#### 05DTOVAX0307DD-V1

#### **DIP TREATED OVERLAP APEX 3X7 DOUBLE DOOR STORAGE**

#### **BEFORE YOU START PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY**

- Check the pack and make sure you have all the parts listed.
- When you are ready to start, make sure you have the right tools at hand (not supplied) including a Phillips screwdriver, Stanley knife, Wood saw, Step ladder, Hammer and a Drill with 2mm bit.
- Ensure there is plenty of space and a clean dry area for assembly.

#### LOCATION FOR YOUR GARDEN BUILDING

A minimum of 60cm should be left around the perimeter of your garden building to allow access for maintenance, annual treatment and to allow air flow around the building.

Where possible you should avoid placing your garden building underneath large trees to prevent the tree causing damage to the building.

#### **TIMBER**

As with all natural materials, timber can be affected during various weather conditions. For the duration of heavy or extended periods of rain, swelling of the wood panels may occur. Warping of the wood may also occur during excessive dry spells due to an interior moisture loss. Unfortunately, these processes cannot be avoided but can be helped. It is suggested that the outdoor building is sprayed with water during extended periods of warm sunshine and sheltered as much as possible during rain or snow.

Once your garden building has been installed it will need to be treated as soon as possible and annually to prevent the timber from deteriorating and to waterproof it. This is required to maintain the anti-rot guarantee.

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#### **BUILDING A BASE**

When thinking about where the building and base is going to be constructed: Ensure that there will be access to all sides for maintenance work and annual treatment.

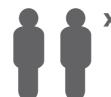
Ensure the base is level and is built on firm ground, to prevent distortion. Refer to diagrams for the base dimensions, The base should be slightly smaller than the external measurement of the building, i.e. The cladding should overlap the base, creating a run off for water. It is also recommended that the floor be at least 25mm above the surrounding ground level to avoid flooding.

#### **TYPES OF BASE**

- Concrete 75mm laid on top of 75mm hard-core.
- Slabs laid on 50mm of sharp sand.

Whilst all products manufactured are made to the highest standards of Safety and in the case of childrens products independently tested to EN71 level, we cannot accept responsibility for your safety whilst erecting or using this product.

Refer to the instructions pages for your specific product code



All buildings should be erected by two adults



Winter = High Moisture = Expansion Summer = Low Moisture = Contraction



#### **CAUTION**

Every effort has been made during the manufacturing process to eliminate the prospect of splinters on rough surfaces of the timber. You are strongly advised to wear gloves when working with or handling rough sawn timber.



For ease of assembly, you **MUST** pilot drill all screw holes and ensure all screw heads are countersunk.



For ease of assembly, you will need a tape measure to check dimensions of components.



Measure under the head

Bolts

To identify the fixings required for each step use a measuring tape.

#### \*\*Protim Aquatan T5 (621)\*\*

Your building has been dip treated with **Aguatan**.

Aquatan is a water-based concentrate which is diluted with water, the building as been treated by the correct application of Aquatan solution and then allowed to dry.

Aquatan is a decorative finish to colour the wood, which is applied industrially to timber fence panels and garden buildings.

Aquatan undiluted contains: boric acid, sodium hydroxide 32% solution, aqueos mixture of sodium dioctyl sulphosuccinat and alcohols: 2, 4, 6-trichlorophenol.



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#### **Overall Dimensions:**

Width = 2101mm

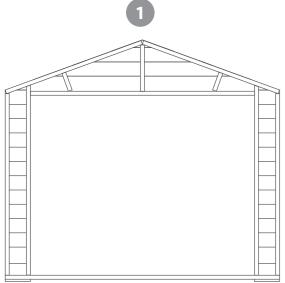
Depth = 863mm Height = 1789mm

#### **Base Dimensions:**

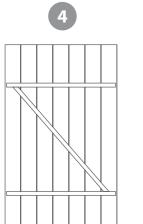
Width = 1980mm Depth = 795mm







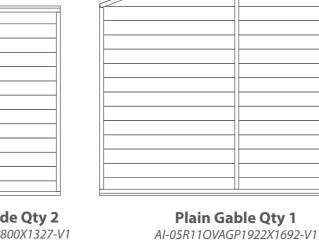
**Door Gable Qty 1** AI-05R11OVAGDD1922X1692-V1



Door Qty 2 AI-R11FBMBZBD781X1320-V1



Plain Side Qty 2 AI-R11OVPP800X1327-V1







Fascia - 7 x 60 x 1095mm Qty 4

S760-1095MM



Cover Trim - 7 x 45 x 1324mm Qty 4

S745-1324MM

Door Trim - 12 x 27 x 1261mm Qty 2 S1227-1261MM

Eaves Frame - 28 x 28 x 825mm Qty 2 F2828-825MM

Ridge Bar - 28 x 28 x 744mm Qty 1 F2828-744M







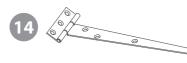
**Turn Button Qty 2** PI-07-0034



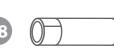
Finial Qty 2 SHED DIAMOND FINIAL



L Bracket Qty 2 PI-07-0012



T-hinge Qty 4 PI-07-0021



Felt PI-01-0025



**Hasp and Staple** Qty 1 PI-07-0207

# **Nail Bag**

There may be extra screws present in the nail bag



50mm Screw x 28



**30mm Screw x 105** 



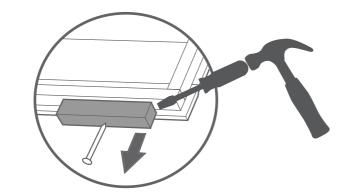
Felt Tacks x 30

**Pre Assembly** 

Before assembling remove the transportation blocks from the bottom of each panel.

Take care removing the blocks as to not damage the panels. Tap with a flat headed screwdriver and hammer.

Dispose of the blocks once removed.



# Step 2

#### Parts Needed - No. 6 Qty 2

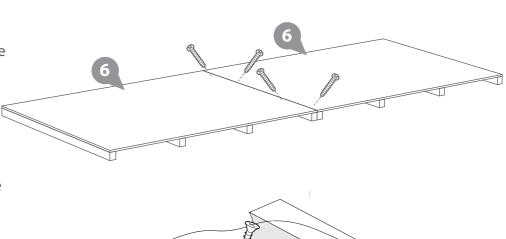
Place the floors (No. 6) on a firm and level base, ensure the base has suitable drainage, free from areas where water can collect (see front page for base requirements).

Position the floors side by side as shown in the diagram. Fix together using 4 x 50mm screws alternating the fixing poisiton along the length of the floor.

#### 4 x 50mm Screws







# Step 1

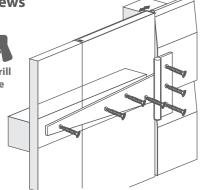
Parts Needed - No. 1 Qty 1 No. 4 Qty 2 No. 14 Qty 4

Place the door gable (**No. 1**) on to a flat surface and place both doors (**No. 4**) into the door apeture.

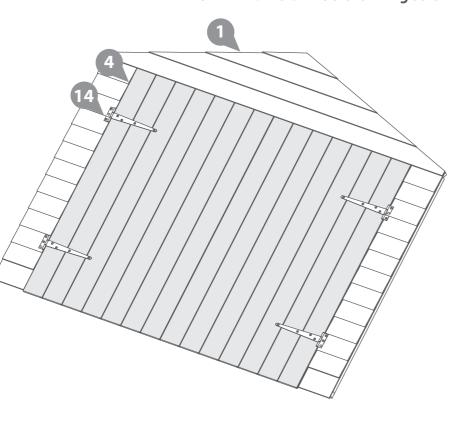
Locate the four t hinges (**No. 14**) onto the doors and door gable ensuring they sit over the door framing. Fix the hinges to the door and door gable using 7x30mm screws per hinge.

#### 28 x 30mm Screws





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## Step 3

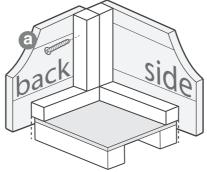
Parts Needed - No. 2 Qty 1 No. 3 Qty 1

- a Fix the corner with 3x 50mm screw a shown in diagram.
- **b** Do not secure the building to the floor until the roof is fitted.

#### 3 x 50mm Screws

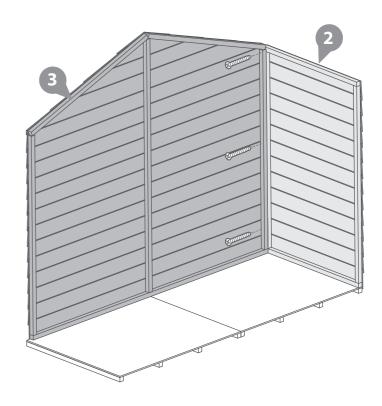






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# Step 4

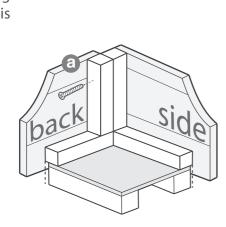
Parts Needed - No. 1 Qty 1 No. 2 Qty 1

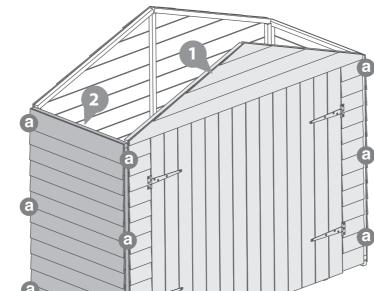
- a Fix the corner with 3x 50mm screw a shown in diagram.
- **b** Do not secure the building to the floor until the roof is fitted.

#### 9 x 50mm Screws









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# Step 6

Parts Needed - No. 5 Qty 2 No. 10 Qty 2

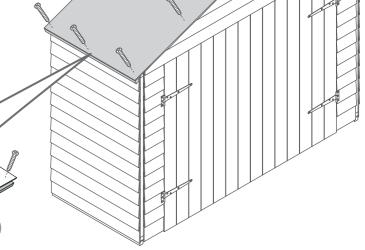
Attach the Eaves Frame (**No. 10**) to the roof sheets (**No. 5**) using 3 x 30mm screws per eaves.

Secure the roof sheet into place using 8 x 30mm screws, ensure the roof sheet sits square over the building and the screws go through the sheet into the panel framing below.

#### 22 x 30mm Screws







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# Step 5

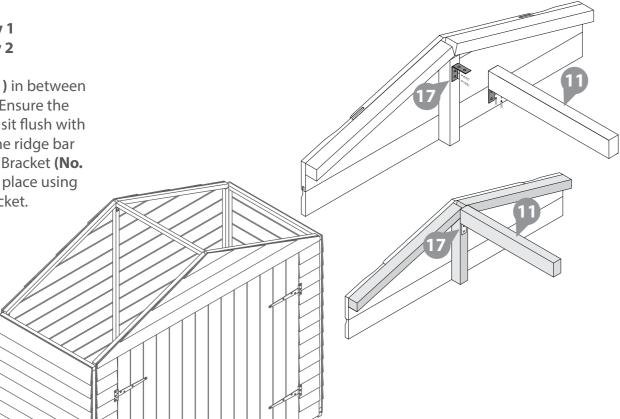
Parts Needed - No. 11 Qty 1 No. 17 Qty 2

Place the Ridge Bar (No. 11) in between the door and plain gables. Ensure the top corner of the ridge bar sit flush with the top of the gables. Fix the ridge bar to both gables usine one L Bracket (No. 17) for each end. Secure in place using 4 x 30mm screws per L Bracket.

#### 8 x 30mm Screws







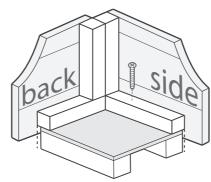
# Step 7

**b** Secure the building to the floor internally using 12 x 50mm screws.

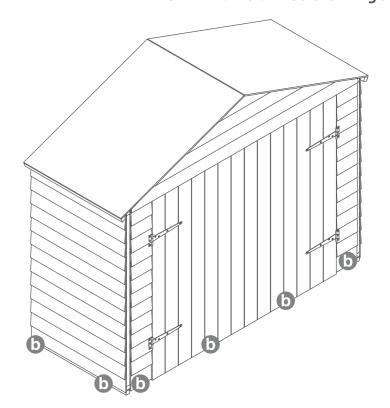
#### 12 x 50mm Screws







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## Step 8

#### Parts Needed - No. 18 Qty 1

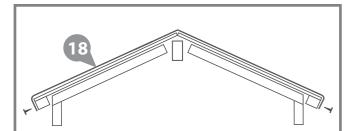
Cut one strip of felt (**No. 18**) to 2350mm and place it over the roof. Fix the felt in place with felt tacks spaced 100mm apart.

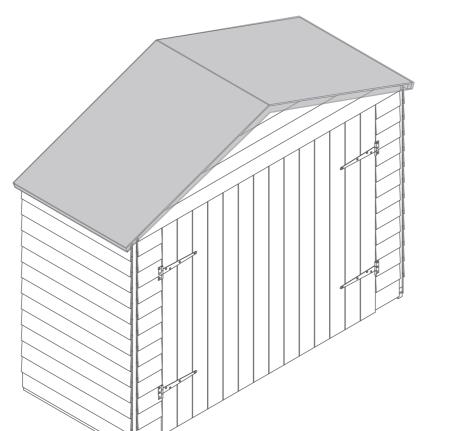
Ensure there is 50mm of overhang around each side.

#### 30 x Felt Tacks









# Step 9

#### Parts Needed - No. 7 Qty 4 No. 13 Qty 2

Attach the fascias (**No. 7**) to the front and back of the building ensuring to trap the felt between the gable and the fascia. Use 3 x 30mm screws per fascia ensuring to fix through to the panel framing behind.

Attach the finial (**No. 13**) to the fascias at the fornt and the back of the building using 2 x 30mm screws per finial.

#### 16 x 30mm Screws



Pre drill

Lay the Felt (No. 17) onto the roof as shown in the diagram.

Ensure there is 50mm of overhang around each side.

Fix in place using felt tacks at 100mm internvals.

# Step 10

### Parts Needed - No. 8 Qty 4

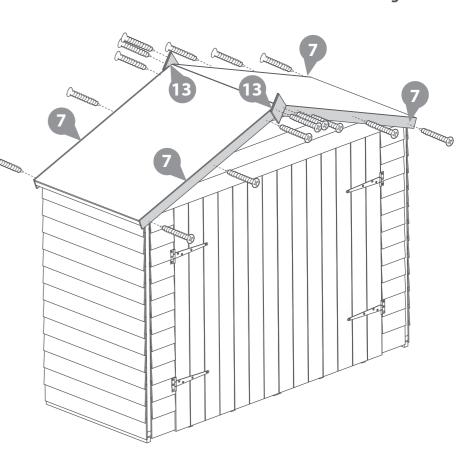
Attach the cover trims (**No. 8**) to the front and back of the building as shown in the illustration. Use 3 x 30mm screws per cover trim ensuring to fix through to the panel framing behind.

#### 12 x 30mm Screws

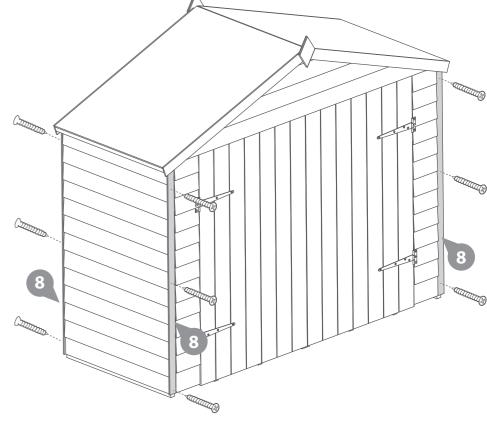


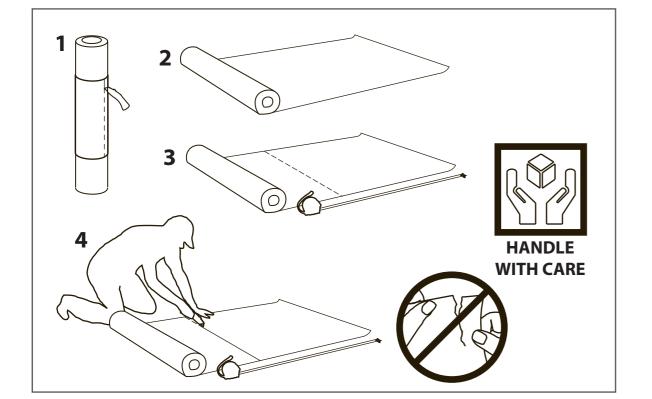


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# Step 11 Parts Needed

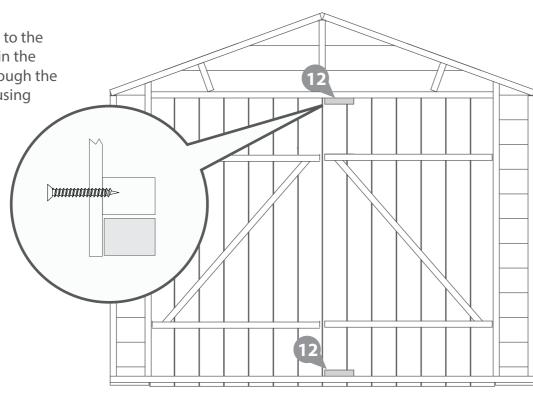
Parts Needed - No. 12 Qty 2

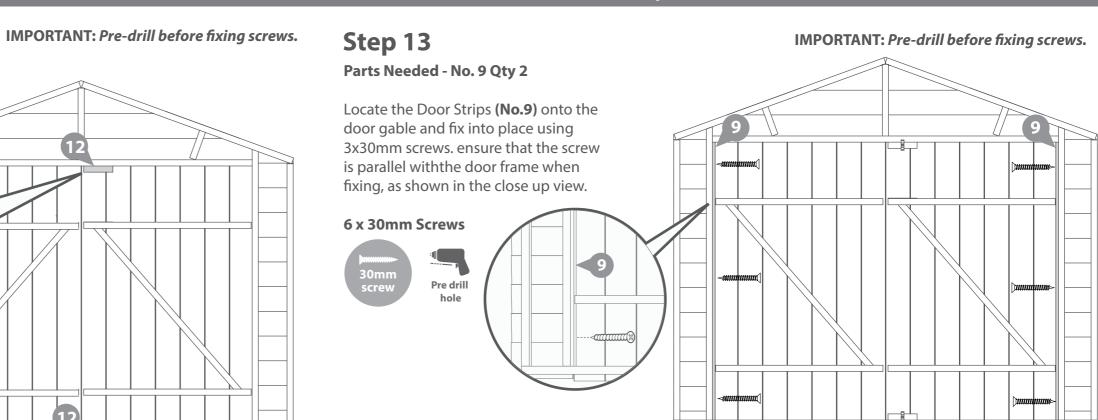
Attach the bolt blocks (**No. 12**) to the doors using 2 x 30mm screws, in the positions illustrated. Screw through the door cladding into the blocks using 30mm screws.

#### 4 x 30mm Screws









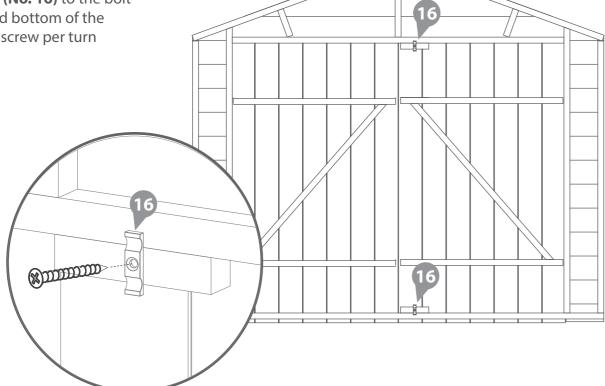
# Step 12 Parts Needed - No. 16 Qty 4

Fix the turn buttons (**No. 16**) to the bolt blocks at the top and bottom of the door using a 30mm screw per turn button.

#### 2 x 30mm Screws







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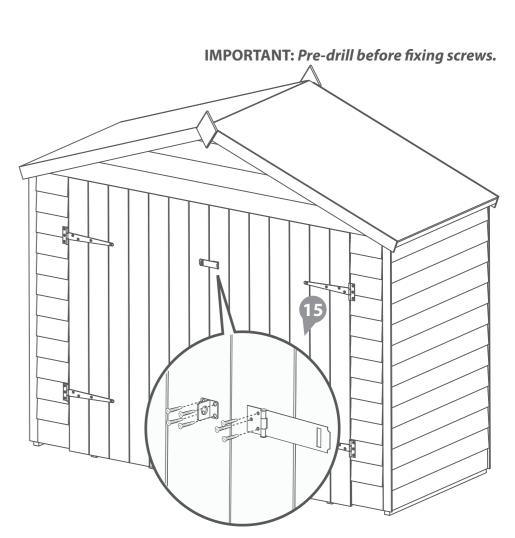
Parts Needed - No. 15 Qty 4

Screw the Staple (No.15) to the left Door, make sure the Hasp (No.15) is in line with the staple and screw into the right Door.

#### 7x 30mm Screws









# MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

All our garden buildings have been designed and manufactured with care and attention to be the perfect addition to your outdoor space. To ensure you do get the best out of your new garden building and to increase the longevity we advise that you follow the product instructions and our manufacturer's recommendations as detailed below. Thank you for choosing a Mercia Garden product!

1

Choosing the most suitable location for your garden building...

A minimum of 60cm should be left around the perimeter of your garden building to allow access for maintenance, annual treatment and to allow air flow around the building.

Where possible you should avoid placing your garden building underneath large trees to prevent the tree causing damage to the building.

2

Preparing the base for your garden building...

All our buildings must be built on a firm, level base to ensure the longevity of the building and prevent the wood from distorting. We recommend either concrete, concrete slabs or a wooden base, such as our 'Portabase'.

The base should be slightly smaller than the external measurement of the building, i.e. the cladding should overlap the base, creating a run off for water and preventing water from pooling underneath the building.

We also recommend that the floor of the garden building is a minimum of 25mm above the surrounding ground level to avoid flooding.

3

After installation...

Once your garden building has been installed it will need to be treated as soon as possible and annually to prevent the timber from deteriorating and to waterproof it. This is required to maintain the anti-rot guarantee.

Dip Treated buildings - Require a preservative treatment to protect against rot and decay and a waterproof treatment to prevent water ingress

Pressure Treated buildings - Require a waterproof treatment to prevent water ingress Log Cabins/Insulated Garden Rooms - Are supplied untreated and require a preservative and waterproofing treatment

We also recommend using a silicon sealant on the inside and outside of the windows as soon as possible after assembly and treatment to fully seal the windows.

Roofing felt/covering should be checked annually and replaced or fixed accordingly.





#### General maintenance and wood characteristics

#### As wood is a natural material it may be affected by the following:

**Shrinkage and warping** - The timber used in the construction of your garden building will have retained some of its natural moisture content. The moisture content of the timber will vary, depending upon prevailing environmental conditions, which will result in the components either naturally expanding or contracting. As the components dry out shrinkage may occur. A good waterproofing treatment from the start is the best protection to minimise the effect of moisture loss/intake.

In extended periods of very warm weather getting some moisture to the building will help the overall balance. You can do this by spraying it down lightly with a garden hose. In contrast after snow fall try to remove the snow as best as possible from the roof to prevent moisture intake and to remove the extra weight.

Top tip - using a garden brush will help you to reach the highest part of the building to remove snow and any debris left from bad weather.

Damp and mould - During the winter months, cold and damp conditions can result in an increased amount of moisture within your garden building, especially when used infrequently. Condensation can form on the timber and other items stored within your garden building. If left this moisture is likely to cause mould and mildew. To prevent the build-up of moisture, we recommend leaving the door or windows of your building open from time to time, to allow the fresh air to circulate. We also advise against storing wet or damp items in your garden building as this will also increase the level of moisture in the building. If mould or mildew does start to form within your building we recommend using an anti-mould cleaner to remove it and to prevent it spreading, which if left untreated could permanently damage your garden building.

**Splits, cracks and knots** - You may notice small splits and cracks in some components or holes may appear where knots shrink and fall out. This will not affect the structure of your Garden building however if you wish to fill them this can be easily done using any good quality wood filler.

Sap - is naturally occurring in wood and may appear in some boards of your garden building. If you wish to remove the sap, we advise waiting until it is dry and then using a sharp knife to carefully remove it. If the removal of the sap causes a hole in the timber, we recommend using a good quality wood filler to fill it.

For more handy hints and tips on how to care and maintain your garden building please refer to the MGP Customer Portal at www.mgplogistics.co.uk

Any further questions?

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# WARRANTY AND GUARANTEE



#### Manufacturer's Warranty

All Mercia Garden Products are supplied with a 1 year warranty on all parts against manufacturing defects.

This warranty does not cover movement, warping or splitting of timber products over time.

This warranty will be voided if any of the following occur:

- 1. The building has been customised or modified/adapted in any way.
- 2. The person claiming is not the original purchaser of the building.
- 3. Any damage has been caused by or as a result of misuse.
- 4. The building has not been maintained and cared for in accordance to our advisories and manufacturer's recommendations.
- 5. The building has not been treated annually or as per the manufacturer's recommendations, please ensure receipts are kept to validate this claim.
- 6. The building has not been erected, fitted or installed as per the supplier instructions.
- 7. The building has not been erected on a suitable sized firm flat, solid level concrete/slab base or placed on pressure treated bearers.
- 8. The building is or has been placed with 2 feet (60cm) of any obstructions (walls, trees, plants, fences etc.) which can allow moisture to penetrate the timber.
- 9. The roofing felt has been incorrectly fitted or damaged allowing water ingress, or not properly maintained.
- 10. Any windows and joints have not been sealed, inside and out, with silicone or other watertight sealant.
- 11. Any timber has been cut, pierced or drilled without subsequent application of approved cut-end treatment.







# 2

#### Anti-rot Guarantee

Mercia Garden Products offer a 10 year anti-rot guarantee on all dip treated (a preparatory treatment) and 15 years on all pressure treated products. This guarantee covers solid timber against rot, decay, blue stain and insect attack.

To validate the guarantee the building must be treated with a recognised wood preserver/water proof top coat (as detailed within manufacturer's recommendations) as soon as possible after assembly and annually thereafter.

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