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Plastic Support Rod Instructions

Plastic support rods offer a simple and efficient alternative to wiring frames for crimp wired foundation. Unlike wire, these rods do not need to be embedded into the wax, as the bees readily build comb over them. We recommend using two rods per frame for all frame sizes.

You will need:

- Assembled frames with foundation installed
- Pliers and side cutters

Components Included:

- 20 x Support Rods
- 20 x Locking Washers

Instructions:

1. Assemble your wooden frame and install the crimp wired foundation. See Wooden Frame Assembly Instructions for additional directions.
2. Push the rod through the holes in the end bars of the frame roughly halfway between the top and bottom bar and secure with a locking washer. If you have having trouble pushing the rod through the hole, try using pliers to gently pull it through.
3. Using the pliers to lighten the rod push the lock washer down tightly and then cut the rod off about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the washer. This will give enough rod beyond the washer to keep the washer from slipping but be short enough to not interfere when putting the frames in the super or hive body.
4. Use two rods per frame, one on either side of the foundation. The package includes enough rods for ten frames.