

## Show Cage Sizes—Budgerigar Team Cage



This fact sheet details the specification of the Team Show Cage that is required to exhibit a team of Budgerigars in the United Kingdom.

Other fact sheets in this series are available covering the requirements for other species of birds.

## **STANDARD TEAM SHOW CAGE 1996—SPECIFICATION**

### **SIZE**

Overall measurements 514mm long x 330mm high x 225mm wide.

### **BOTTOM**

515mm long x 222mm wide x 9mm thick with pencil round front edge. Maker's code number to be indented on the base of the cage so that it is in no way visible when judging takes place.

### **SIDES**

312mm high x 222mm wide x 9mm thick with pencil round front edge and 25mm radius in top front corner.

### **TOP**

514mm long x 200 mm wide x 9mm thick with pencil round front edge and 85mm x 30mm kidney shaped hand hold positioned centrally in length and 40mm from rear.

### **BACK**

514mm long x 245mm high x 3mm thick.

### **SLOPING ROOF**

9mm thick positioned 247mm from bottom of cage and 45mm from front of cage. Centre of junction between top of cage and sloping roof to be stiffened by a triangular block of wood.

### **FRONT RAIL**

50mm high from floor of cage x 10mm thick and recessed 4mm from front of cage. Registered trade mark label to be fitted to front rail set in bottom left hand corner.

### **DOOR SIZE**

100mm high x 100mm wide externally with sloping bevel cut to top, bottom and left hand edges. Right hand edge to be straight cut. Bottom of door to be 110mm from bottom of cage and centred on side panel. Door corners on the opposite side to the hinges can be radiused up to 5mm.

### **DOOR FASTENERS**

(1) One plain brass desk turn 25mm long fixed by brass screw to side of cage to coincide with a raised head brass screw positioned 12mm in from front left hand edge of door and 50mm from top of the door.

(2) One plain brass desk turn 25mm long fixed above top left hand side of door to line up with side fixing set 12mm from edge of door.

### **DOOR HINGES**

Two black painted strong hinges 25mm x 16mm fixed on right hand side of door and 10mm from top and bottom of door.

### **DOOR PULL**

19mm – 25mm x 1.6mm (16 gauge) wire, black painted S hook in centre of door.

### **PERCHES**

Three in number x 14mm – 15mm diameter with both ends cut flush.

### **PERCH POSITION**

Centre of perches to be 140mm from bottom of cage, one in centre of back and the other two spaced 135mm between centres either side.

### **PERCH FIXINGS**

Perches to be secured to back of cage with countersunk screws and cup washers, and to centre crossbar on wire front of cage by 3mm deep horizontal saw cut. Centre perch to have an additional 3mm vertical saw cut to line up centrally on wire cage front.

### **WIRE FRONT**

Comprises of 31 wires x 2mm (14 gauge) mesh at 16mm centres. For strength, double punched at top, set 10mm apart; curve at top, 19mm bow. Centre of middle crossbar to be 140mm above bottom of cage. Front to be fixed to cage by three extended wires at bottom and top. The centre wire at top to be cut to avoid excessive protrusion.

### **DRINKERS**

Two in number, white plastic finger drawer type not to exceed 50mm in overall length to be positioned two bars to left of left hand perch and two bars to right of right hand perch.

### **COLOURS**

Inside and wire front – white

Outside – Black Gloss, including top of front rail

Preferred material for making cages is red or white deal, pine or obeche, with the top and bottom a 9mm finish and the side and false roof a 9mm finish. The

back a 3mm plywood nailed outside. However cages produced in alternative materials must comply with all internal and external dimensions, and give a similar appearance to a wooden cage when viewed from the front.

TEAM SHOW CAGES manufactured to standards issued prior to the 1996 specification remain acceptable up to and including the year 2005.

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