



Instructions for converting MSS-8 martin house to enlarged compartments



Note: This is only a suggested procedure.

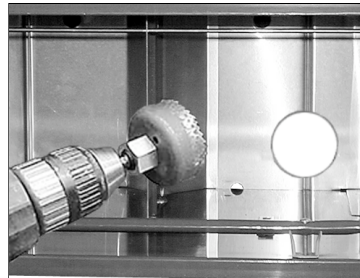
CAUTION: Because of decreased entry size, it is very important that you conduct regular nest checks during nesting season when enlarged compartments are in use to make sure martins are not trapped inside. It has been noted that sparrows will sometimes build a nest in front of the martin nest, trapping baby and parent birds. (Enlarged compartments may also attract starlings.)

Step 1. If house is already installed, lower the house on the pole to an easy access height. Remove all doors and subfloors.

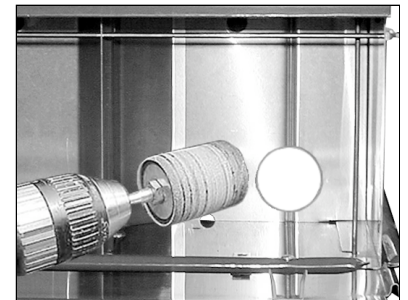


Step 2. Use 2-1/2" to 3" hole saw on a drill. Cut hole as shown in each center divider both lower and upper compartments.

NOTE: Bottom of hole is 1/2" from floor.

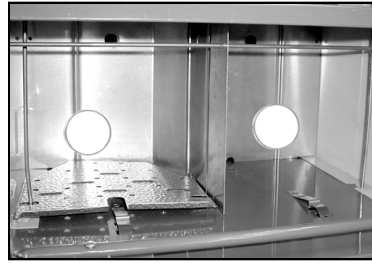


Step 3. Use sanding drum that fits on drill or rasper to remove sharp edges and burrs. This will enlarge the hole a bit more.



Step 4. With gloved hand, use a piece of sandpaper to do one final sanding on all sharp edges of holes.





Step 5. Replace subfloors, and you're ready to hang doors.

Step 6. Add crescent doors. On house shown there will be four on one side. Blank doors (or regular keyhole entrance doors with door stops) should be added on all other openings.



**Side 1
of converted house**



**Side 2
of converted house**

Doing nest checks at least once a week until hatchlings are about 14 days old and keeping accurate records of your colony is an important part of a management program — good management is necessary for a healthy purple martin colony. To request a free information packet call 800-255-2692 or e-mail: <natsoc@adams.net>

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