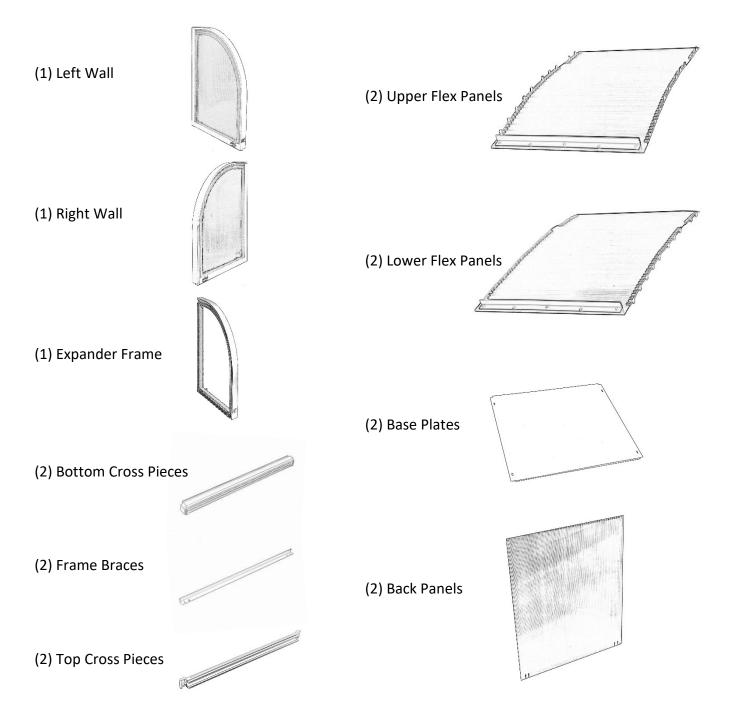


How to assemble your *pPod*[®] with an Expander

The box contains the following $pPod^{(R)}$ parts for a Standard pPod + 1 Expander:



(8) screws and (8) nuts for installing the Frame BracesYou will need a #2 Phillips screwdriver and pliers to attach the Frame Braces.



 Set the two Bottom Cross Pieces on the ground end-to-end with the narrower side facing up and the side with multiple channels facing the interior of the pPod. They should be about 1.5" apart. Simultaneously slide the Expander Frame onto the right end of the left Bottom Cross Piece and right Frame Cross Piece as shown in Figure 1. Be sure that the Expander Frame is fully seated over each end tab of the Bottom Cross Pieces.

Note: If you have more than one Expander, repeat this step for each Expander Frame.

- Figure 1 : Inserting Expander Frame into Bottom Cross Pieces

2) Remove the protective film from the outside surface of the Left Wall and Right Wall panels. Slide the Left Wall onto the end of the Left Bottom Cross Piece (*Figure 2*). Be sure that the wall is fully seated over the end tab of the Bottom Cross Piece.

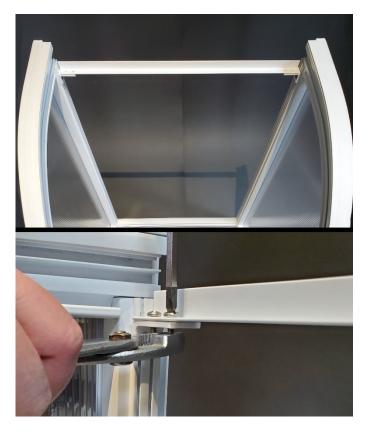
Figure 2 : Inserting Left Wall into Bottom Cross Piece



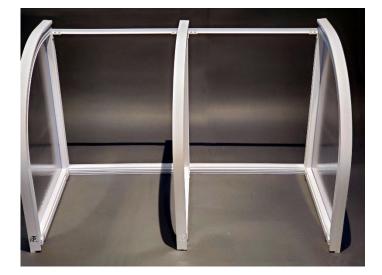


3) Attach a **Frame Brace** to the top of **the Left Wall** bracket and **Expander** bracket with (4) screws and nuts as shown in Figure 3. Tighten with a #2 Phillips screwdriver and pliers. Since these are stainless steel screws securing plastic parts, they only need to be snug and should *not* be over-tightened.

Figure 3 : Attaching Frame Brace to Wall and Expander brackets



- 4) Repeat Steps 2 and 3 for the right side (plus each additional Expander Frame).
 - Figure 4 : Left Wall, Right Wall, Expander installed with Frame Braces





5) From the front of the **pPod**, slide a **Base Plate** (*notched end first*) into the channels at the bottom of the **Left Wall** and **Expander** as shown in Figure 5. Insert the **Base Plate** all the way into the channel at the bottom of the **Bottom Cross Piece**. The 4 slots in the **Base Plate** should line up with the 4 sliding tabs at the base of each wall. Push each of the 4 sliding tabs all the way down through each of the slots in the **Base Plate**.

Repeat for the right side (plus each additional Expander).



Figure 5 : Installation of the **Base Plates**



6) Remove the protective film from the outside face of each Lower Flex Panel.

From the back of the **pPod**, slide a Lower Flex
Panel into the lower part of the curved frames of the Left Wall and Expander, handle first and retainer tabs facing inward as shown in Figure 6a.
Slide the panel down to the front of the pPod.

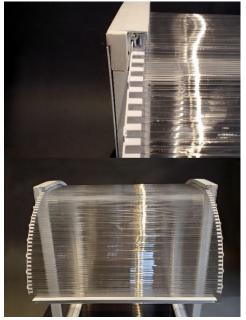
Figure 6a : Installation of the Lower Flex Panel



Remove the protective film from the outside face of each Upper Flex Panel.

Slide an **Upper Flex Panel** into the upper part of the curved frames with the handle on top and the retainer tabs facing outward as shown in Figure 6b.

Figure 6b : Installation of the Upper Flex Panel



Repeat for the right side (plus each additional Expander).



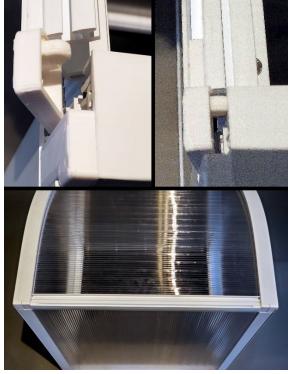
7) Remove the protective film from each side of each **Back Panel** (the film with writing on it is on the outward UV protected side and the inward side has lines at the bottom marking the wire cutouts). Slide each **Back Panel** into a channel at the back of the **pPod**. Make sure that the bottom of the panel is inserted all the way into the slot in the **Bottom Cross Piece**.



Figure 7 : Installation of the **Back Panel**

8) Set the **Top Cross Piece** on top of the **Back Panel** so that the panel fits into the larger groove on the bottom of the **Top Cross Piece** and the two rounded tabs snap into the slots on the back of each wall as shown in Figure 8.

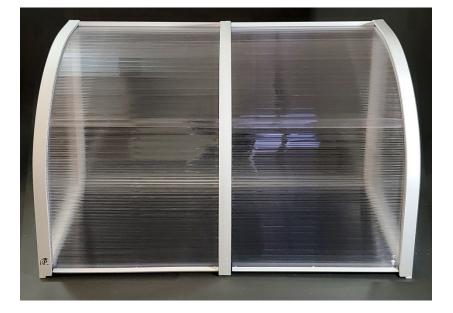
Figure 8 : Installation of the **Top Cross Piece**





9) Locate your pPod where you will be using it *before putting plants in it*. It is lightweight and rugged so it can be moved after being assembled, but it should *not* be moved with plants in it.

Figure 9 : Assembled pPod[®] with Expander



10) IMPORTANT: adjust the positions of the Flex Panels to control temperature and air flow.
 The pPod will typically be kept closed when surrounding temperatures are below 60 deg F.
 With warmer temperatures, the top flex panel must be opened slightly to release excess heat from the sun.

Figure 10 : A *pPod*[®] with the Flex Panels in partially open positions



If any of the above steps are not clear or any element of your *pPod®* is not functioning properly, please contact us immediately at <u>info@pponix.com</u>.