



Big Dutchman

AVIPLUS

NEW!



**The comfort system for layers
with perch, nest and litter bath**

AVIPLUS – the comfort system for laying hens

– patent pending –

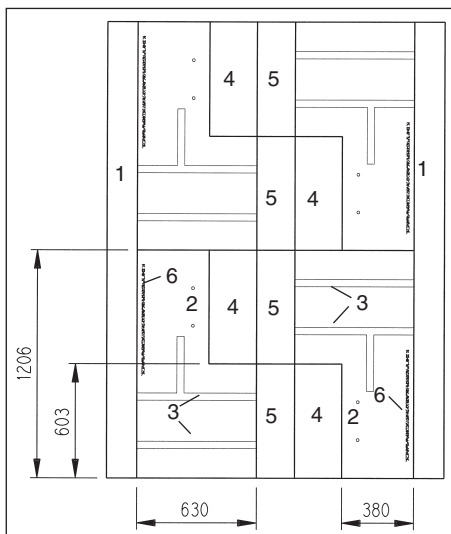
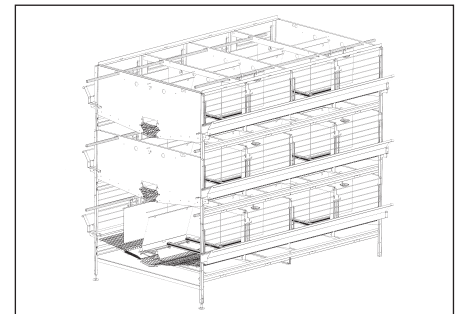
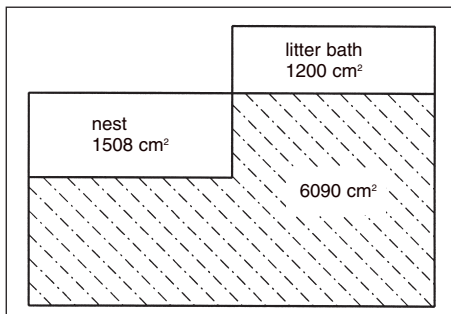
AVIPLUS from Big Dutchman is a completely new design of comfort system for which a patent is pending Europe-wide (EP 0 891 704 A1).

AVIPLUS fulfils all the requirements of the new CE guideline regarding minimum requirements for the welfare of laying hens. In chapter III, article 6 the following points are specified:

Furnished cages which are in operation on January 1, 2002 and beyond have to meet the following requirements:

- 750 cm² surface per hen; 600 cm² of which has to be useable area;
- height of the useable area 45 cm minimum;
- compartment height outside the useable area min. 20 cm;
- total surface area no less than 2000 cm²;
- 2 nipples/compartment accessible for the hens;
- 12 cm eating area/hen;
- 15 cm perch/hen;
- nest;
- litter;
- aisle width at least 90 cm;
- 35 cm space between the floor and the bottom tier;
- device for restricting the growth of the hens' claws.

Arrangement of nest, litter bath and perches

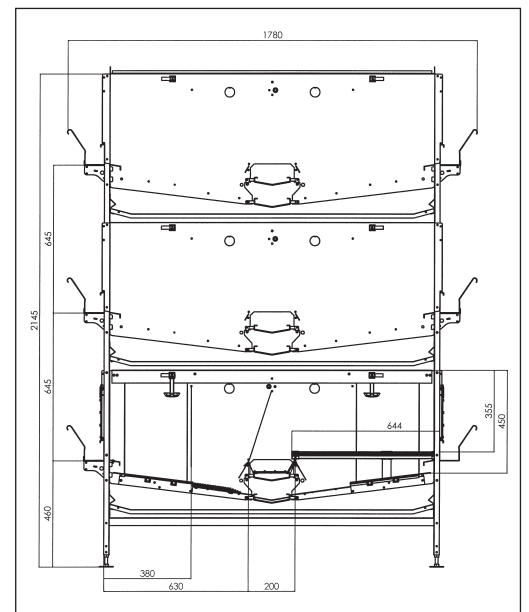


Offset arrangement of nest and litter bath

One AVIPLUS compartment is 63 cm deep and 120 cm in length. 3 or more tiers can be installed.

AVIPLUS is designed for 10 hens with 756 cm² per bird and 12 cm eating area.

AVIPLUS with nest, litter bath and perches as well as a device for restricting the growth of claws ideally meets the natural behavioural patterns of hens. Thus, this new comfort housing system fully satisfies all the requirements for animal welfare.



Cross section of 3-tier AVIPLUS

Key

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| 1 feed trough | 4 nest |
| 2 nipple | 5 litter bath |
| 3 perch | 6 abrasive strip |



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