

Unpack & setup Homepin Thunderbirds pinball machine

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Ensure the package has no visible damage, check the 'tilt label' and don't sign for delivery if there appears to be any problems. Carefully cut the outer plastic wrap and remove the foam packing. Under the cardboard top packing you will find the setup instructions as well as the service manual.



NOTE: The power cable might be packed with the manual (pic above)

Cut the large cable ties holding the box with legs to the pallet and unpack the four legs. They are all the same but will become front and back legs when you screw the four feet into them. Note the legs with the shorter feet will be bolted to the front of the machine.



Locate the keys to both the front door and the coin box. They are cable tied to the plunger on the front right side of the machine. There are duplicates of these keys included. Open the front door, reach in and unlock the padlock securing the coin box and remove the coin box from the machine.



In the coin box you will find spare trees, spare plastics and spare apron cards. There is also a box of pinballs, a mains power cable, 8 leg bolts and two backbox wing bolts with washers. There might also be a bag of Thunderbirds tokens (limited supply, may run out).



NOTE: The power cable may not be in the money box. It may be packed in its own box with the service manual.

Using four of the leg bolts and an 18mm spanner attach the legs with the short feet to the front of the machine.

Snug the bolts up but don't overtighten them.



Locate the two bolts holding the machine to the steel pallet and remove these using an 18mm spanner.



Now tip the machine onto the front legs. Raise the back and sit it on a stool or similar so that the back legs can be bolted on.



Carefully cut and remove the plastic wrap holding the backbox.



Slowly fold the backbox up to its vertical position. Take note of the three tubes that carry the wires. The two thicker ones (indicated by red arrows) are attached to the headbox and will push into the bottom cabinet as you fold the headbox up while the thin one (in yellow) is attached to the main body of the machine (bottom) and so you can help it into the headbox.

Make sure these tubes do not get jammed between the headbox and the main body of the machine. The headbox will sit in the upright position while you prepare to bolt it in place.



Remove the protective plastic from the playfield glass.



Locate the backbox translite key on the hook inside the front door and unlock the translite (the key will stay in the lock in the unlocked position).

Lift the translite up and towards you using the plastic channel at the bottom. As you lift the bottom clear of the backbox, slide the translite down and lift it clear of the cabinet. Set it aside for the moment.



Identify and lift the small latch on the top right of the DMD panel. This will release it and you can swing it out to the left and clear of the backbox.



Fit the two backbox wingbolts with washers, screw them into the positions shown below to secure the backbox.



Now identify the lock down bar release handle inside the door and move it to the left to release the lock bar. It will be quite firm and will require some force to move it. Pushing down on the lock down bar might assist here.

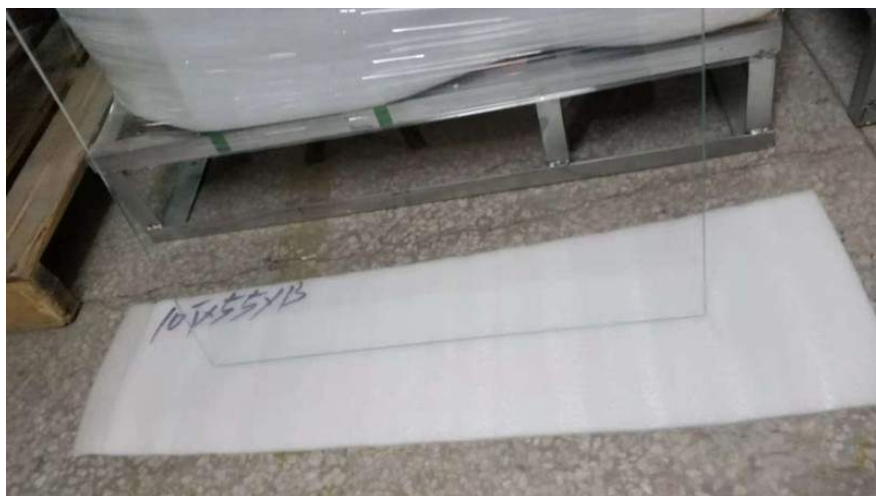


Take off the lock down bar and prepare a place to sit the glass.

NEVER – EVER put the glass directly onto a hard surface such as concrete or tiles as it will shatter instantly and spectacularly!

Slide the glass from the machine holding it with one open palm on each side of the glass. Set it down carefully, on one end vertically as shown below.





Remove the three pieces of packing foam from The Mole captive ball, the ball launch trough and the tilt bob shown below.



Peel off the protective plastic coverings from the playfield and the playfield plastics.

NOTE: Never use any harsh chemicals to clean the playfield – ONLY use soapy water or isopropyl alcohol. A furniture polish can be used but we advise testing it in an inconspicuous area before using it widely to ensure it doesn't adversely affect the plastics.



Remove five (5) pinballs from their packing and clean them well with the cloth provided in the box. Install them into the machine by simply allowing them to drain into the bottom between the flippers.



Remove the power lead cover plate at the rear of the machine using a #2 phillips head screwdriver and plug in the power cable. Refit the metal cover.



Put the glass back in the machine, close the DMD speaker panel and latch it. Refit the translite and put the key back inside the front door on the hook provided.

Refit the lockdown bar – again, this may take a lot of pressure and pushing down firmly on the top of the bar may be required. Put the coin box in place and close the door.

The main power on/off switch is fitted under the right hand side next to the front right leg.

Congratulations, your new Thunderbirds Pinball machine is ready to use.

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