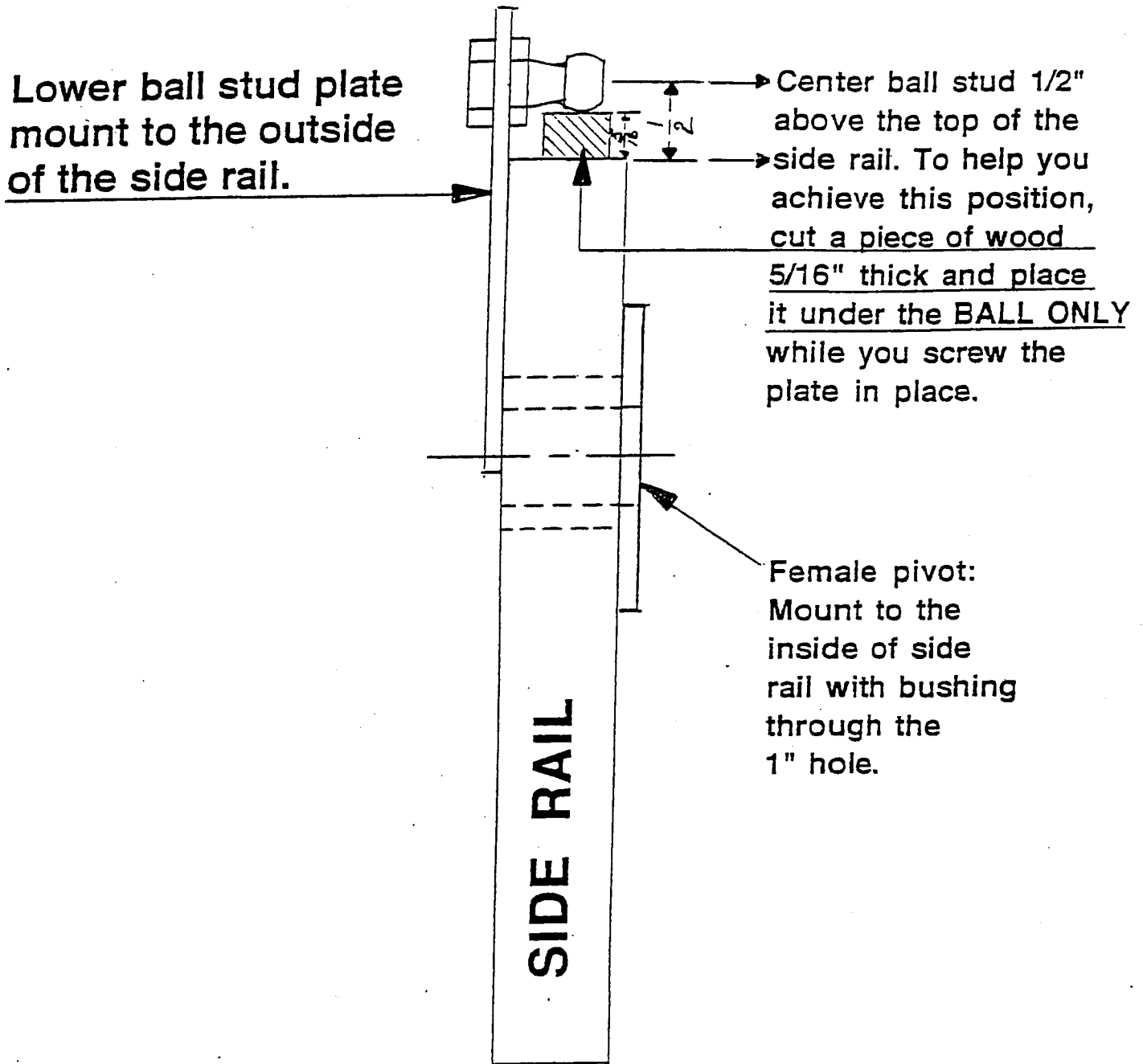


Note: For a finished look, apply wood veneer or melamine edge tape to all edges marked (F)

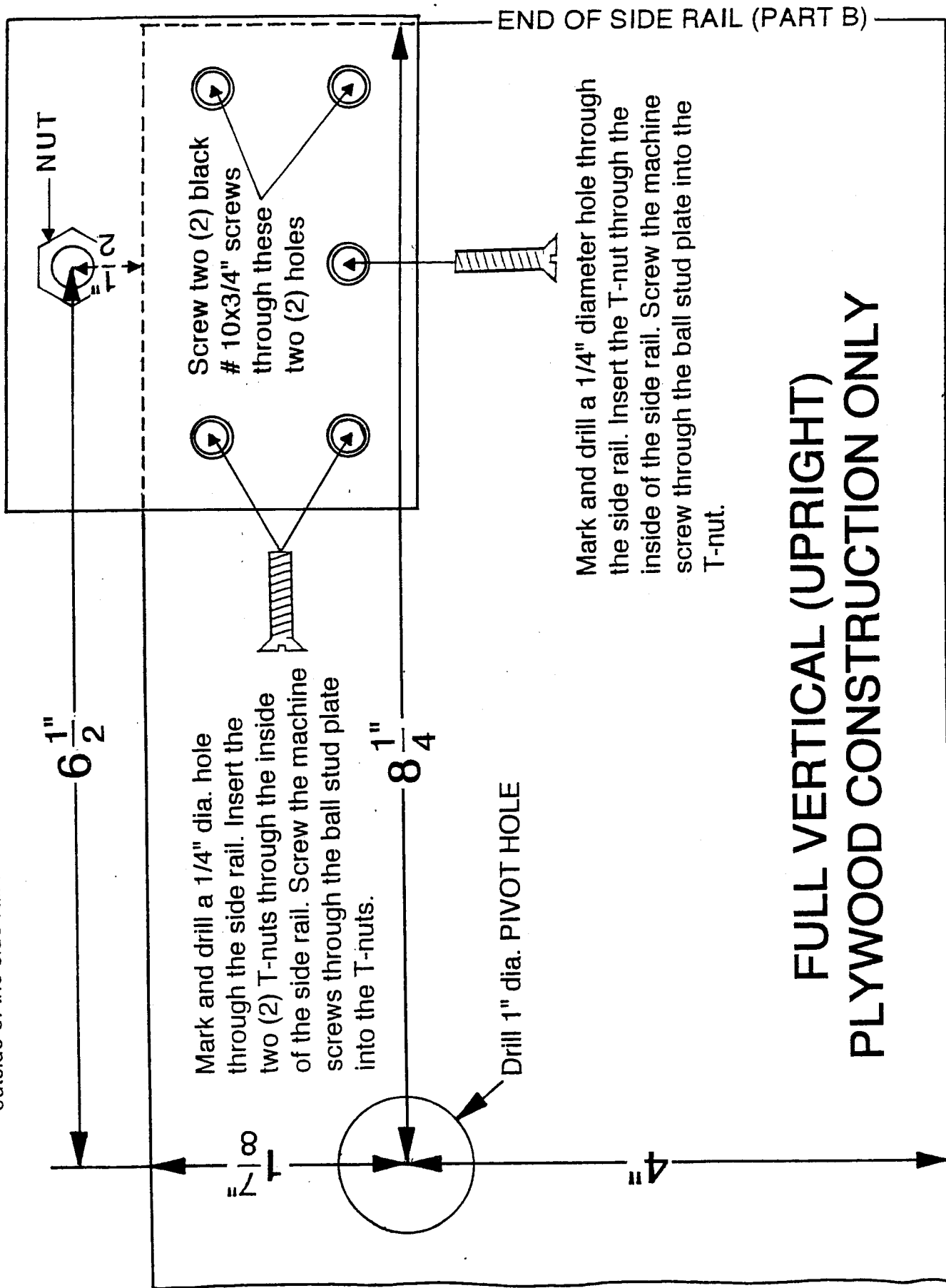


Placement hole for the female pivot (also shown on pages 9 and 10)

This page pertains to the orientation and mounting positions of the lower ball stud plate and female pivot -  
**USE WITH PAGES 9, 10, & 11**

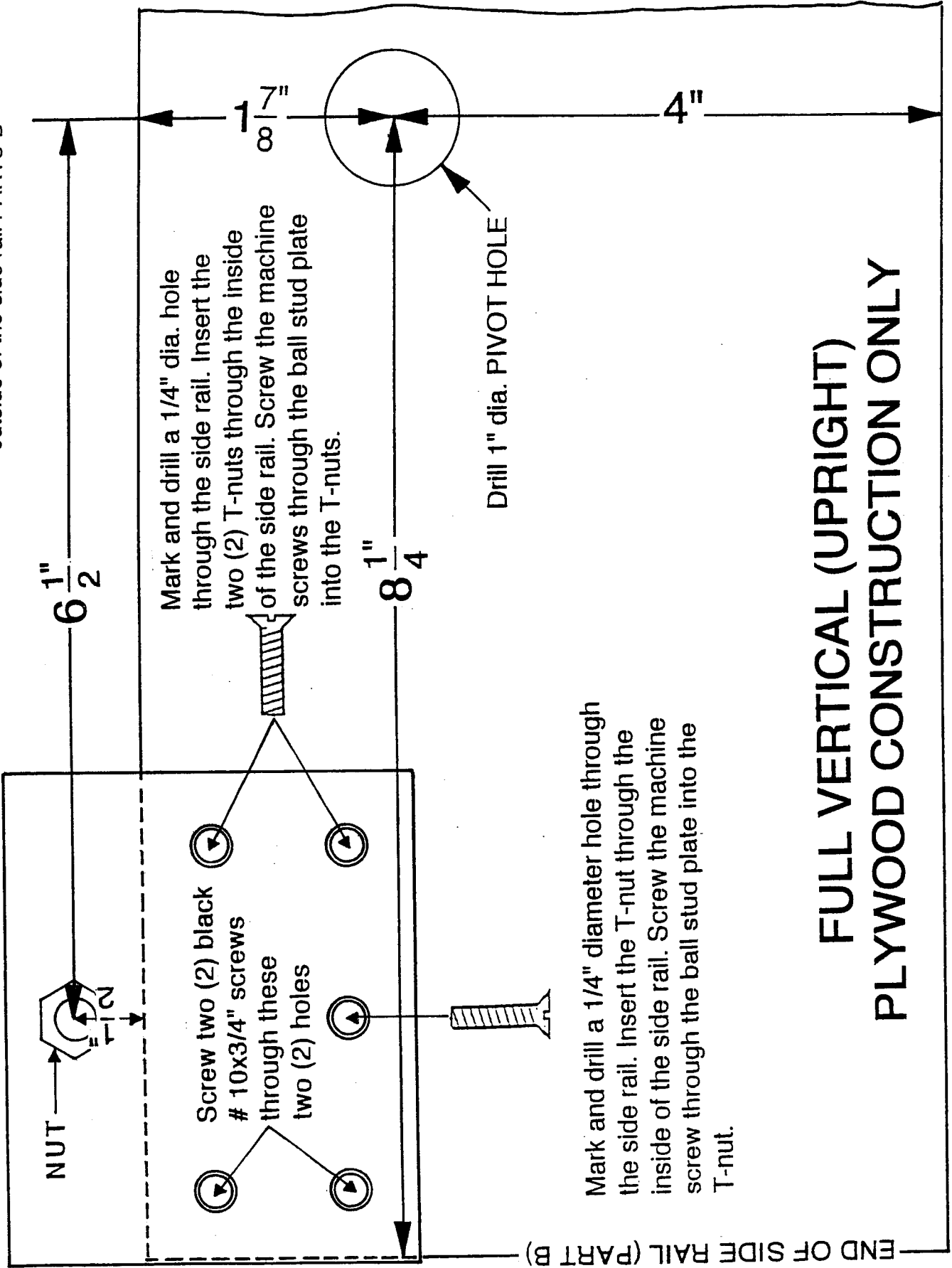


STEP 4: Mounting the lower ball stud plate to the outside of the side rail PARTS B



**FULL VERTICAL (UPRIGHT)  
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STEP 5: Mounting the lower ball stud plate to the outside of the side rail PARTS B



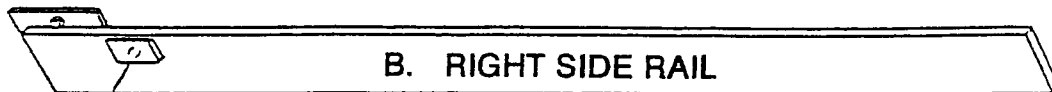
Mark and drill a 1/4" dia. hole through the side rail. Insert the two (2) T-nuts through the inside of the side rail. Screw the machine screws through the ball stud plate into the T-nuts.

Drill 1" dia. PIVOT HOLE

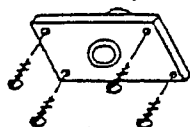
Mark and drill a 1/4" diameter hole through the side rail. Insert the T-nut through the inside of the side rail. Screw the machine screw through the ball stud plate into the T-nut.

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END OF SIDE RAIL (PART B)

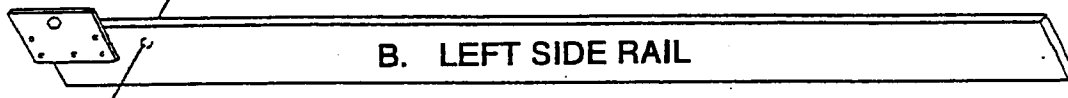
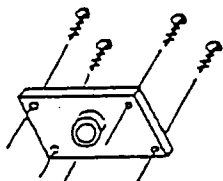


B. RIGHT SIDE RAIL



**STEP 6: Mounting female PIVOT PLATES**

Mount female pivot plate to inside of right and left side rails as shown. Press pivot into pivot hole. Using eight (8) #12 x 3/4" zinc screws provided, screw plate flush to rail.



B. LEFT SIDE RAIL

Pivot plates are mounted to the inside of the side rails B.

**STEP 7:**

Mounting left and right side rails to inner wood bed frame.

Using an 1/8 inch drill bit, drill two holes between each strut (total of 8 holes per rail) 1-1/4 inches deep through the frame side into the side rails. Drive #8 x 1-1/4 inch wood screws flush, snugging inner wood bed frame to the side rail.

This is the end with 11-1/4" spacing

Keep the ends and bottoms of the side rail flush with ends and bottom of inner bed frame.

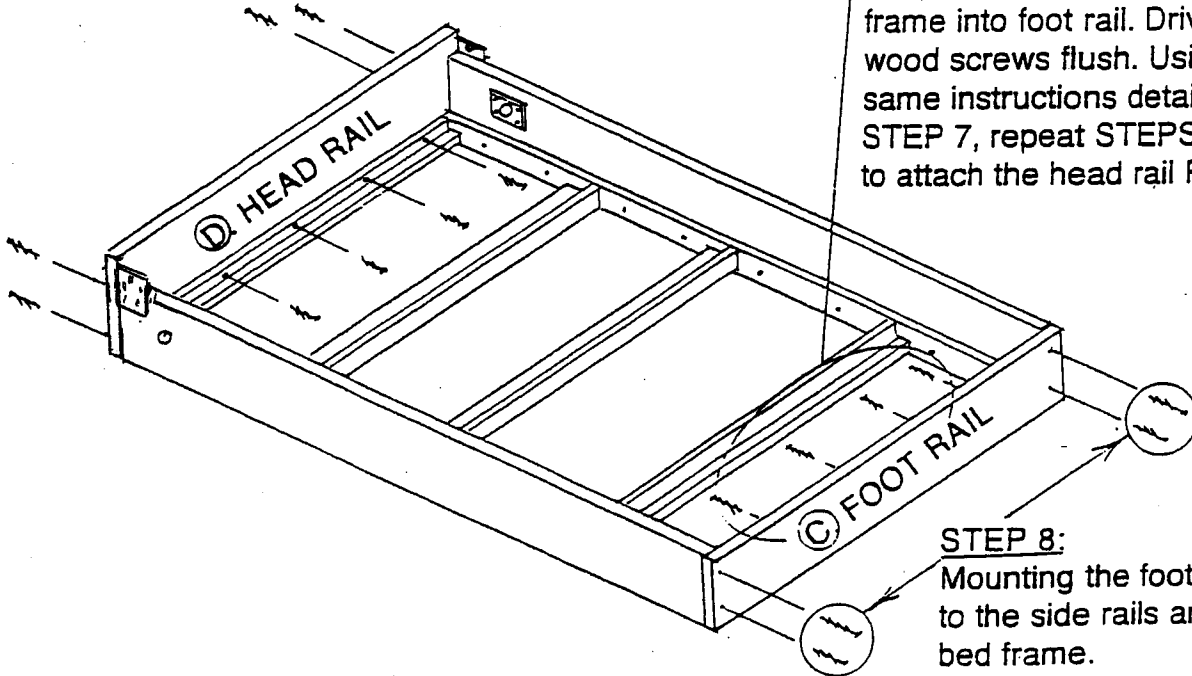
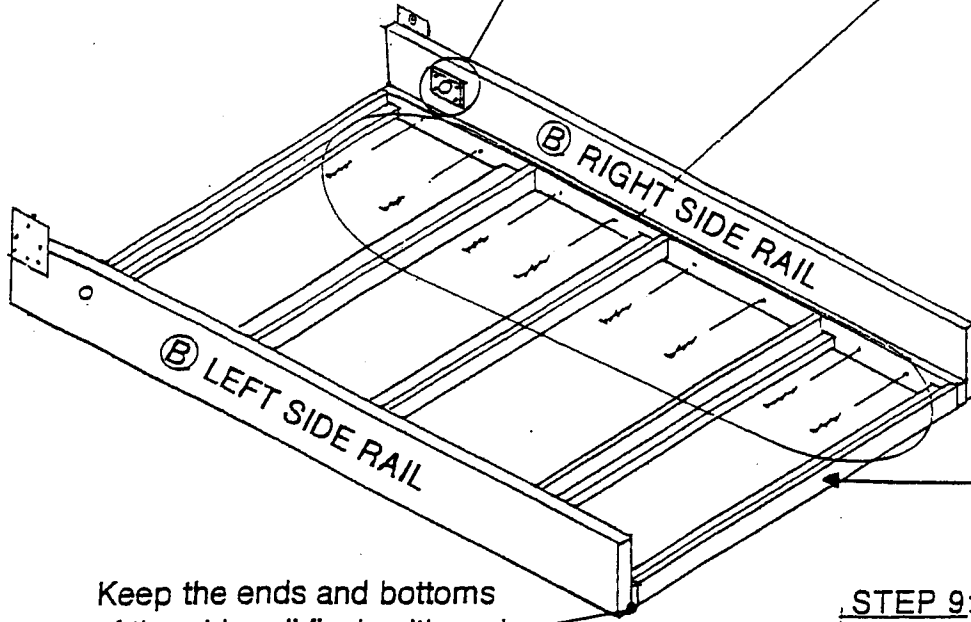
**STEP 9:**

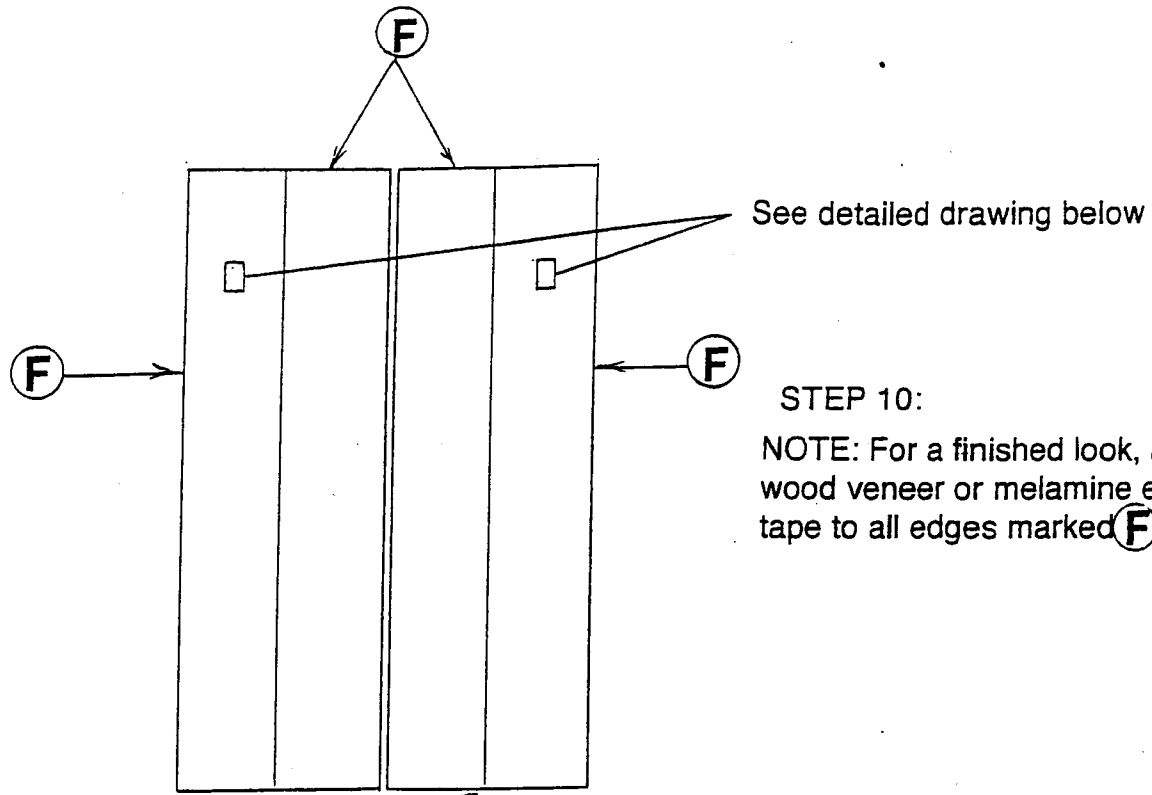
Next, drill 1/8" pilot hole 1-1/4" deep through inner wood bed frame into foot rail. Drive 1-1/4" wood screws flush. Using the same instructions detailed in STEP 7, repeat STEPS 8 and 9 to attach the head rail PART D.

**STEP 8:**

Mounting the foot rail PART C to the side rails and inner wood bed frame.

Make sure sides and bottom are flush. Drill a 1/8" pilot hole 2" deep through foot rail into the side rails. Drive #8 x 2" wood screws flush.



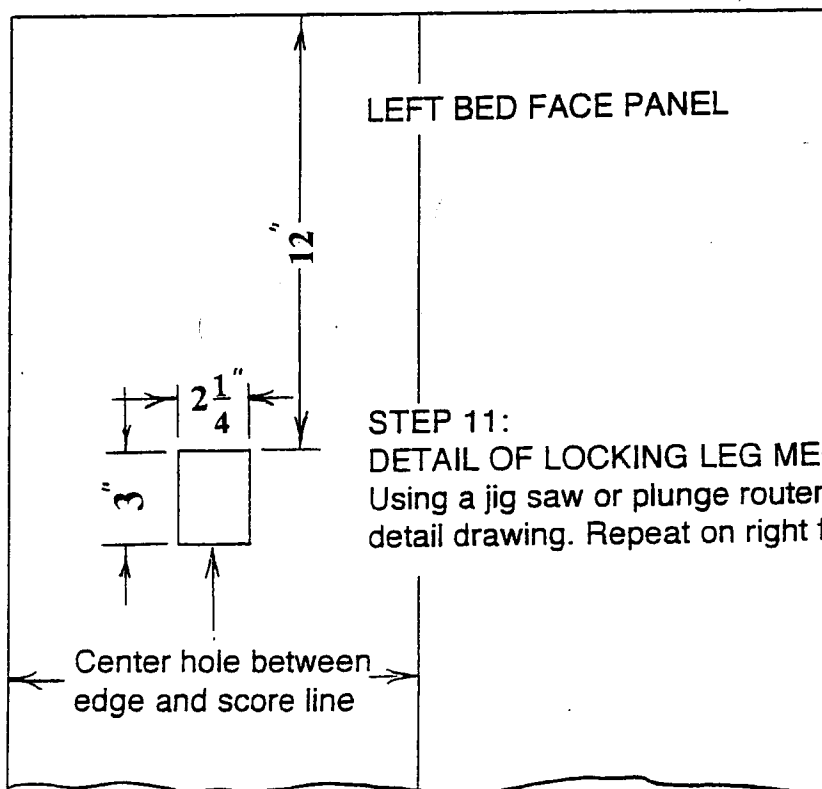


See detailed drawing below

STEP 10:

NOTE: For a finished look, apply wood veneer or melamine edge tape to all edges marked **F**

OPTION: For a bi-fold door look, score center of panels 1/8" deep the full length of the panels.

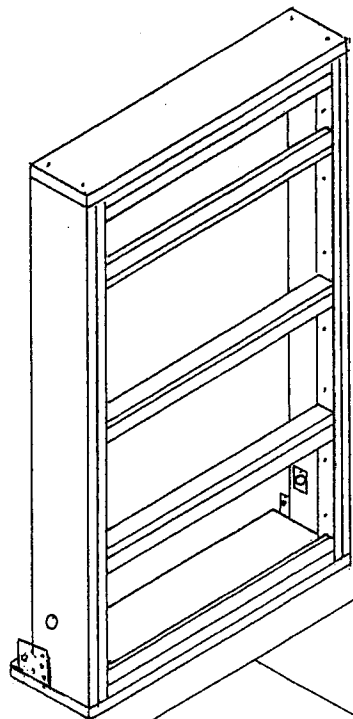
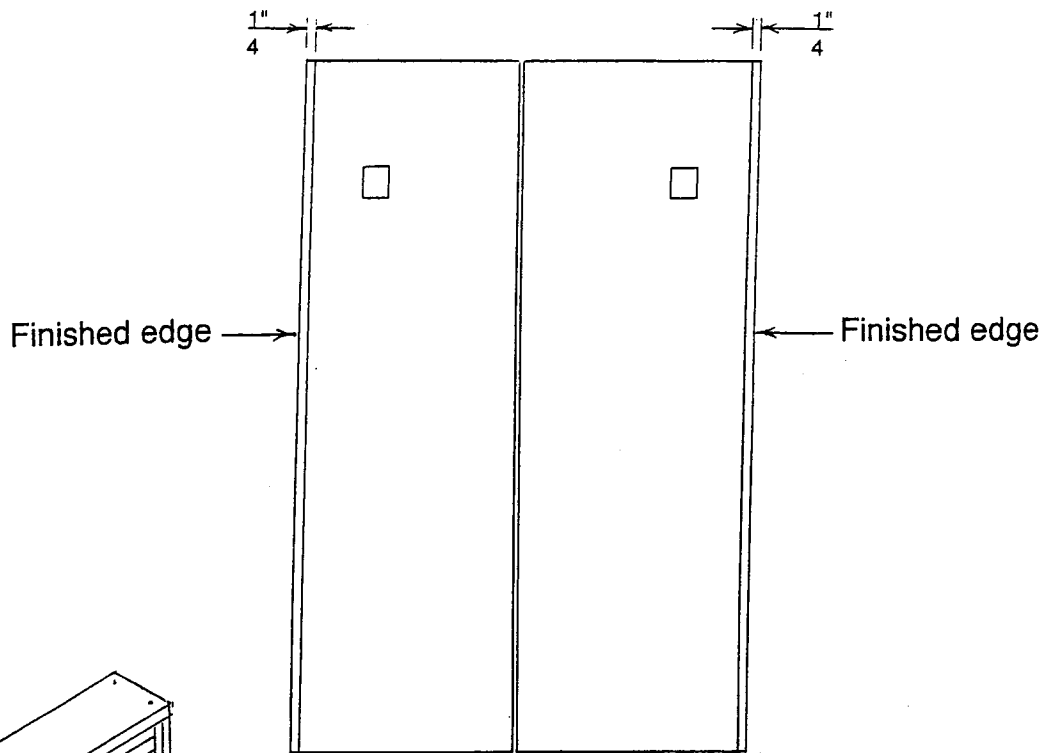


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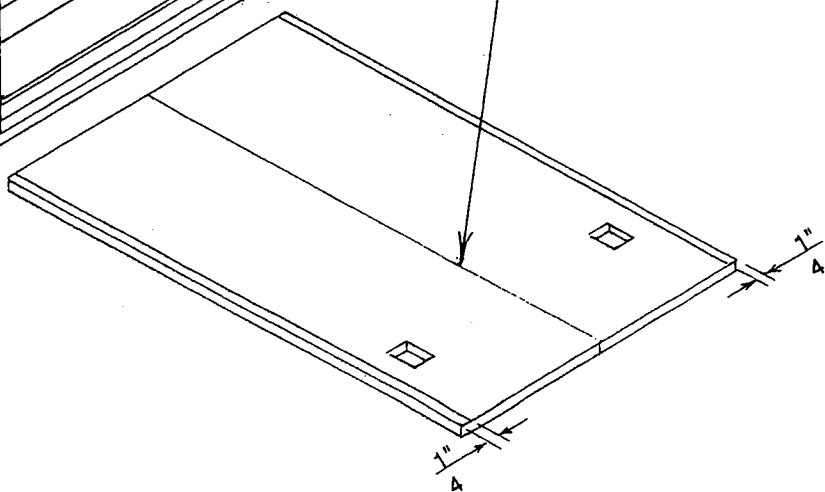
DETAIL OF LOCKING LEG MECHANISM CUT-OUT  
Using a jig saw or plunge router, cut out per dimensional detail drawing. Repeat on right face panel on right side.

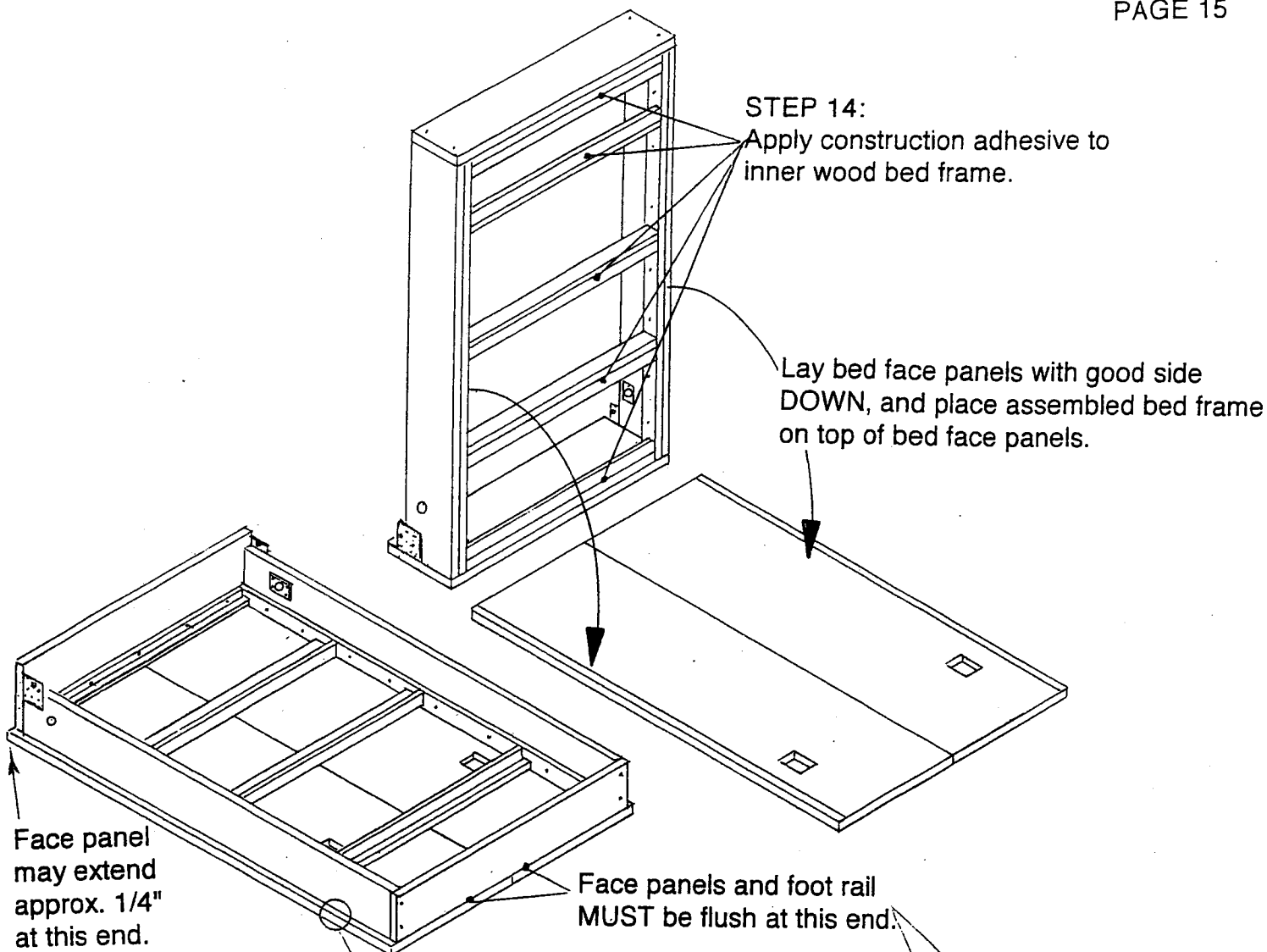


STEP 12: Turn face panels over. On back side, mark a 1/4" line the full length of each panel along finished long edge.



STEP 13: Position bed face panels on a flat surface good side (with score lines) down, inside edges butted together and 1/4" pencil marks visible at outside finished edges.





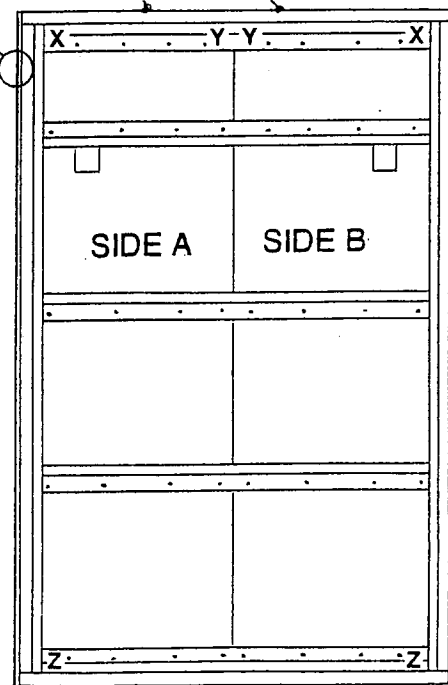
**STEP 15:**  
Make sure face panel and foot rail are flush and that face panel extends 1/4" past edge of wood bed frame on long side.

Working SIDE A first:  
Using #8 x 1-1/4" screws, screw section marked "X" first. Keeping end flush, screw section marked "Y".

Making sure there is a 1/4" face panel overhang, screw section marked "Z".

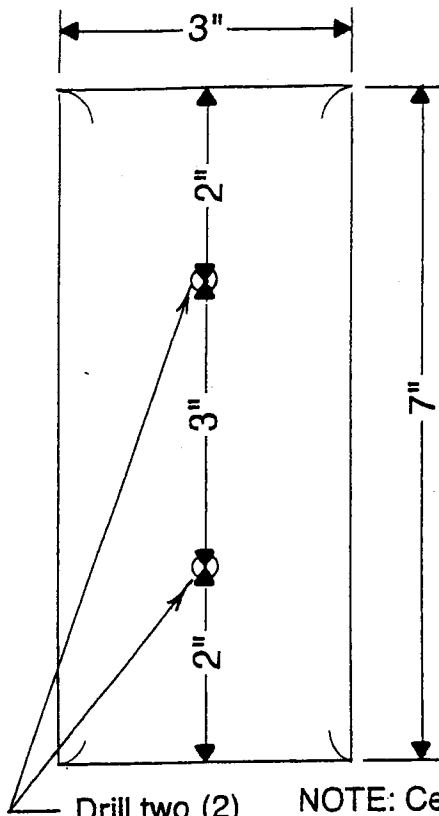
Repeat for SIDE B.

Screw remaining struts to face panel 6 inches apart.

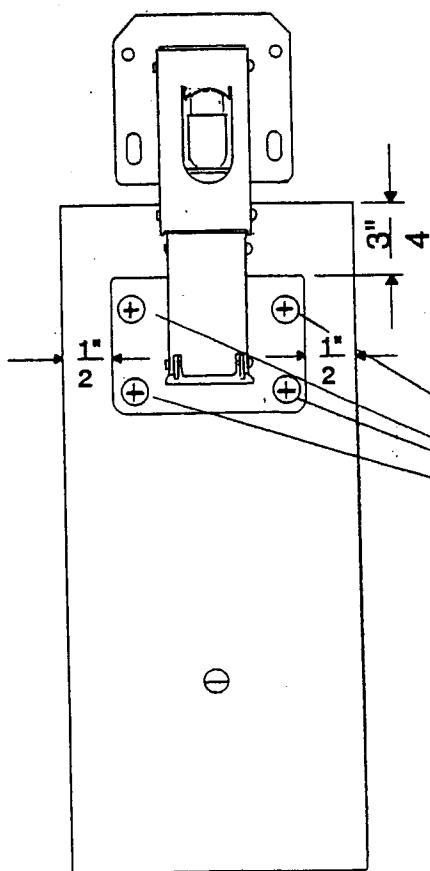
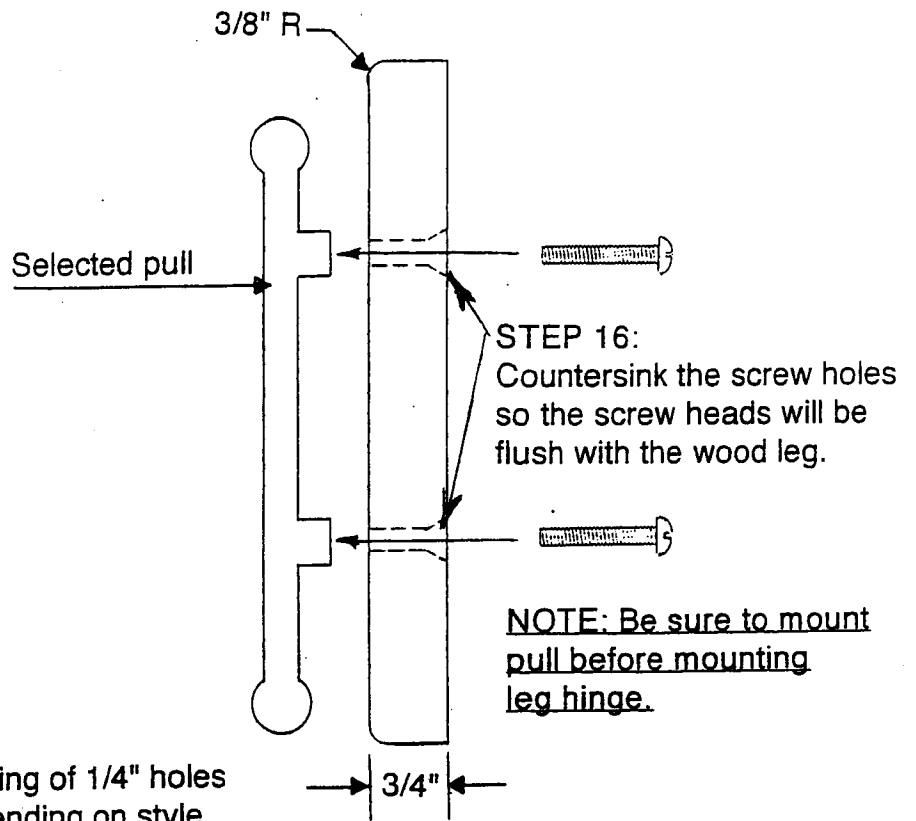


I. WOOD LEGS

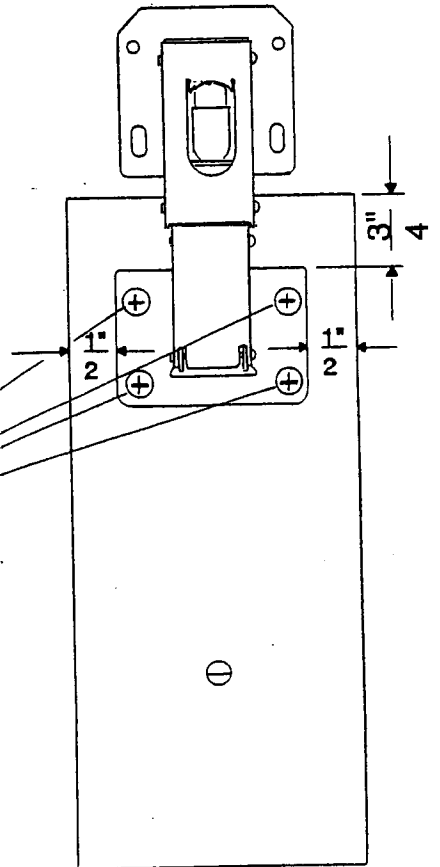
NOTE: Make four (4) wood legs, 3/4" x 3" x 7".  
ONLY two (2) legs will use the leg hinges.  
The other two (2) legs are fixed to the face  
panel and are used to lower the bed.



NOTE: Centering of 1/4" holes may vary depending on style of pulls selected.

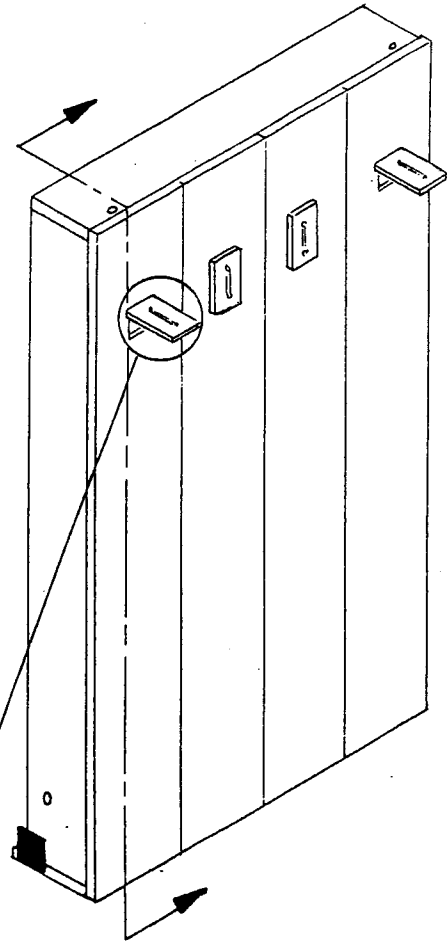


STEP 17: Position hinges on wood legs as shown. The measurements and orientation of the hinge on the leg are very important in the operation of the locking mechanism.

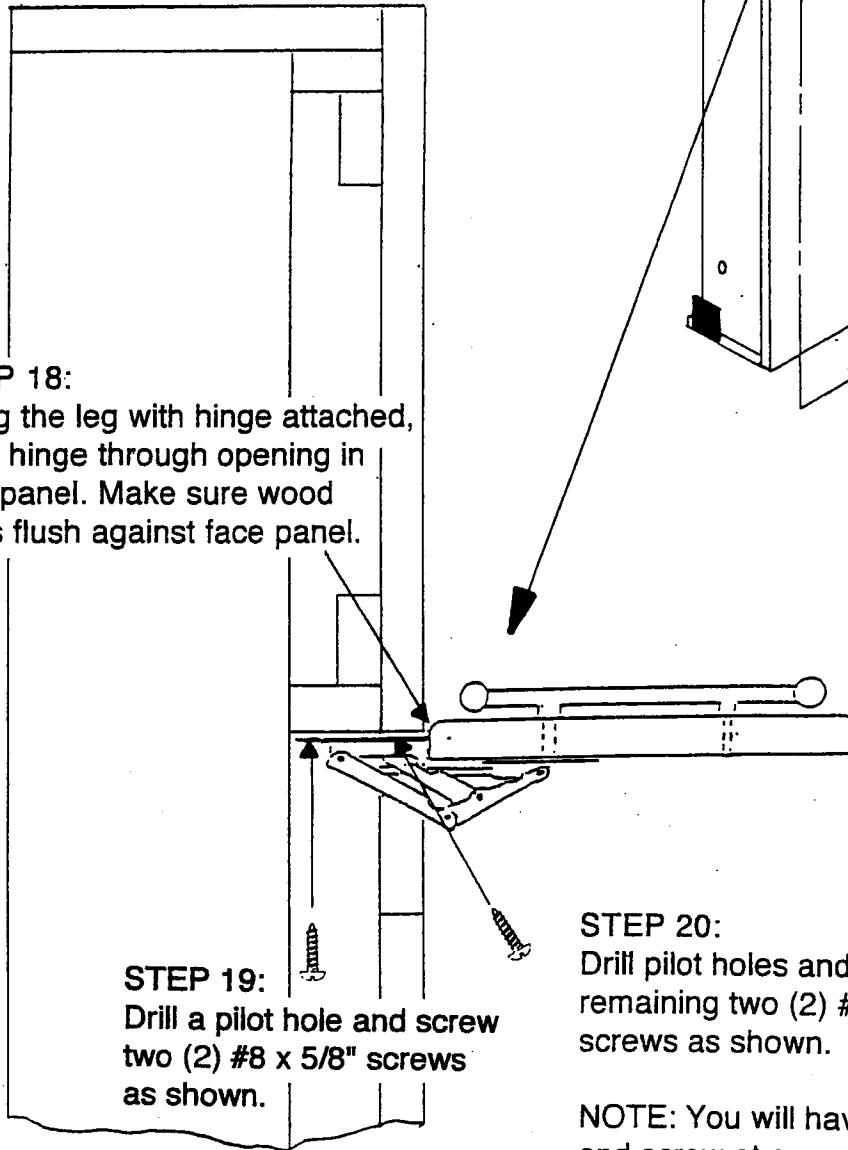


Drill pilot holes and screw four (4) #8 x 5/8" screws to secure hinge to leg.

# MOUNTING THE LEGS WITH ATTACHED HINGES TO BED FACE PANEL AND FRAME STRUT



**STEP 18:**  
Using the leg with hinge attached, push hinge through opening in face panel. Make sure wood leg is flush against face panel.

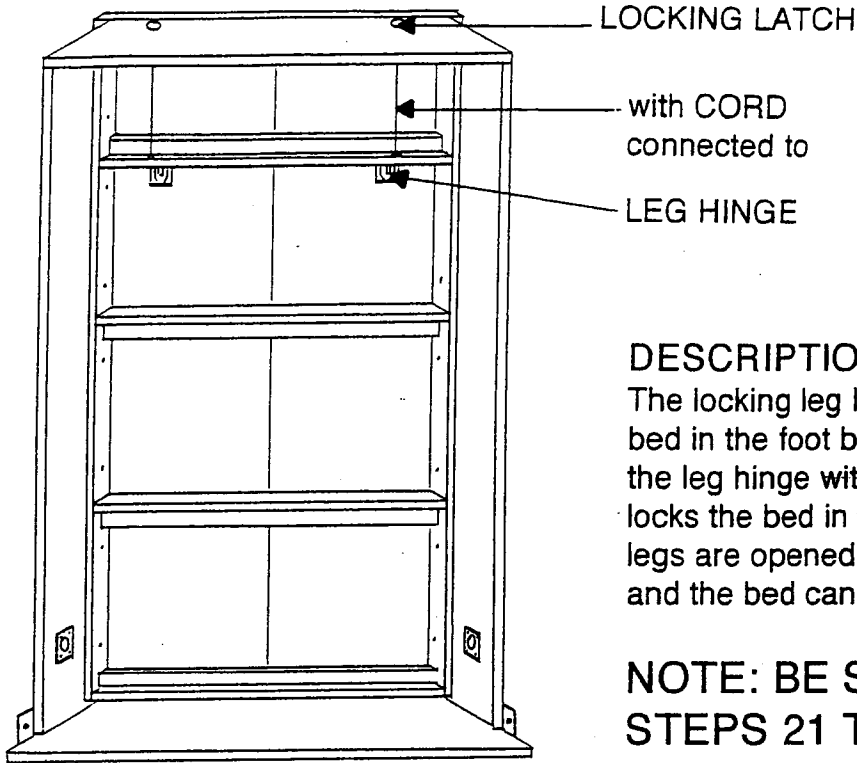


**STEP 19:**  
Drill a pilot hole and screw two (2) #8 x 5/8" screws as shown.

**STEP 20:**  
Drill pilot holes and screw remaining two (2) #8 x 5/8" screws as shown.

**NOTE:** You will have to drill and screw at an angle.

# INSTALLING THE LOCKING LATCHES

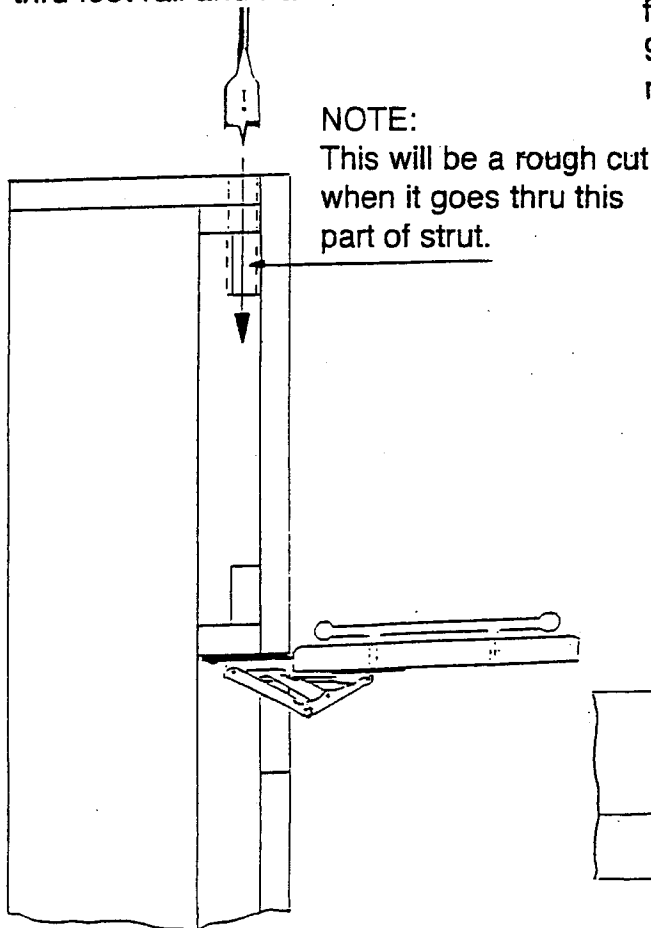


## DESCRIPTION:

The locking leg latch is located at the top of the bed in the foot board. The latch is connected to the leg hinge with a length of cord. The latch locks the bed in its closed position - when the legs are opened, the cord retracts the latch and the bed can then be lowered for use.

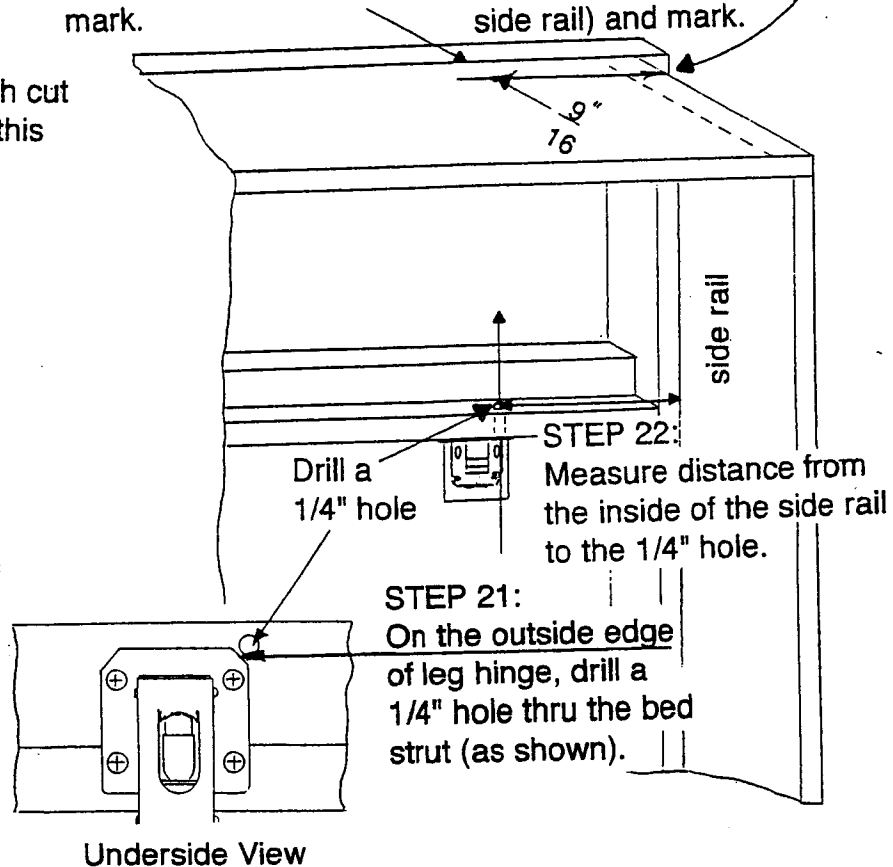
**NOTE: BE SURE TO PERFORM STEPS 21 THRU 30 IN ORDER...**

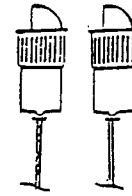
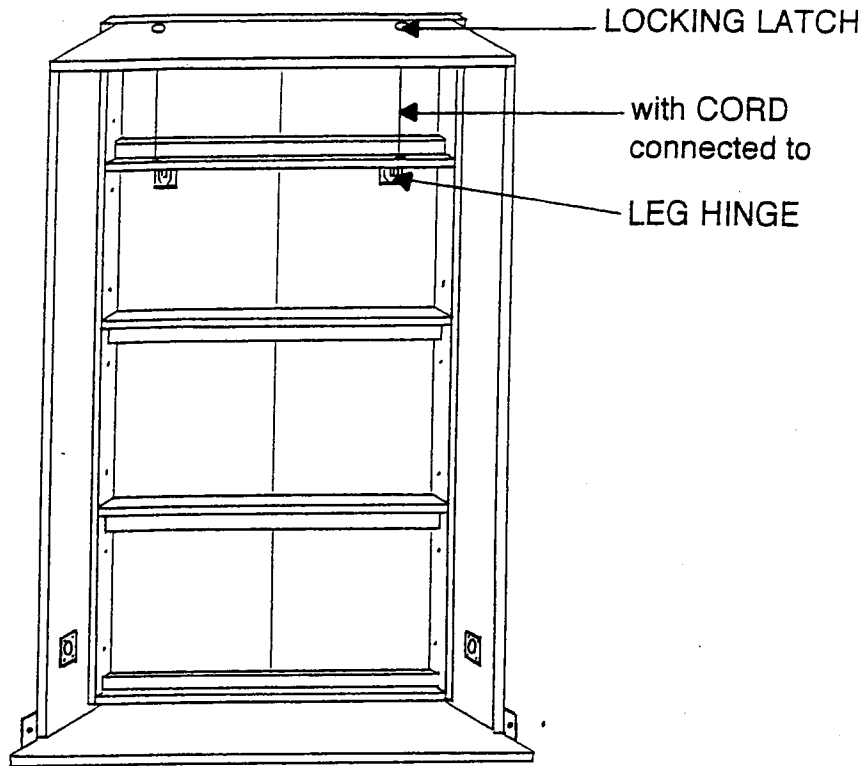
**STEP 25:**  
Drill a 1" diameter hole completely thru foot rail and frame strut.



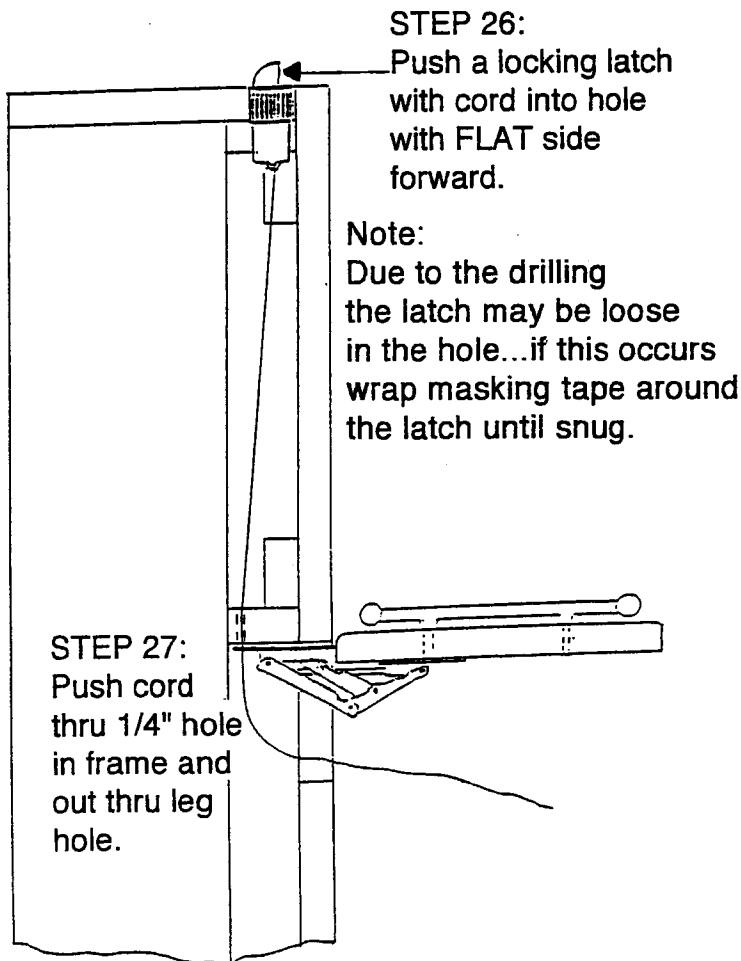
**STEP 24:**  
From inside edge of face panel, measure 9/16" on foot rail and mark.

**STEP 23:**  
From edge of foot rail, measure over same distance as in step 22, add 3/4" (thickness of side rail) and mark.





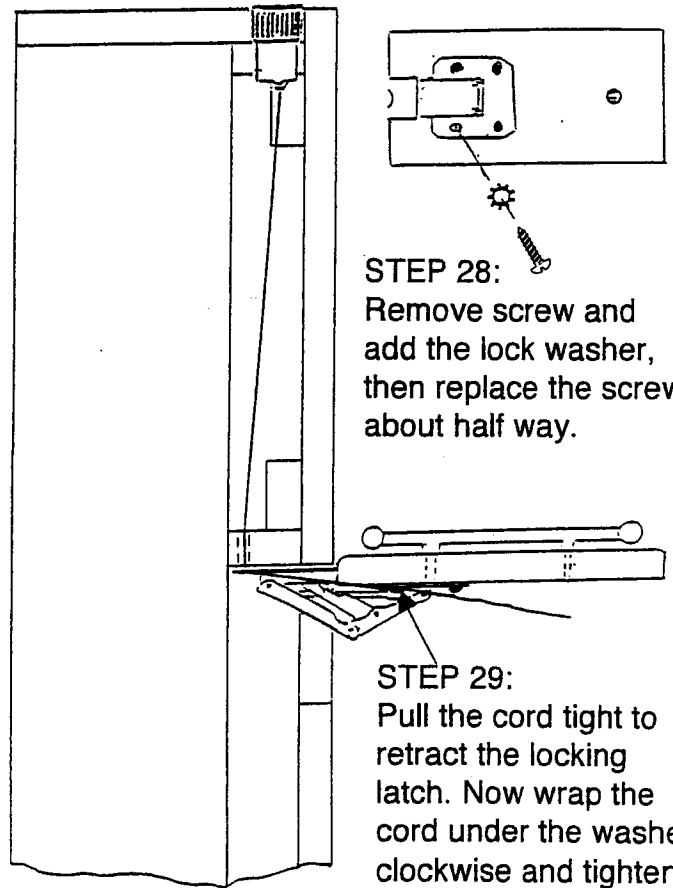
VIEW OF LEG FROM UNDERNEATH



**STEP 26:**  
Push a locking latch with cord into hole with FLAT side forward.

**Note:**  
Due to the drilling the latch may be loose in the hole...if this occurs wrap masking tape around the latch until snug.

**STEP 27:**  
Push cord thru 1/4" hole in frame and out thru leg hole.



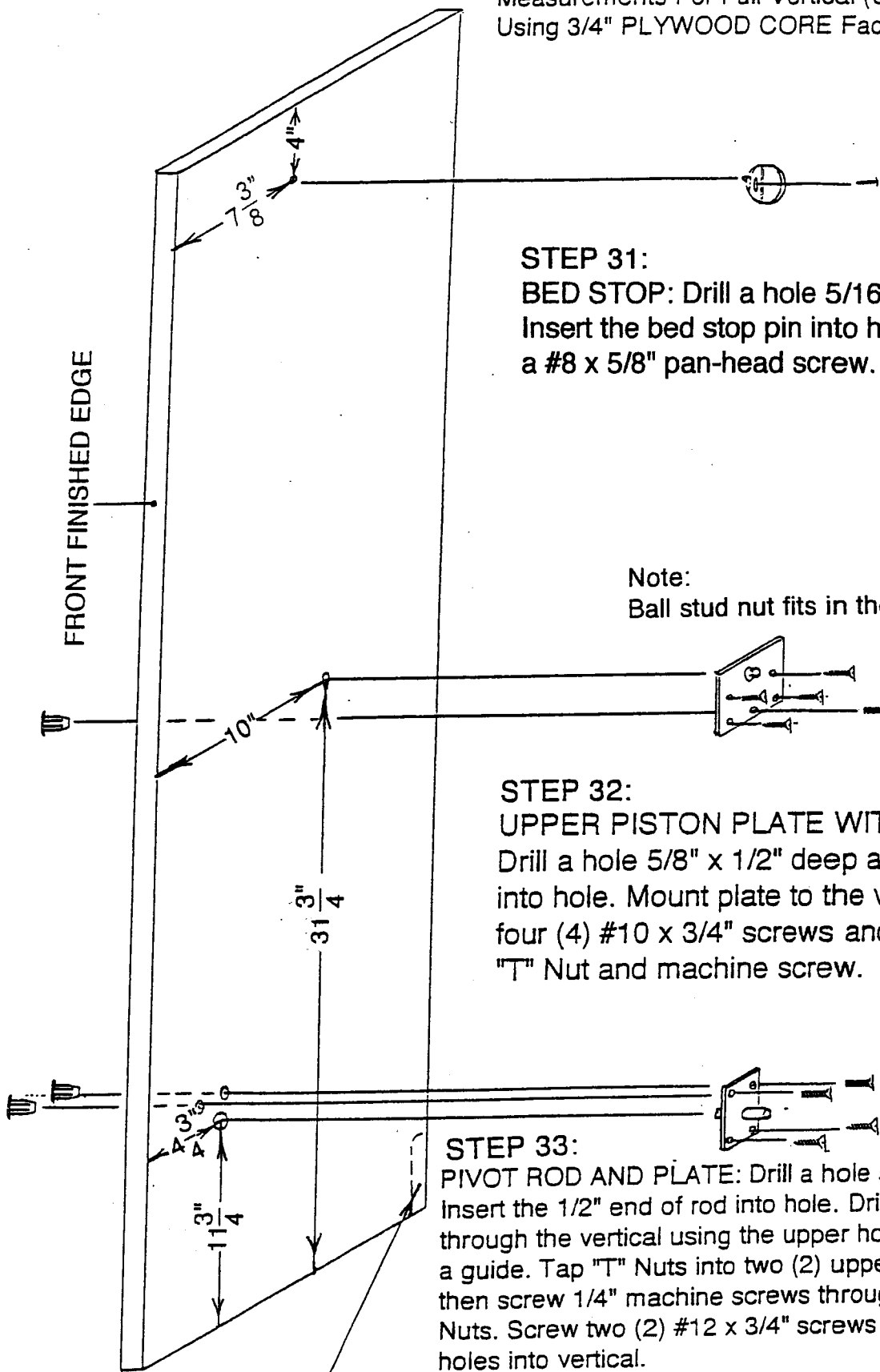
**STEP 28:**  
Remove screw and add the lock washer, then replace the screw about half way.

**STEP 29:**  
Pull the cord tight to retract the locking latch. Now wrap the cord under the washer clockwise and tighten the screw.

**STEP 30:**  
Open and close the leg several times to assure correct operation of the locking latch.

**PART G: BED CABINET VERTICALS**

Measurements For Full Vertical (Upright) ONLY  
Using 3/4" PLYWOOD CORE Face Panel



**STEP 31:**  
**BED STOP:** Drill a hole 5/16" dia. x 1/2" deep  
Insert the bed stop pin into hole and attach with  
a #8 x 5/8" pan-head screw.

Note:  
Ball stud nut fits in the hole

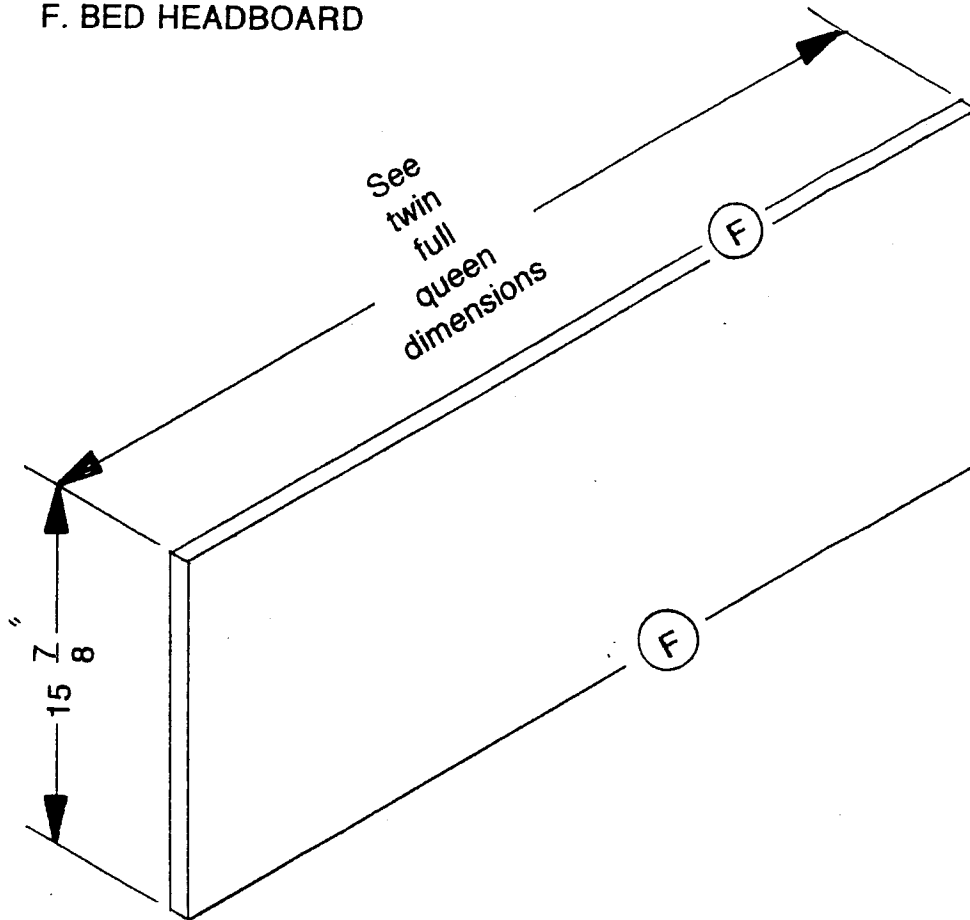
**STEP 32:**  
**UPPER PISTON PLATE WITH BALL STUD:**  
Drill a hole 5/8" x 1/2" deep and insert nut  
into hole. Mount plate to the vertical with  
four (4) #10 x 3/4" screws and one (1)  
"T" Nut and machine screw.

**STEP 33:**  
**PIVOT ROD AND PLATE:** Drill a hole 5/8" dia. x 1/2" deep.  
Insert the 1/2" end of rod into hole. Drill two (2) holes 1/4" dia.  
through the vertical using the upper holes in the pivot plate as  
a guide. Tap "T" Nuts into two (2) upper holes from outside,  
then screw 1/4" machine screws through pivot plate into "T"  
Nuts. Screw two (2) #12 x 3/4" screws through pivot plate  
holes into vertical.

**OPTION:**  
On left and right bed verticals, a cut  
can be made to accommodate existing  
base molding so cabinet will fit flush  
against the wall.

**NOTE:** The Left Vertical is Shown,  
Repeat Steps 31, 32, and 33  
For The Right Vertical.

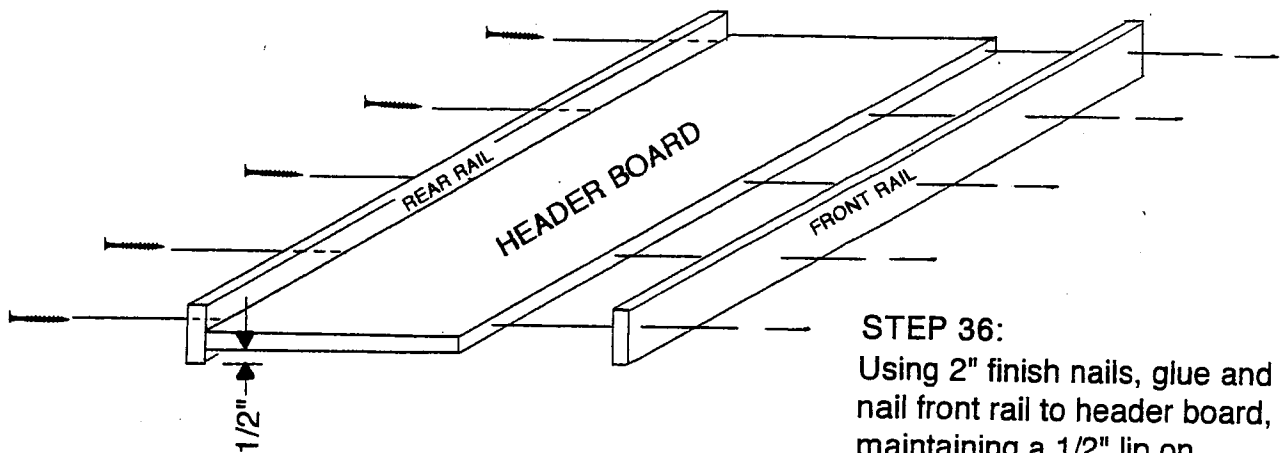
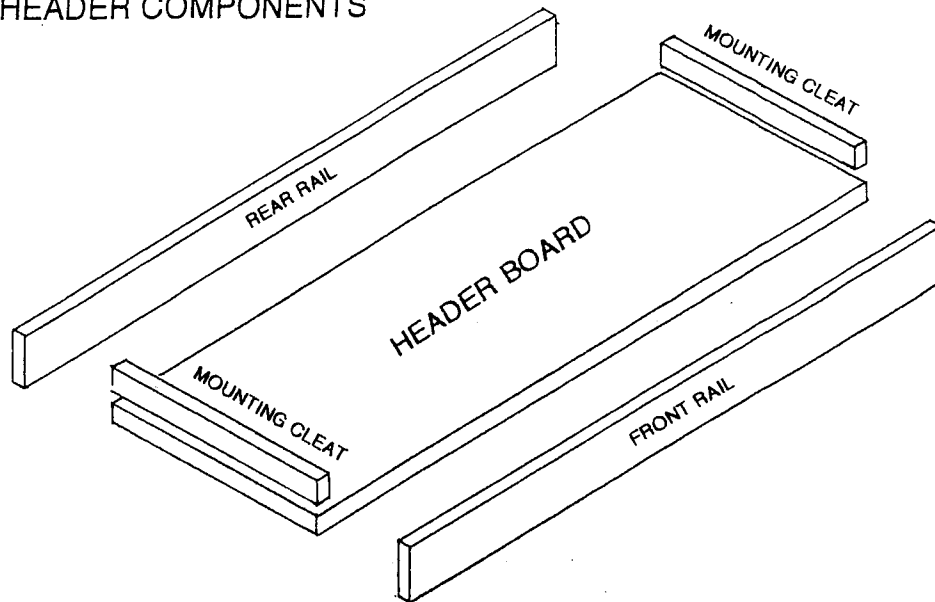
F. BED HEADBOARD



**STEP 34:**

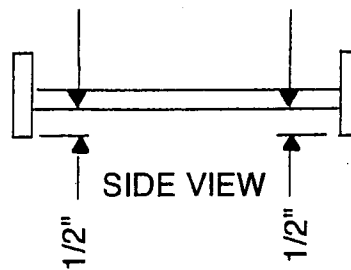
**NOTE:** For a finished look, apply wood veneer or melamine edge tape to all edges marked (F).



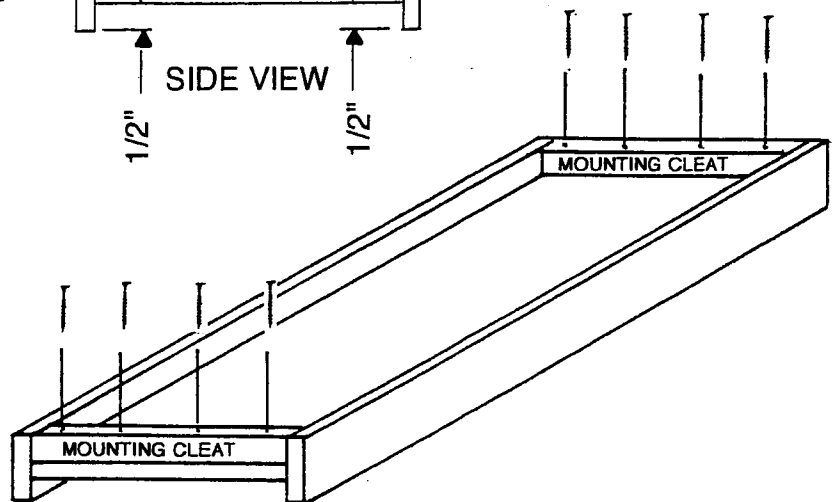
**STEP 35:**

Using #8 x 2" screws, glue and screw rear rail to header board, maintaining a 1/2" lip on the underside of the header board.

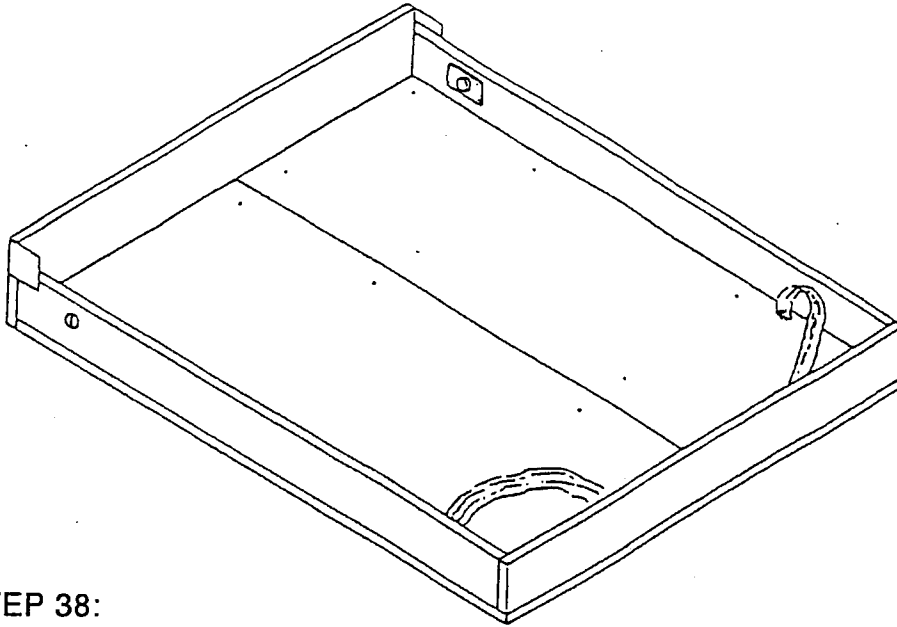
NOTE: Be sure to drill pilot holes and counter-sink screws flush with the wood.

**STEP 36:**

Using 2" finish nails, glue and nail front rail to header board, maintaining a 1/2" lip on underside lip of header board.

**STEP 37:**

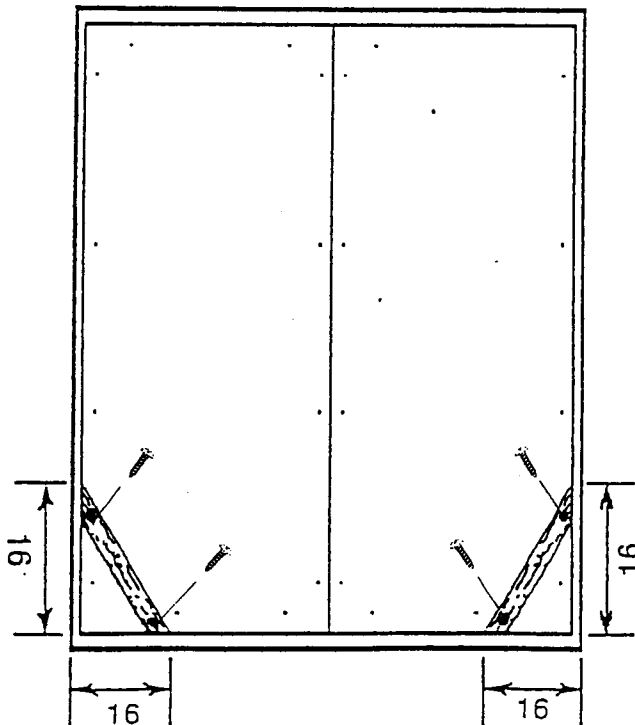
Using #8 x 2" screws, glue and screw mounting cleats to header board between front and rear rails as shown. NOTE: Be sure to drill pilot holes and counter-sink screws flush with the wood.

**STEP 38:**

Lay 1/4" plywood mattress support (PART J) on inner bed frame and attach with finish nails or screws. Screw ends of both mattress retaining straps thru 1/4" plywood (PART J) into inner wood bed frame, 16 (sixteen) inches from front corners of face panel as shown. Place innerspring mattress on plywood, and slip both straps over front corners of mattress, checking length to assure mattress is secure.

**NOTE:**

Now refer to the **BLUE ASSEMBLY BOOKLET** and **VIDEO** for instructions for assembling and installing your murphy bed.



ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE  
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MURPHY BED

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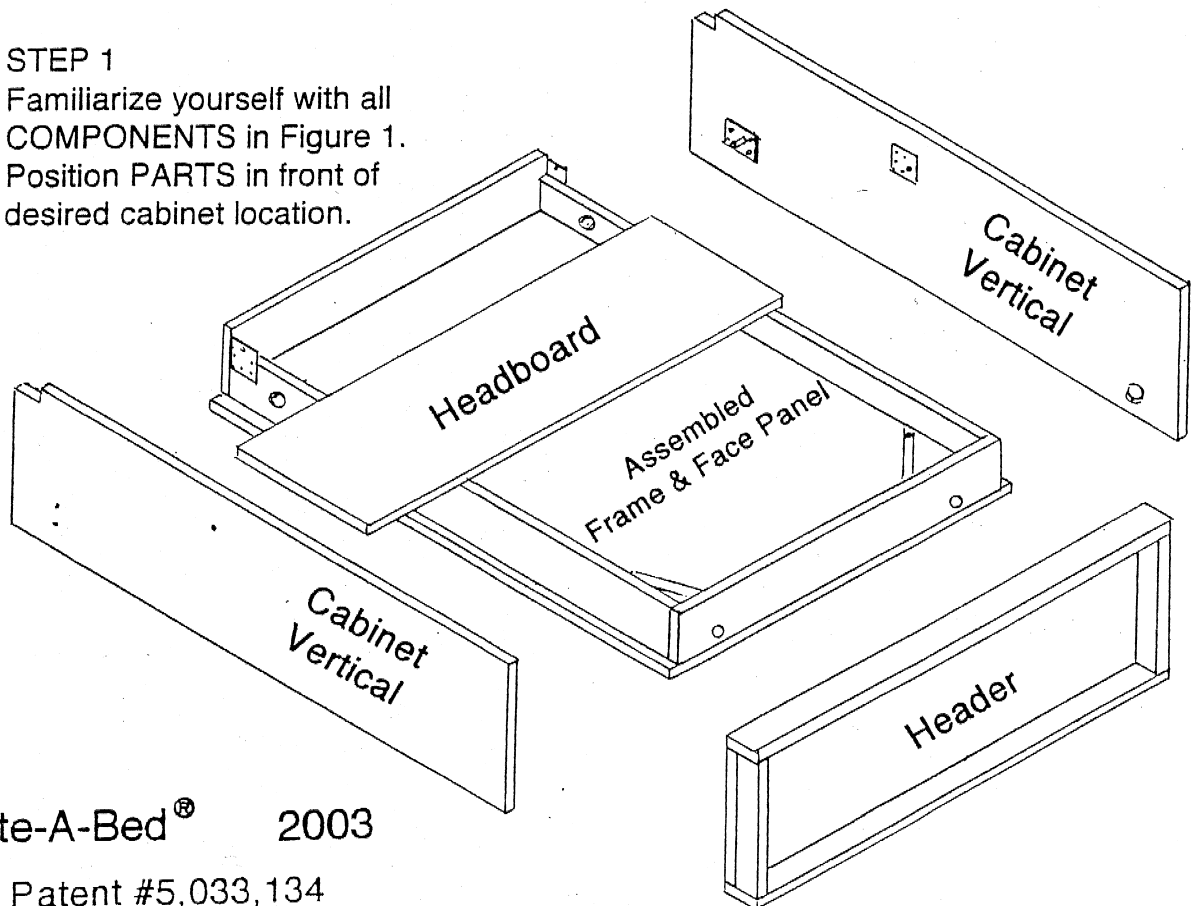
**This bed contains stored mechanical energy  
which can cause serious injury if improperly handled.  
Your bed MUST! MUST! be securely anchored to the wall!  
READ INSTRUCTIONS AND WATCH VIDEO THOROUGHLY  
BEFORE  
ASSEMBLY AND DISASSEMBLY!**

If you have ANY questions, call **TOLL FREE (877) 966-3852**

Tools needed: Power drill, Stud Finder, Tape Measure, Phillips-head screwdriver, Flat-head screwdriver, clamps and drill bits appropriate for your mounting surface see step 15 on page 7.

STEP 1

Familiarize yourself with all  
COMPONENTS in Figure 1.  
Position PARTS in front of  
desired cabinet location.

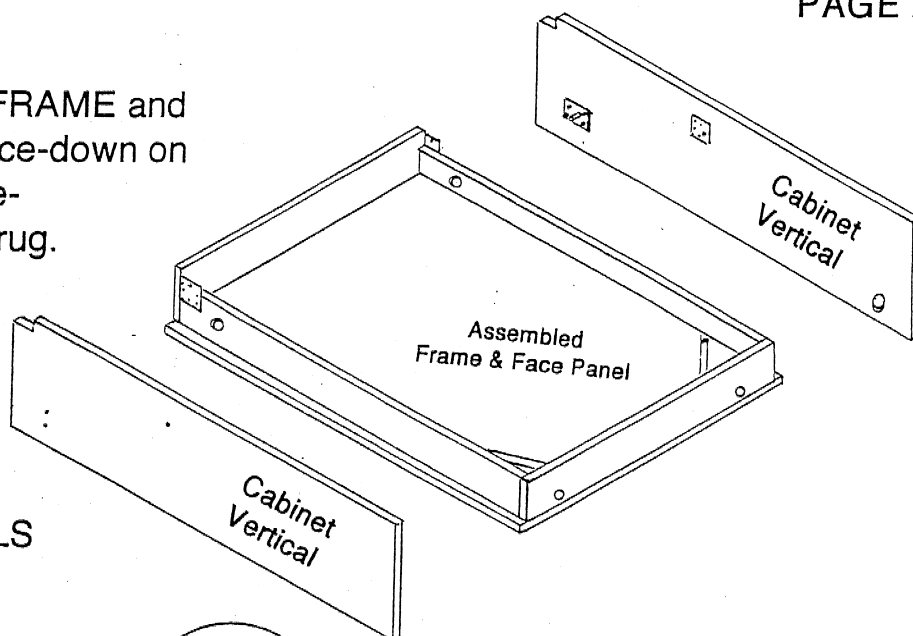


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**STEP 2:**

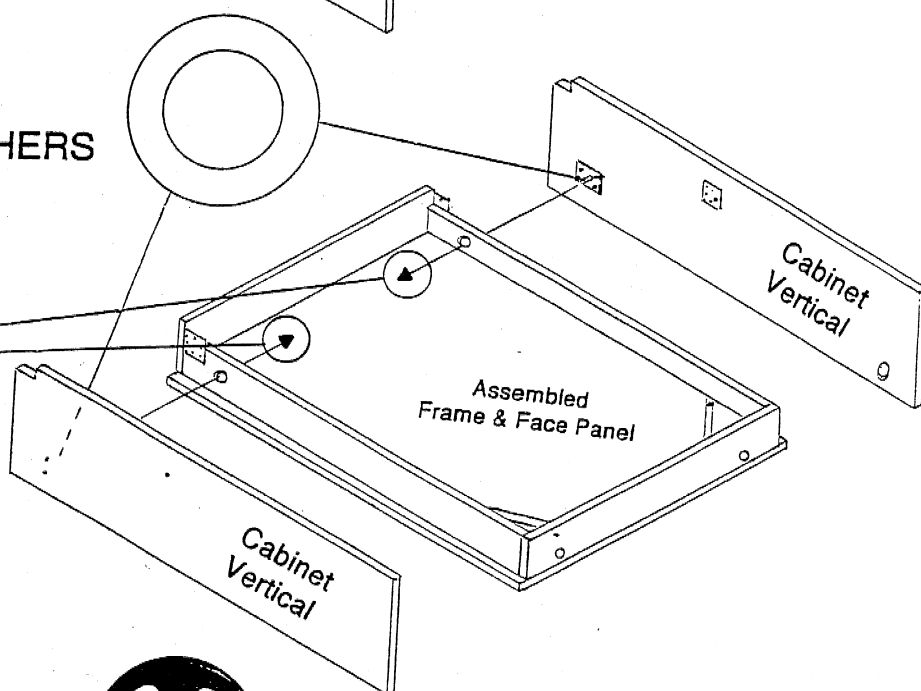
Lay assembled FRAME and FACE PANEL face-down on a padded surface-  
i.e., a blanket or rug.

**STEP 3:**

Lay CABINET VERTICALS on finished (front) edge as shown.

**STEP 4:**

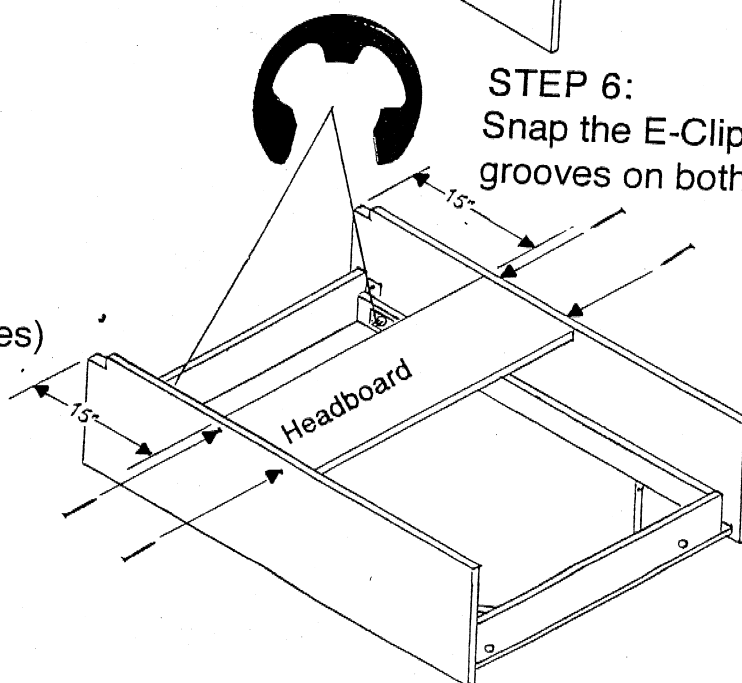
Slide PLASTIC WASHERS onto PIVOT BARS.

**STEP 5:**

Slide PIVOT BARS into PIVOT HOLES in bed frame until no gap remains between bed frame and verticals.

**STEP 7:**

Measure up 15" (inches) from end of vertical and screw the headboard into place as shown using #8 x 2" screws.

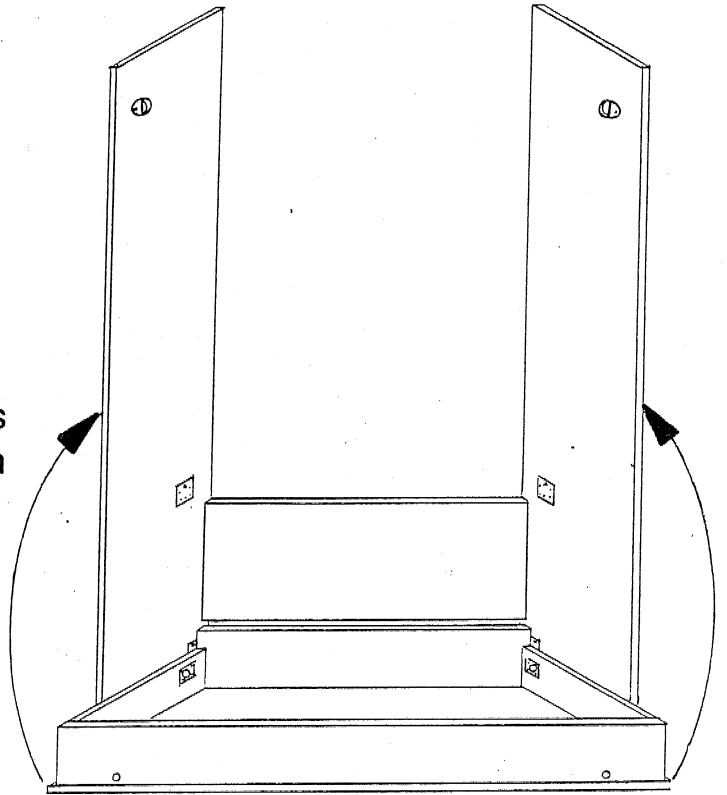
**STEP 6:**

Snap the E-Clips in the grooves on both pivot bars.

**STEP 8:**

With the **BED FACE PANEL** remaining face-down on padding, slowly and carefully rotate the **CABINET VERTICALS** & the **HEADBOARD** assembly into its upright position.

**NOTE:** To prevent damage to the legs be sure they are in the closed position when rotating the bed into the upright position.

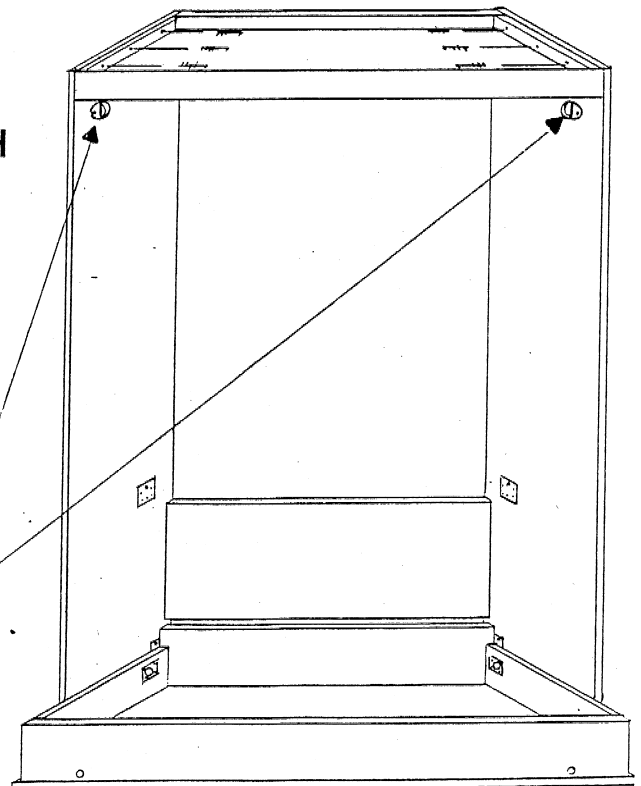
**STEP 9:**

Place the header between the bed verticals, making sure the nailed rail is in front, and the screwed rail is in the rear. Be sure top front and top rear of the header is **FLUSH** with the top front and top rear of the bed verticals. Using #8 x 1-1/4" screws, drill and screw through mounting cleats into the bed verticals, four (4) on each side.

**NOTE:** Clamps may be very helpful to hold the bed header between the bed verticals.

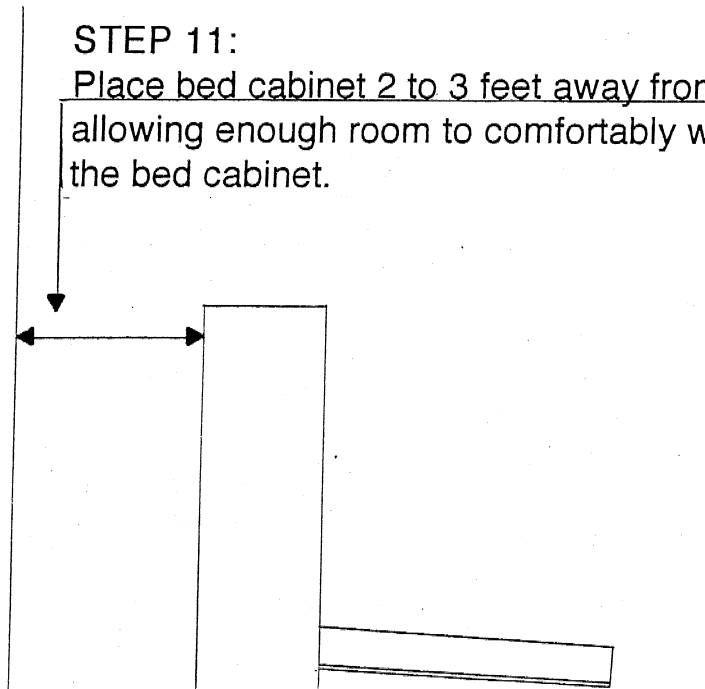
**STEP 10:**

Remove the two (2) bed stops from inside of bed cabinet.



**STEP 11:**

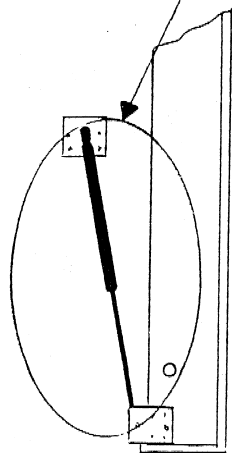
Place bed cabinet 2 to 3 feet away from the wall, allowing enough room to comfortably work behind the bed cabinet.

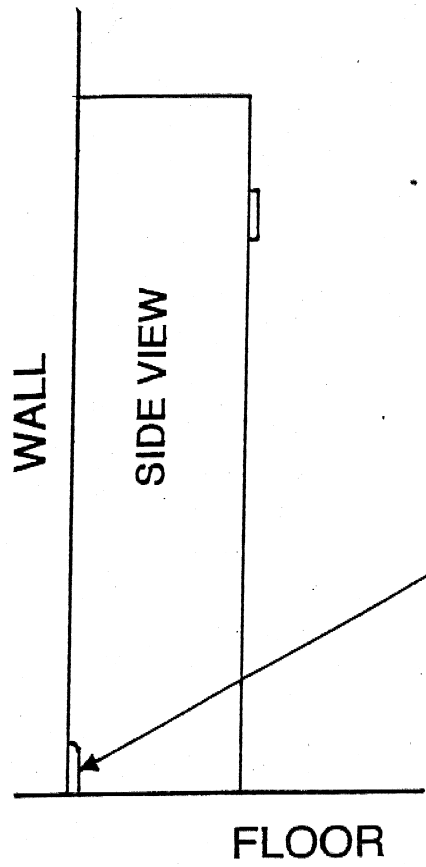
**STEP 12:**

With a helper holding the bed cabinet, allow the bed to recess back into the cabinet about three (3) inches.

At this point, the piston can be installed. Simply snap the piston on the bottom (bed frame) end first - then the top (bed cabinet) end.

**BE SURE TO ORIENT PISTON CORRECTLY** by referring to the label on each piston. ("MOUNT THIS END UP")

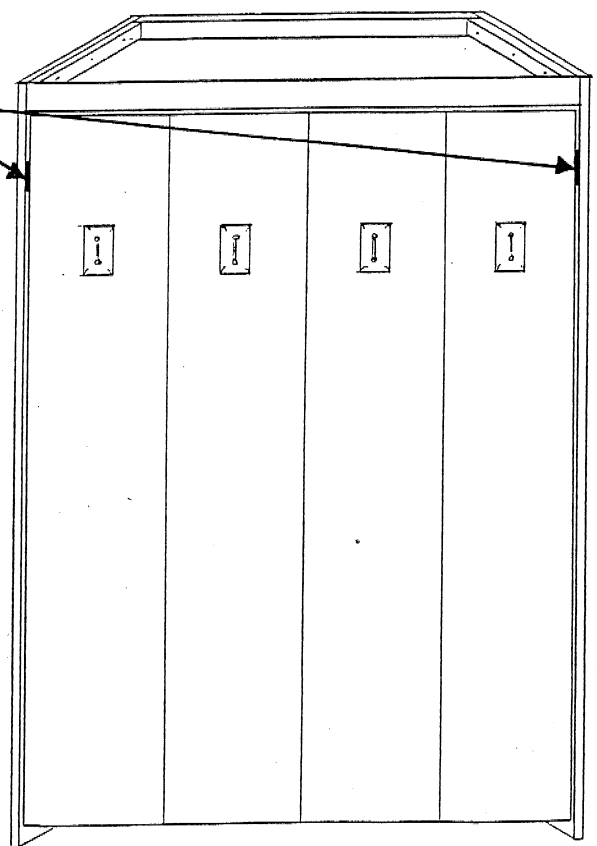




**STEP 13:**  
If the room has existing base molding, make a cut at the bottom rear of the cabinet verticals to accommodate the existing base molding.  
If room does not have base molding, simply place cabinet flush against wall.

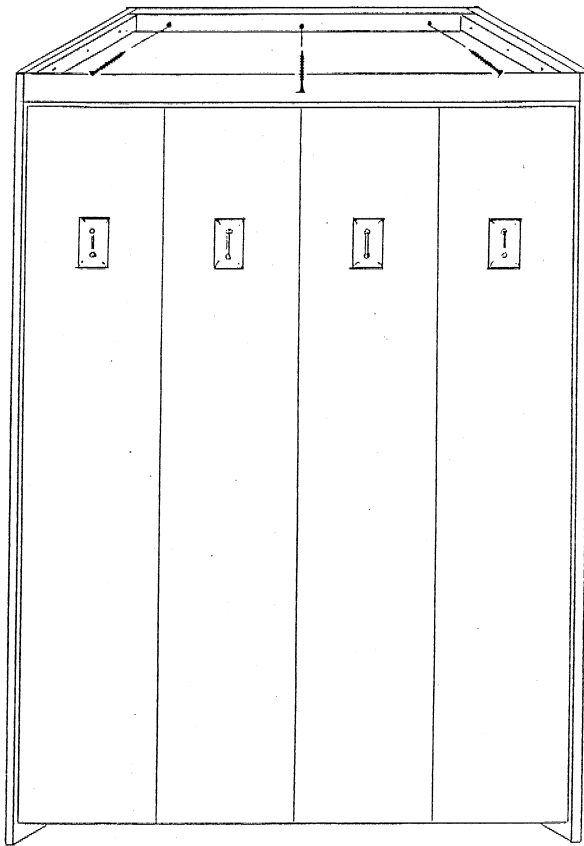
**STEP 14:**  
After assuring that the top and bottom of the bed cabinet are against the wall, center the face panel between the verticals by placing a piece of folded cardboard between the face panel and each of the two verticals as illustrated.

**NOTE:** The face panel is still recessed inside the cabinet.



**STEP 15 IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT!!! YOUR BED MUST BE SECURELY AND CORRECTLY ANCHORED TO THE WALL to assure proper operation and to avoid possible injury.**

**NOTE:** When the bed is lowered, it wants to pull the bed cabinet down with it, so the bed cabinet **MUST** be securely anchored to the wall using the correct fasteners for your type of wall.



**See STEP 15 on PAGE 7 for Anchoring Instructions** →



## STEP 15: MOUNTING THE BED CABINET TO THE WALL

If the wall has **WOOD** studs, use 3" **COARSE THREAD** drywall screws or 3" lag screws:

Locate and mark the centers of the studs in desired wall location using a good studfinder.

Drill three (3) pilot holes through the rear rail of the Bed Header into the wall for a twin or full size bed and four (4) for a queen size bed.

Drive three (3) 3" drywall screws or lag screws through the rear rail of the Bed Header into the studs for a twin or full, and drive four (4) screws for a queen size bed.

If the wall is **CONCRETE, MORTAR OR BRICK** construction, use masonry screws :

Drill three (3) pilot holes through the rear rail of the Bed Header into the wall for a twin or full size bed and four (4) for a queen size bed.

Using a 5/32" 4" concrete drill bit, drill through the pilot holes into the wall two (2) inches deep. Anchor the bed by screwing 3/16" x 2 1/4" masonry screws through the rear rail of the Bed Header into the wall.

If the wall has **METAL** studs, use 3/16" x 4" toggle bolts :

Locate and mark the centers of the studs in desired wall location using a good studfinder.

Drill three (3) pilot holes through the back rail of the Bed Header into the wall for a twin or full size bed and four (4) for a queen size bed.

Using a 9/16" drill bit, drill holes at the pilot holes through the metal studs. Be sure you drill through the studs. Insert the toggle bolt screws through the pilot holes in the rear rail of the Bed Header. Now thread the toggle wings on the screws. Fold the wings back completely and push the wings through the metal studs until the wings spring open. Pull the Header Rail back to hold the wings against the inside of the stud and tighten the screws with a screwdriver.

**STEP 16:**

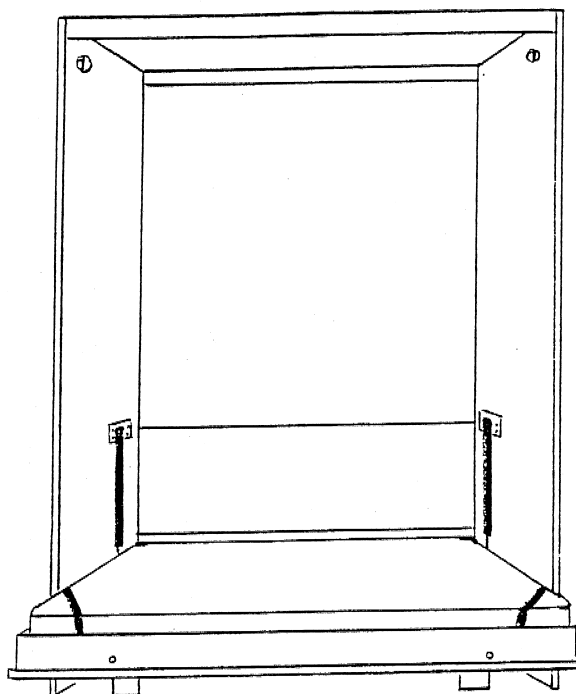
Holding the **BED FACE PANEL** in the down position, place the innerspring mattress on the bed and secure with **ELASTIC RETAINING STRAPS**.

**NOTE:** When lowering the bed without the counter balance of the mattress it may seem very difficult... do not be concerned, once the mattress is placed on the bed it will function easily.

If the mattress is lightweight and the bed has a tendency to float off the floor, simply add some weight-i.e.- a piece of particle board, wood, etc. inside the bed frame at the end of the bed to counter-balance.

**STEP 17:**

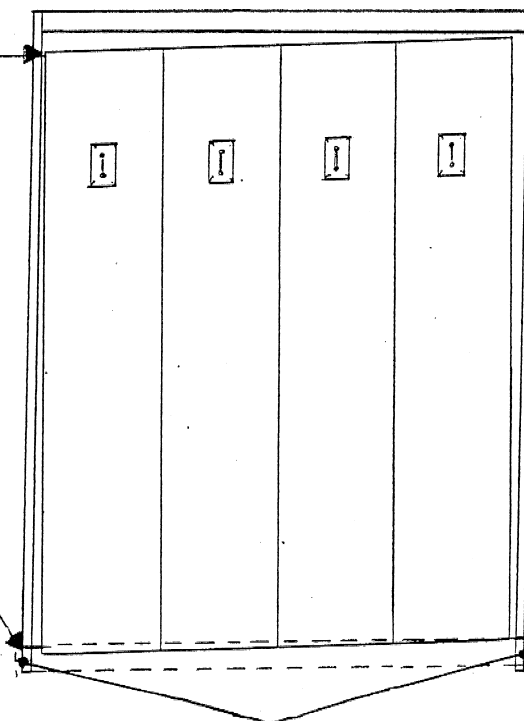
Replace the bed stops and screws.



Narrowest Gap

**STEP 18:**

Close bed. If the gap around the bed is uneven, push or gently kick the base of the **CABINET** on the side with the **NARROWEST** gap until desired gap is obtained.

**STEP 19:**

Close the bed. Apply base molding (if applicable) from outside of vertical to outside of vertical.

# PROBLEM SOLVING

Q: The piston won't hand-compress... has it "frozen up?"

A: The design and construction of the piston's internal parts won't allow it to "freeze up." Each piston contains as much as 240 pounds of pressure, so they CANNOT be compressed by hand. Please refer to the ASSEMBLY BOOKLET, page 4 - step 12.

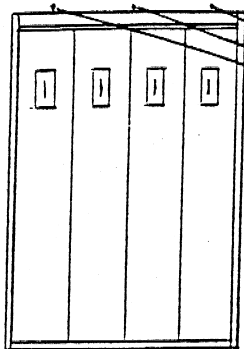
Q: The bed is very hard to open and it wants to spring closed.

A: Your mechanism is designed to have the optimum mechanical leverage to comfortably raise and lower the bed.  
Place the mattress on the bed. The mattress is the counter-balance, i.e., This is what offsets the force of the piston.

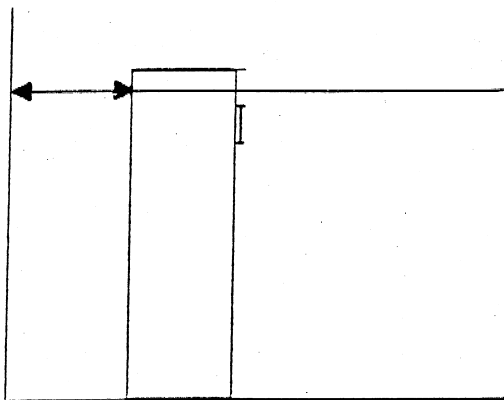
Q: I've assembled the bed and attached it to the wall, but the bed face panel sags out of the cabinet... what do I do now?

A: The mounting positions of the upper or the lower ball stud plates are incorrect. Check your measurements on PAGES 9, 10 and 20. Remember... the the measurements in the white (particle board) book ARE DIFFERENT from the measurements in the yellow (plywood) book.  
IF the face panel sags out of the cabinet and you FORCE it closed you will damage the head of the piston.

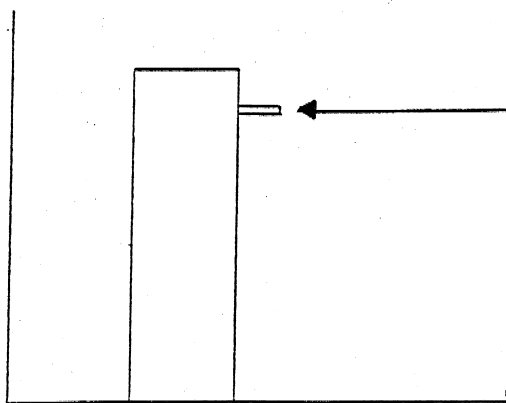
**DO NOT ATTEMPT** To Compress the piston by any other means than the one described in the steps below.



1. With the bed in the upright, closed position with both legs closed and locked, remove the anchor screws from the top of the bed cabinet. Do not remove the anchor screws with the bed in the open position.

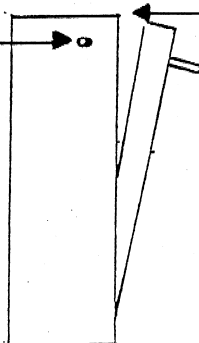
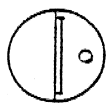


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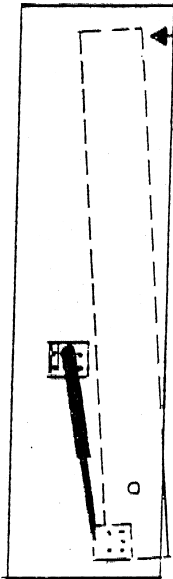
3. With a helper **SECURELY** holding the bed cabinet, lift both locking legs to unlock the bed from the cabinet.

4. With the helper **CONTINUING TO HOLD** the bed cabinet, lower the bed 4 to 5 inches out of the cabinet.



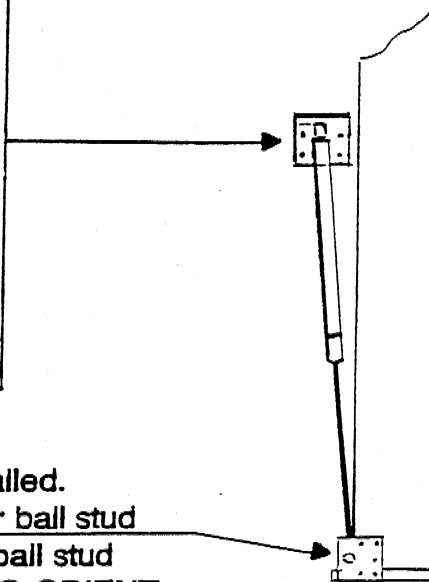
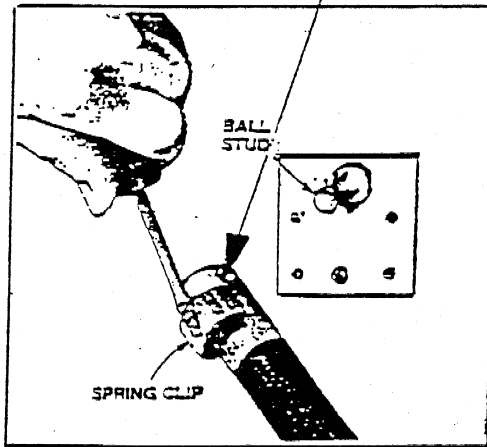
5. Working from the back of the bed, remove the screws and brass bed stops.

6. With your helper **STILL HOLDING THE BED CABINET**, allow the bed to pull back into the bed cabinet. It will recess about 3 inches into the bed cabinet.



7. At this point, the piston can be removed and replaced **ONE AT A TIME**.

8. With the tension off of the piston - i.e. - with the piston fully extended and using a flat blade screwdriver, gently pry up on the spring clip located around the plastic head of the piston. Now just pull the piston off - **REMEMBER** the spring clip isn't removed, just opened.



9. At this point, the new piston can be installed. Simply snap the new piston on the lower ball stud located on the bed rail - then the upper ball stud located on the bed vertical. **BE SURE TO ORIENT THE PISTON CORRECTLY** by referring to the label on the piston. ( **MOUNT THIS END UP** )

10. Repeat on the other side of the bed.
11. Replace both bed stops and screws.
12. Place the bed cabinet back against the wall and replace the screws, **MAKING SURE THE BED IS SECURELY FASTENED TO THE WALL.**