



EXTERNAL

ARB03 – Coalpit Heath Pilot

Aluminium bench frame

Overview

This document explains the design requirements for the bench frame subsystem. This subsystem comprises an aluminium frame to contain the aeroponic insect and provide support to the tertiary electrical system.

Key features

Table 1: Subsystem key features

Feature	Description
Material	Aluminium extrusion
Assembly method	Welded, full beads all around
Finish	All edges and corners rounded, deburred and chamfered
Loading support requirements	41kg/m ²
Overall dimension envelope	As per drawing ARB03-12-DWG-01C.
Stir spacing	Supports must not interfere with atomiser locations. Atomisers are mounted to the underside of the insect and therefore protrude downwards below the insect.
Cable routing	Cable looms will be routed and secured along the aluminium stirruts. Cable tie mounts will be fixed to stirruts to secure cables to the aluminium frame.
Wheel position	1BD
Frame & insect fixing	The bench and insect must remain as a single unit whilst withstanding transportation, tilting and cleaning in any orientation. The insect should not be separable from the bench frame.
Stackable	The frames must be able to be safely stacked in piles. This requires a lateral location feature that may be achieved with a tongue and groove style feature.

The final design should be presented to LettUs Grow for review and approval prior to manufacture.

Loading Requirements

Item	Weight per unit (kg)	#	Total weight (kg)
Water capacity @ 2cm water level in bench (kg)	45	1	45
Plant trays (kg)	1.04	20	20.8
Plants (kg)	1.5	20	30
Plant matting (kg/m ²)	0.5	20	10
Aeroponic plastic tray (kg)	30	1	30
Atomiser (kg)	0.1	40	4
Cabling & electrical distribution (kg)	5	1	5
TOTAL LOADING			145 kg (over 5.4m²)
Loading per m²			27
Including 50% safety factor			41kg/m²

Visualisation

Images showing key features of the aluminium bench frame.

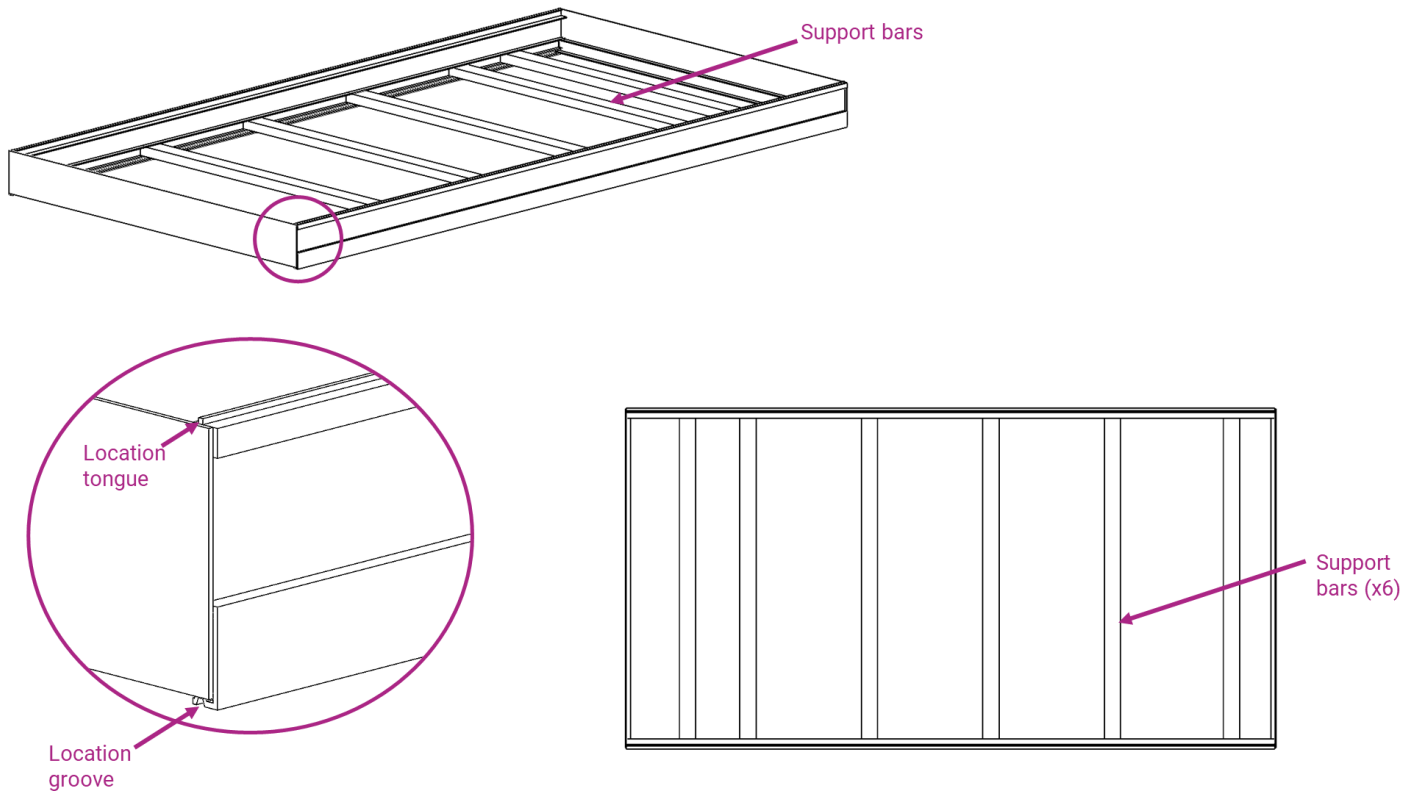


Figure 1: 3D view of aluminium bench frame unit, with detailed view of side profile in assembled state. Top view showing that support bars are not evenly distributed across the length of the bench frame.

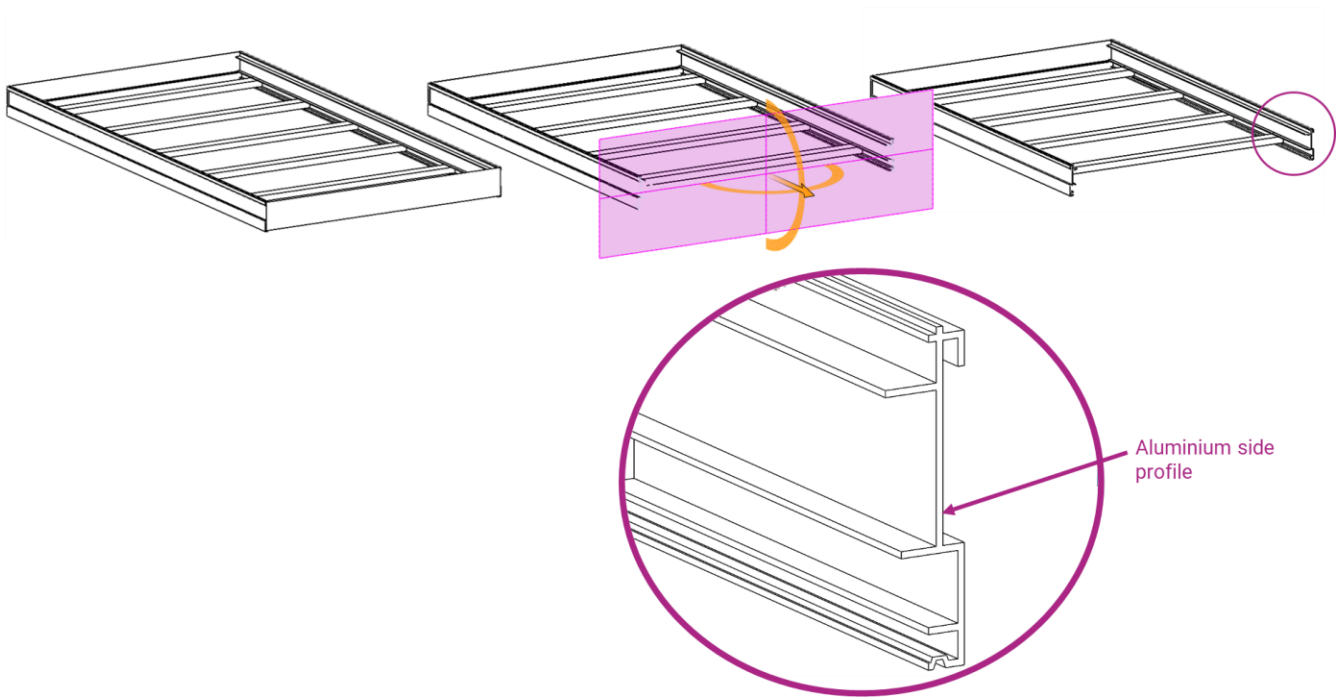


Figure 2: Section view showing the side profile of the aluminium bench frame. The profile is designed to provide support to the base of the aeroponic insert as well as the step that supports the plant trays on the aeroponic insert. Stacking tongue and groove features can also be seen on the top and bottom of the profile respectively.