

Vertex Lifetime Tall Tomato Cage

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You're going to love this tomato cage! It's strong, lightweight, offers plenty of room for harvesting, is built to last and is perfect for tomatoes that grow up to 6' tall. The aluminum rods won't rust, the connectors are durable and UV-resistant, and the whole thing folds flat in seconds for storage.

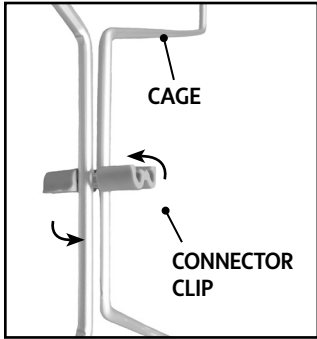
Parts List

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| (1) SELF-STAKING BOTTOM CAGE | (8) UNION CLIPS |
| (1) TOP CAGE | (1) CLIP INSTALLATION TOOL |
| (5) CONNECTOR CLIPS | (4) SILICONE TUBES |

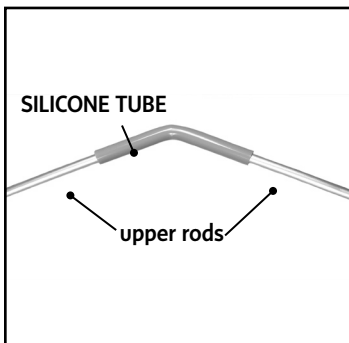
Assembly and Installation

The Vertex Lifetime Tall Tomato Cage should be installed in firm soil. It is not intended to be used in loose soils, such as sand.

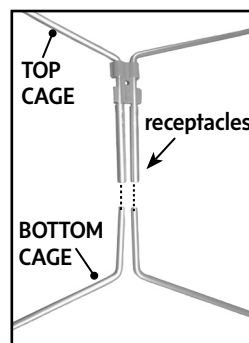
1. Wrap the **BOTTOM CAGE** around your tomato plant but do not seat the legs fully into the ground just yet.



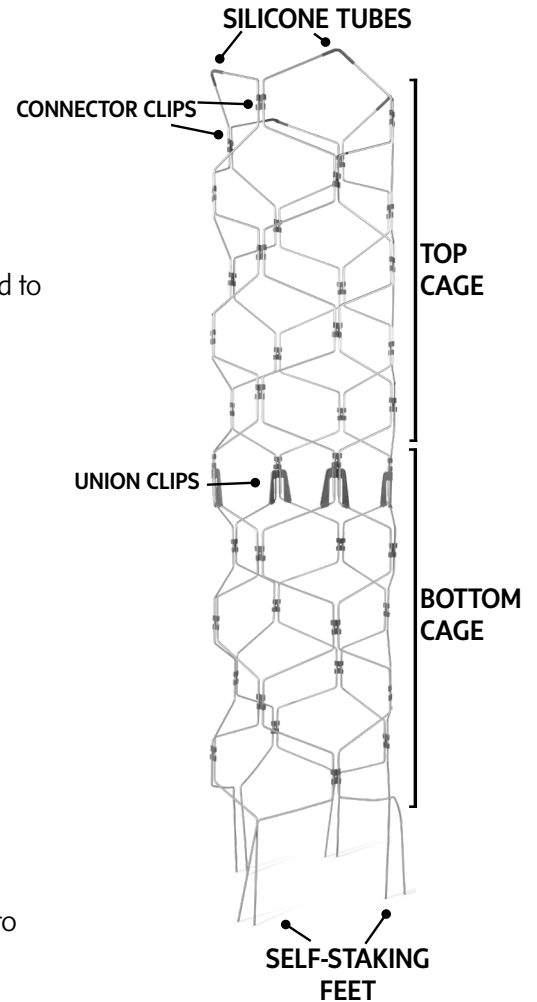
2. Using two **CONNECTOR CLIPS**, secure the opening by placing each clip between two rods, centering it vertically, then twisting up and pressing firmly until it snaps into place. Use the **CLIP INSTALLATION TOOL** for leverage if needed.



3. Use the **SILICONE TUBES** to connect the upper rods on the **TOP CAGE**.



4. Connect the rods on the **TOP CAGE** with the remaining three **CONNECTOR CLIPS** as shown. Then, slide the receptacles on the **TOP CAGE** over the prongs on the **BOTTOM CAGE**.



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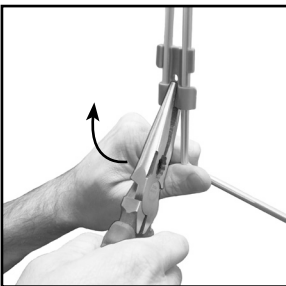


5. Snap the short end of a UNION clip onto the BOTTOM CAGE as shown. Position the INSTALLATION TOOL so that the upper end of the union clip and the receptacle are between the two tines, and then push down on the tool handle to snap the clip into place. Repeat at all connection points. To see a video of this in action, go to gardeners.com and search "vertex tall tomato cage".

6. Push the assembled cage fully into the ground. Your installation is complete!

Your cage will sway slightly in high winds. This will help your plant develop a strong stem.

At the end of your growing season, use snips to remove any spent vines from the cage. **Warning:** Forcibly pulling the vines off may cause the aluminum to bend. Fold your cage flat for easy storage.



If you ever need to remove a CONNECTOR CLIP, we recommend using needle-nose pliers to hold the bottom of the CONNECTOR CLIP and lift up to disengage.

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