



# PERFECT KENNEL FLOOR

## Instant Installation Instructions

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While this is the 'Instant' method, the 'Perfect' method of installation is preferred (see instructions) but can also be done at a future date, so make sure you keep the parts included in your kit.



**1** The spot you choose to install your kennel should be reasonably flat and level. Steel spikes are used to secure the kennel in place for this installation. Inspect for in ground irrigation, water lines, or electrical wires. If it's grassy, cut the grass as short as possible and fill in any holes or depressions with drain rock before proceeding to the next step.



shipping; they won't affect the performance of the floor, and will disappear when the floor is stretched out.

**3** Staying approximately 2" from the edge of the floor material, drive a spike into one corner of your Perfect Kennel Floor and secure it to the ground. From the opposite corner, pull the Perfect Kennel Floor tight enough so it lays flat and smoothes out any creases and drive in another spike. Repeat for the two remaining corners and then install the rest of the spikes evenly around the perimeter of the



floor, remembering to stay back approximately 2" from the edge of the material.

**4** Now you're ready to install the kennel. Each Perfect Kennel Floor is manufactured slightly larger than the footprint of your kennel. Place your kennel in the center of the Perfect Kennel Floor to ensure that the edges of the floor are on the outside of the kennel. Do not drag the kennel across the flooring, as sharp edges can damage your Perfect Kennel Floor and void the warranty. Your installation is complete!



### Cleaning:

To clean your Perfect Kennel Floor, simply hose it off. From time to time apply a disinfectant appropriate for use in kennels and hose off as usual. If you have any questions visit our web site at [kennelfloor.com](http://kennelfloor.com) or e-mail us at [info@kennelfloor.com](mailto:info@kennelfloor.com) and we will be pleased to assist you.

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## Perfect Installation Instructions

Please read and understand these instructions completely before starting your kennel floor installation.

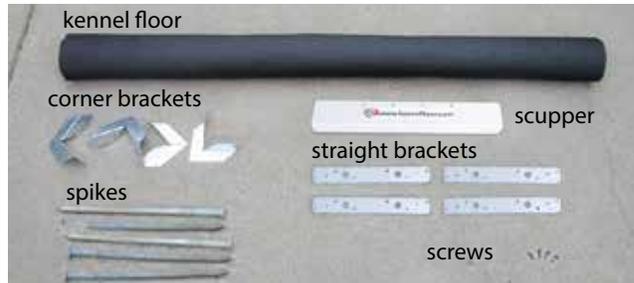
This kennel floor installation technique was developed for pre-manufactured, freestanding kennels, usually sold as a kennel-in-a-box kit at pet stores, home improvement centers and on-line. It can be easily adapted for permanently mounted, pre-existing kennels (see alternate instructions on pg. 3).

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### Each Kennel Floor kit includes the following:

- Kennel Floor
- 4 – Metal right angle brackets
- 4 – Metal straight brackets
- 1 – Metal scupper, and
- 4 – 1 inch stainless screws
- 10" galvanized steel spikes (a sufficient number for your floor size)

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### What you will need:

#### Supplies:

- 4 pressure treated 2x4s long enough to construct a frame to match the perimeter dimensions of your kennel.  1
- 4 standard (non pressure treated) 2x4s long enough to construct the top frame which will overlap the base frame and provide a mounting platform for the kennel  2
- ½" drain rock - enough to cover the interior area of your kennel to a depth of 1 ½" (see volume chart on page 3)  3



- Roll of landscape fabric - enough to cover the area of the kennel with overlap between pieces
- At least fifty 1" pan head, # 8 wood screws
- At least fifty 3" flat head, # 8 weatherproof wood screws

#### Tools:

- Staple gun with a box of 3/8" staples
- Hammer
- Drill with a ½" bit and screw driver attachment
- Measuring tape
- Saw to cut the 2x4 boards (power or handsaw)



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pressions with drain rock before proceeding to the next step.

**2** Measure the outside length and width of your kennel and cut four pressure treated 2x4

boards to create the gravel containment frame. The frame has to be sized so that the kennel will fit directly on top of it. Allow for the width of the 2x4s.

**3** Using the #8 - 1" panhead screws, secure the frame together at the inside corners with the metal right angle brackets and at the outside joints using the metal flat brackets included with your kit.



**4** In preparation for securing the frame to the ground, drill 1/2" diameter holes (8 altogether) at each corner and midway along each side of the frame.

**5** With the inside corner brackets facing up, staple the landscape fabric to the top of the frame. Overlap the landscape fabric so that it is even with the edges of the frame.



**6** Turn the frame over and place it in its final position with the landscape fabric facing down.



**7** Drive eight 10" galvanized steel spikes through the holes that you previously drilled in the frame.



**8** Fill the frame with drain rock. Use a 2x4 to level it even with the top of the frame. The landscape fabric will prevent the drain rock from sinking into the ground over time.



**9** Place the kennel floor on top of the frame.



**10** Staple one corner of the kennel floor to the frame using several staples placed close together, then pull the opposite corner as tightly as possible and staple it in the same manner. Repeat this process for the remaining corners. Install staples every 4" on all sides of the floor while pulling the edges towards the outside of the frame. Trim any overhang with a razor knife or heavy duty scissors.



**11** Position the wash-down scupper at the lowest corner of the kennel floor platform, flush with the edge. Screw it down

through the kennel floor and into the bottom frame, using the four 1" stainless steel screws that came with your kit.



**12** Cut the four remaining (non pressure treated) 2x4s to form the top frame that will cover the edges of the kennel floor material and provide the base for the kennel walls.



The corner joints of the top frame should criss-cross the corner joints of the bottom frame for added strength. With all the top frame pieces cut to length, determine which one will cover the scupper and cut off 12".

**13** Now screw the top frame to the base frame using 3" screws placed about 6" to 8" apart, all the way around the perimeter of the floor assembly, leaving a 12" gap at the scupper.



**14** Your freestanding kennel can now be placed on top of the kennel floor frame assembly and anchored in place by drilling holes in the bottom rail of the kennel and installing 3" screws through the rail and into the frame. If you are planning to install any accessories inside the kennel that won't fit through the kennel door, be sure to put them on the floor and lift the kennel over them before securing the kennel to the floor frame assembly.



**15** Your Perfect Kennel Floor installation is now complete!

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**Alternate Instructions:**

**For permanently mounted, pre-existing kennels on earth or concrete:**

If your kennel is already permanently mounted, you can build the drainage frame inside your kennel. Then trim the flooring material to fit, and install the scupper and the top frame in the same manner as described in these instructions.

Base Frame Drain Rock Chart (approximation)			
Floor Size	5 gallon buckets	Cubic Feet	Cubic Yards
4 x 4	3.0	2.0	0.1
4 x 6	4.5	3.0	0.2
5 x 5	4.7	3.1	0.2
4 x 8	6.1	4.0	0.2
6 x 8	9.1	6.0	0.3
5 x 10	9.5	6.3	0.4
7.5 x 7.5	10.7	7.0	0.4
6 x 10	11.4	7.5	0.4
6 x 12	13.6	9.0	0.5
5 x 15	14.2	9.4	0.5
7 x 12	15.9	10.5	0.6
7.5 x 13	18.5	12.2	0.7
10 x 10	18.9	12.5	0.7
10 x 12	22.7	15.0	0.8