

Fitting notes for balance beams



Pack contents: balance beam

Tools required for fitting:-

Digging Equipment

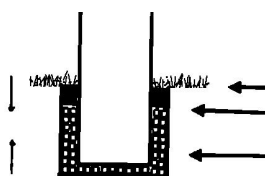
Fixing materials

Before any digging is carried out, it is important to make sure there are no services buried beneath the desired placement points, i.e. electric, gas, water or drainage pipes. Look for existing manhole covers as a clue.

Always check existing plans for services.

Make sure the required gaps between other structures and the balance beam is maintained on all sides and appropriate surface is underneath, for example, wood chip, rubber mats, grass mats or lawn.

Place the balance beam where you wish to site it. With a spade, mark closely around the legs. Move the balance beam to one side whilst digging the holes. Remove turf and place aside for later use. The holes should be dug to approximately one half the depth of the legs, varying according to the age and height of the children. The holes should be fractionally wider in diameter than the legs. Carefully lower the balance beam into the holes and look to see if it is reasonably level. If not, add soil to the hole of lowest leg and lift that side of the balance beam until enough soil is compacted underneath to level it. Fill and compact soil down around the legs, in layers.



Reinstate turf at ground level. Depending on ground conditions you could set the legs in with a 4 to 1 dry mix of ballast and cement, or road planings - both of these materials need to be compacted in layers.

To keep the timber in good condition apply a coat of boiled linseed oil two or three times a year in warm, dry weather.

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