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Assembly Instructions for Model Number K9644



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Warning: Remove collars, tags, and leads from pet before placing it in the kennel to prevent possible entanglement. DO NOT leave young animals unsupervised for extended periods of time. MidWest's main concern is your pet's well-being. If your pet has never been kept in any enclosure, specific training may be necessary for your pet's safety. A pet, not specifically trained to be restricted, may attempt to escape from this enclosure, which could cause serious injury to your pet or damage to this product. MidWest will not accept liability or warrant any loss to improper use of this product by a pet that has not been properly trained.

Warranty Information

Unwrap and remove all parts from the box. Keep the box and packing material until the product is assembled. In case of return or exchange, failure to return product in similar condition as received could result in limited reimbursement. Please save sales receipt as proof of purchase for warranty purposes. Check to ensure you have all the parts below. If you discover any parts are missing, immediately call our toll-free service helpline at 1-800-428-8560 (Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST) or email us at info@midwesthomes4pets.com.

Helpful Hints

Please take time to read and follow these instructions. To make set-up easier, locate a level area to assemble your kennel. Remove all components from the carton and arrange them as shown on Page 2. You will need a pair of pliers and an adjustable wrench to assemble your kennel. We recommend two people assemble the kennel together.

The chain-link fence comes in one continuous 20' piece. It is prone to tangle while attaching, but with two people and a little patience, the fence can be applied with minimal complication. The best practice is to unroll the fence and stretch it out completely to undo any tangling. Then, using two people, lift, pull, and stretch the chain-link fence around the perimeter one small section at a time.

Sunscreen Safety

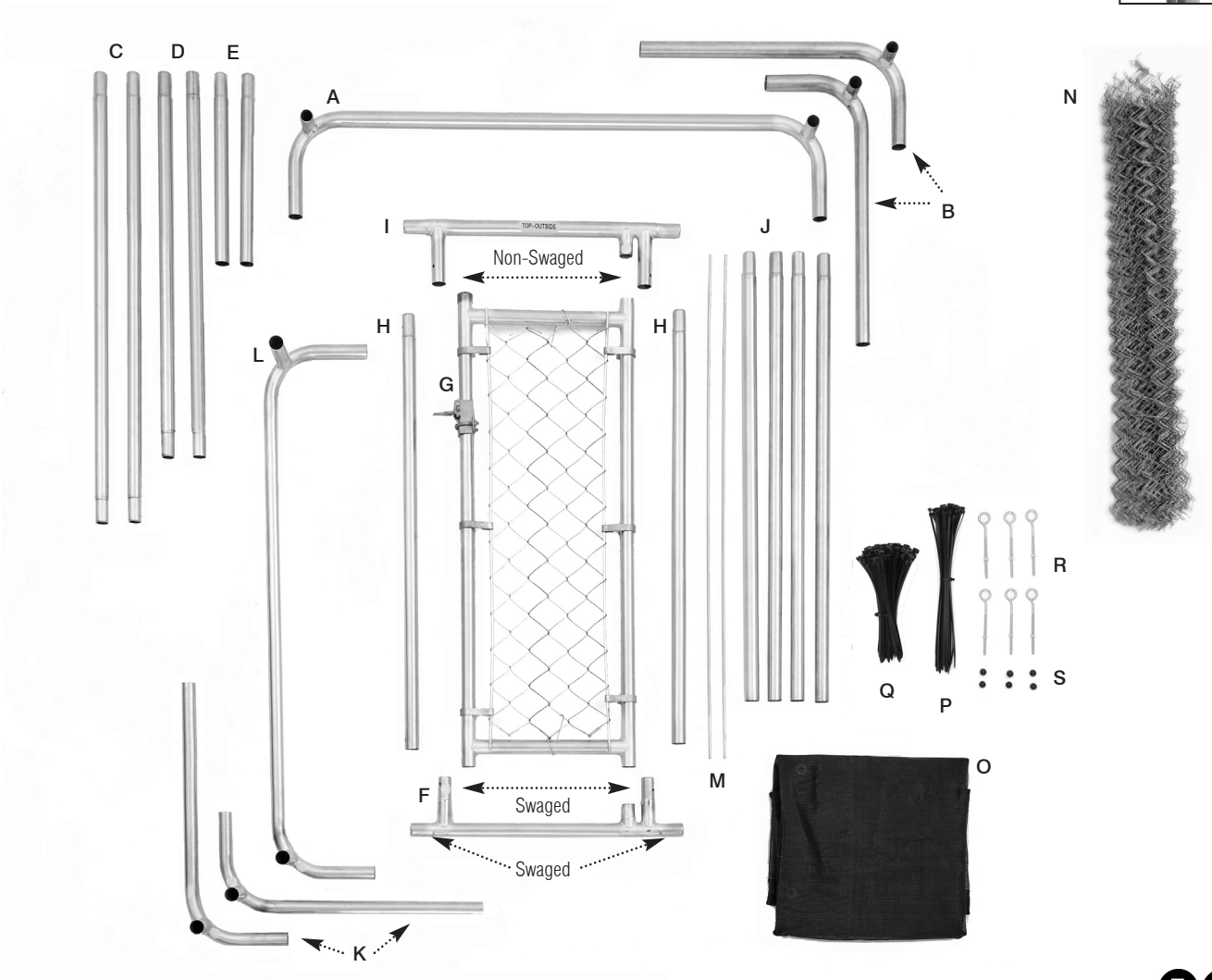
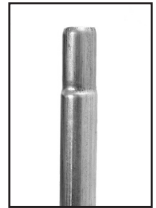
Your K9 Kennel comes with a Sunscreen. We suggest removing and storing the Sunscreen when not needed to shade your pet. Do not allow snow or debris to collect on top of the Sunscreen. Occasionally, even rain will collect. Remove it as soon as possible. Injury to your pet and damage to your Kennel may occur if the load is not removed. Properly cared for, your Sunscreen will provide years of service and protection for your pet.

PARTS IDENTIFICATION

- A. Bottom U-Shaped Rail with short corner pegs (1)
- B. Bottom L-Shaped Rails with short corner pegs (2)
- C. Long Filler Rails - swaged on both ends (2)
- D. Medium Filler Rails - swaged on both ends (2)
- E. Short Filler Rails - swaged on one end (2)
- F. Bottom Gate Rail - swaged on all ends (1)
- G. Gate Door (1)
- H. Gate Frame Vertical Posts - swaged on one end (2)
- I. Top Gate Rail (1)
- J. Vertical Corner Posts - swaged on one end (4)
- K. Top L-Shaped Rails with long corner pegs (2)
- L. Top U-Shaped Rail with long corner pegs (1)
- M. Vertical Tension Rods - 5/16th Diameter (2)
- N. Chain-Link Fence (1)
- O. Sunscreen Top (1)
- P. Long Plastic Ties (18)
- Q. Short Plastic Ties (33)
- R. Scored Eyebolt with Nut (6)
- S. Black Plastic Cap (6)

Swaged End - Reduced, Smaller Diameter

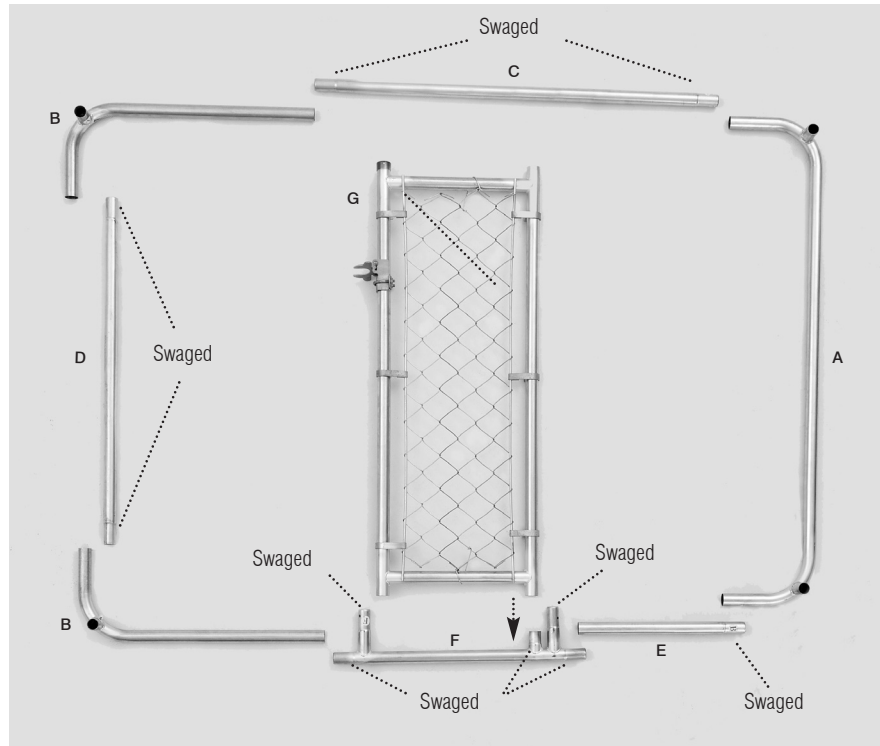
The Long Filler Rails (C) and Medium Filler Rails (D) are swaged on both ends. The Short Filler Rails (E), Gate Frame Vertical Posts (H), and Vertical Corner Posts (J) have one swaged end. The Bottom Gate Rail (F) is swaged on all ends.



ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place the following pieces on the ground as shown: Bottom U-Shaped Rail (A), the Bottom L-Shaped Rails (B), one Long Filler Rail (C), one Medium Filler Rail (D), one Short Filler Rail (E), the Bottom Gate Rail (F), and the Gate Door (G). The small pegs on the Bent Bottom Rails must point up.

Note the placement of the swaged ends on each rail.

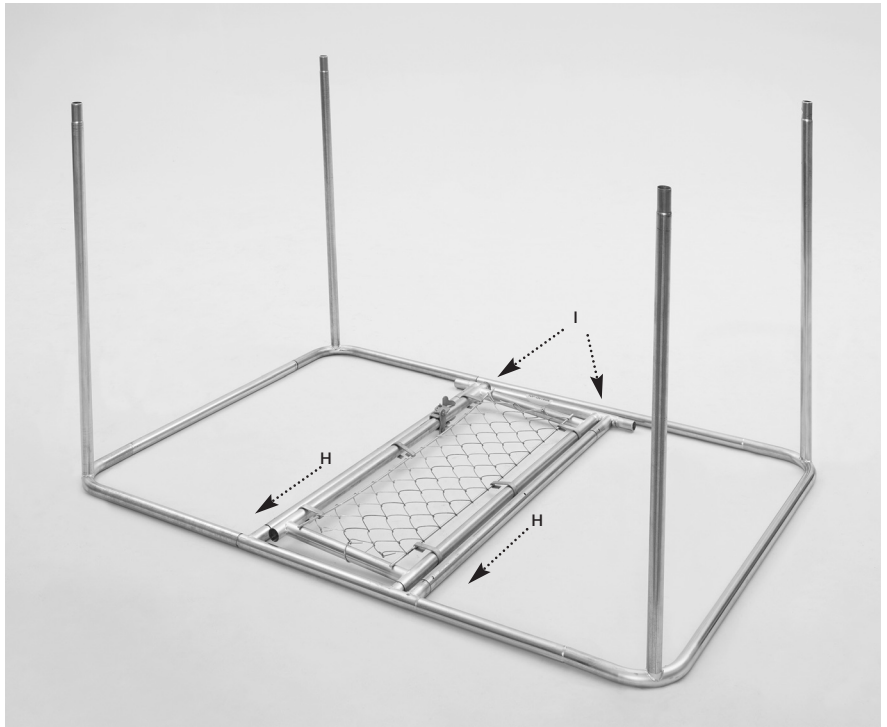


2. Push the swaged ends of each rail into the non-swaged ends of each adjacent rail, making sure all pieces are pushed in completely and put together firmly. The Gate Door should connect with the short swaged peg on the Bottom Gate Rail.

3. On each corner, push the non-swaged end of a Vertical Corner Post (J) onto the four short corner pegs of the Bottom Rails. Place the two Gate Frame Posts (H) on each side of the door, and place the Top Gate Rail (I) near the top of the Door.



4. Push the non-swaged ends of the Gate Frame posts (H) onto the Bottom Gate Rail, then connect the Top Gate Rail (I) to the swaged ends of the Gate Frame Posts.



5. Swing the Gate Frame into the upright position. Connect a Top L-Shaped Rail (K) to the Top Gate Rail and the Vertical Corner Post. Secure the long peg of the L-Shaped Rail on the post.



6. Using a Medium Filler Rail (D), connect the Top L-Shaped Rail from step 5 to the other Top L-Shaped Rail (K). Secure the long peg of the L-Shaped Rail on the Vertical Corner Post.



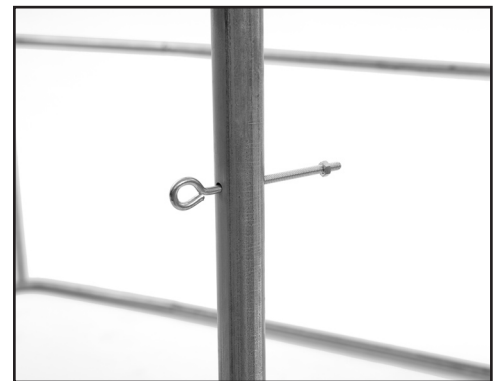
7. Using a Long Filler Rail (C), connect the Top L-Shaped Rail from step 6 to the Top U-Shaped Rail (L). Secure the long pegs of the U-Shaped Rail on the Vertical Posts on both corners.



8. Using a Short Filler Rail (E), connect the Top L-Shaped Rail from step 7 to the Top Gate Rail.



9. With the Gate door open, insert the Eyebolts (R), with the eye to the outside of the kennel, through the six holes in the Gate's frame (three on each side). Start the Nuts onto the end of the bolts about 1/4" as shown. **WAIT to tighten all the way.**



10. **NOTE: At this point, you will begin attaching the chain-link fence (N). The chain-link fence comes in one continuous 20' piece rolled in plastic to help prevent tangling and bunching. While attaching, remove the plastic as you go. With two people and a little patience, the fence can be applied with minimal complication. The best practice is to unroll the fence and stretch it out completely to undo any tangling. Then, after Step 11 and using two people, lift, pull, and stretch the chain-link fence around the perimeter one small section at a time. About every two feet, you will loosely attach a SHORT Plastic Tie (Q) to keep the chain-link in place until it is ready to be fully secured.**

11. Stand one end of the Chain-Link Fence (N) up against the left side of the Gate frame. Starting at the top, thread the Vertical Tension Rod (M) down through the Chain-Link Fence, front/back, front/back, through each diamond, while making sure to pass through the eye of each Eyebolt on the way down. Thread the rod all the way through the last diamond at the bottom.



12. Unroll the Chain-link Fence around the frame of the kennel, being sure to keep tension on the wire by pulling the roll as you unwind it. Occasionally, it may be necessary to untangle the knuckles at the top and bottom of the roll. Keeping the tension on the roll tight will help prevent this.



NOTE: As stated on page 6, with two people the fence can be fully unrolled, stretched out in its entirety, and lifted, pulled, and stretched around the perimeter one small section at a time. This will minimize bunching and tangling of the fence during application.

13. About every two feet, loosely attach a Short Plastic Tie (Q) at the top to keep the chain-link in place until it is ready to be fully secured.



NOTE: After you have unrolled the Chain-Link Fence completely around the frame, you may find that you have several extra inches of chain link that extends past the last set of Eyebolts. This excess must be removed. Pull the Chain-Link Fence tightly past the Eyebolts to determine where to remove the extra fencing so that the second Tension Rod (M) can be installed in Step 17.

14. To determine how much Chain-Link Fence to remove, slide the second Vertical Tension Rod (M) down through the Chain-Link Fence so it will pass through the eye of the first Eyebolt. It is the extra Chain-Link Fence on the Gate side of the Tension Rod that must be removed. Locate and note the top knuckle of the fence on the Gate side of the Tension Rod. Remove the Tension Rod for now.



15. Unbend the loop of the knuckle you identified until it is straight. Locate the corresponding knuckle at the bottom of the Chain-Link Fence. Unbend that loop.



16. This single “picket” can now be removed. Lift and rotate the picket until it is completely removed from the fencing.



17. Once all excess fencing has been removed, reinsert the second Tension Rod (M) down through the Chain-link Fence and the Eyebolts on the other side of the gate, as you did in Step 11.



- 18.** Facing the Kennel door, go to the top left Eyebolt. Push the “eye” firmly against the Gate Frame. Tighten the Nut past the scored area of the bolt’s threads. Move down to the next Eyebolt and repeat. Pulling the Tension Rod against the Gate Frame as you go, proceed around the Gate Frame until all six Eyebolts have been tightened. This step will tighten the fit of the Chain-Link Fence around the frame.

Use pliers to grip the exposed threads and snap off the excess at the scored area of the bolt. Finish each nut with a Plastic Cap (S).



- 19.** Starting at the Door, install Short Plastic Ties (Q) every two feet on the top rail, securing the Chain-Link Fence to the Top Rail of the Kennel. Do the same with the Bottom Rail, installing the ties with closer spacing, approximately every 12 inches.



Sunscreen Installation

Unfold the Sunscreen (O) and, using the Long Plastic Ties (P), loosely attach the sunscreen to the Bent Top Rail of the Kennel at each corner.

DO NOT PULL THE TIES TIGHT!



After the corners have been attached, loosely affix a Long Plastic Tie at each grommet on the Sunscreen around the perimeter. Starting at one corner, pull the tie a bit tighter. Work your way around to each corner, pulling the ties tighter and tighter until they are all snug. Now work your way around the kennel, pulling the remaining ties up as you go.



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1. For one (1) year from the date of original purchase, MIDWEST Homes For Pets ("MIDWEST") warrants to the purchaser of this kennel that, should it prove defective by reason of improper workmanship and/or material, MIDWEST will repair or replace, at its option, any defective part of the kennel, without charge for the part or for shipping. Replacement parts are warranted for the remainder of the original period.
2. THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER defects in the kennel caused by any animal, any physical abuse to or misuse of the kennel, any damage caused by the original purchaser or any third party, or any defects arising or discovered more than one (1) year from the original retail purchase date.
3. STEPS TO OBTAIN WARRANTY SERVICE:
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 - B. The customer service representative will determine if the defect is covered by this warranty, and if it is, will authorize and instruct the purchaser in how to obtain corrective action.
 - C. MIDWEST may require the purchaser to present the sales receipt or other proof of purchase prior to authorizing any return or replacement. No returns or replacements will be permitted without proper authorization. If a return or replacement is authorized, you may be requested to return the item to MIDWEST or to make the item available for pick-up by MIDWEST.
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