

Unipod C Hardware Details

C Top



The top of the Unipod C stand is constructed of indestructible, 5/8 inch brushed stainless tubing and measures 20 inches deep from perch to back of "C". The top of the "C" has a closed eye hook for hanging toys, bungee ropes, etc. while the bottom of the "C" has a stainless T-bar for mounting the perch. The stainless steel T-bar also supports a stainless food cup bracket with room for two food cups. The perch/T-bar rises 9 inches above the tray, providing ample clearance for long tails both around the perch and in the climbing space above the perch. The perch is normally positioned perpendicular to the "C" frame—but can be rotated into another position should a different orientation be desired. The perch also unbolts easily from the stainless T-bar if the wood need to be changed or replaced. Wood choices for the T-bar/perch include dragonwood, Manzanita, and maple dowel. Textured PVC is also available for customers preferring something other than wood.

The "C" top attaches to the stem of the Unipod via a second stainless stub welded to the underside of the "C" (below the T-bar). There's a threaded plug inside this stub that screws onto a stud at the top of the stem. A simple twisting action is all that's required to mount the top to the stem (i.e. no tools required).

Base

The base for the Unipod stand comes in either glass block or natural stone. The glass block comes 3 to 4 inches thick (depending on the pattern and/or color chosen), while the natural stone (granite, marble, etc.) is typically 1-1/2 inches high. Both type bases measure 16 inches square and weigh roughly 25 pounds, ensuring a very stable footprint for the single stem Unipod stand.

The glass or natural stone mounts to a heavy duty polycarb base plate—to which the footings of the base (either gliders or wheels) are attached. The base plate attaches to the glass or stone base via a heavy 6 inch hexhead bolt that threads through center holes in the base plate and the glass block/natural stone. The bolt is secured on either side of the base/base plate with large stainless washers and hex nuts.

For the footing of the base, customers have a choice of either gliders or wheels. Both footings make the base easy to move—but wheels are recommended over gliders if the customer intends to move the stand frequently from room to room. The gliders are made of durable, gouge-resistant plastic and are glued securely to the bottom plate of the base. The wheels are made of heavy duty nylon and attach to the base plate via rivets. The wheels come with either a black or chrome hood. The black is used for darker-colored bases, while the chrome looks best with the clear and light-colored bases.



Tray



The stainless tray for Unipod comes 20 inches in diameter and 3 inches deep. The tray is formed out of high quality, rustproof 310 stainless sheeting, which has been spun on a lathe to create a beautiful rounded shape. The edge of the tray has a rounded lip, which adds both strength and aesthetic appeal to the tray and stand. There's a hole drilled at the center of the tray for mounting the tray onto the stem of the stand.

Stem

The stem of the Unipod is constructed of indestructible, one inch stainless steel tubing. It comes in two lengths—34 inch or 38 inch, depending on whether a wheeled or glider base footing has been selected. The 34 inch stem is used for stands with wheels, while the 38 inch stem is used for stands with gliders—so stands with wheels or gliders end up being approximately the same in terms of overall height. Threaded plugs have been welded inside the tube at either end of the stem. One end of the stem has been fitted with a long stud for attaching stem to C top, while the other end screws onto the bolt emanating from the top/center of the glass or natural stone base.



A 5.5-inch diameter, spun stainless steel cone is welded to the bottom of the stem. The base of the cone acts as a stabilizing brace against the glass or natural stone base and helps minimize the potential for wobble at the top of the stand. A specially-cut rubber pad fits under the cone and on top of the glass/stone base to provide a cushion against the metal when the stem is screwed and tightened to the base. Like the stainless tray above, the cone is spun on a lathe out of high-grade 310 stainless sheet in a curved shape that adds further to the elegance of the stand. The stem mounts easily to the base by screwing the base bolt into the threaded plug at the bottom of the stem (and inside the welded cone). The only tool required for mounting the stem to the base is a small combination wrench, which is used to tighten the hexhead bolt holding base to stem from underneath the base plate. The stainless combination wrench is provided with the stand.



The stem of the Unipod also comes in an adjustable format for customers needing to raise and lower the height of the stand. The adjustable stem is made up of two telescoping stainless steel tubes, with snap buttons that adjust the length of the stem to 3 different levels. The middle position of the adjustable stem sets the height of the stand at the same overall height as a stand with a solid (non-adjustable) stem. The positions on either side of the middle give customers the option of raising the stand 6 inches or lowering the height 6 inches. Like the solid stem described above, the adjustable stem comes with a welded stainless cone on the bottom for added stability.

Tabletop Conversion

The C top and tray can also be removed from the stem/base of the Unipod and used as a tabletop stand. We include a 3 inch bolt with every Unipod for use in attaching the tray to the C top. To convert to a tabletop stand, simply unscrew the C top from the stem and lift off the stainless tray. From the bottom of the tray, insert the 3 inch bolt through the hole in the middle of the tray and screw the C top onto the tray. When done using the tabletop, unscrew the top from the bolt—and restore the tray and top on the Unipod stand.