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3" Aluminum T-14 Pole Instructions

Step 1:

Using a post hole digger, dig a hole 36" deep by 9" diameter. Depending on your soil conditions, a large diameter hole may be needed. Remove the 2-1/2" square steel ground stake from the aluminum pole. The painted end with a piece of welded angle along the side is the end which is to be above ground. The welded clip at the opposite end will be at the bottom of hole. The welded clip is for shipping purposes. Stand the ground stake in the center of your hole. Fill the hole with wet premixed cement to ground level. Be sure the ground stake is plumb and leave 21" above the cement. Also fill the inside of the ground stake with cement, to prevent water from accumulating and freezing inside. The pole will slide over the ground stake later, so be sure to wipe clean the ground stake of any excess cement. The dimensions above require 2 bags of dry cement mix available at your local building store.

Step 2:

Your pole has three sections. The top section is 70-1/2" long and has slots for the pulley which will be at the top of the pole. The middle section is 70-1/2" long and has a safety pin hole. The bottom section is 67" long and has no holes.

Step 3:

Lay the bottom section of pole (67") onto a 5 gallon pail or similar object. Slide the splice support of the middle section (70-1/2") into either end of the bottom section. Slide the splice support of the top section (section 70-1/2" with slots at one end) into the middle section. The three sections are held together by friction and gravity once erected.

Step 4:

Slide both perch rods into the top two holes in the pole. Center both rods and secure with two $\frac{1}{4}$ " set screws and hex wrench which are included.

Step 5:

Insert the black cap into the top end of the pole which you will find inside the bottom pole section. The cap is held in place by friction so you may need to slightly tap it with a hammer. The black cap is important to keep water from filling the inside of the pole.

Step 6:

You will need to follow the martin house instruction for mounting your martin house.