

# #400 SLAT ROCKER ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS



Thank you for purchasing a quality rocking chair from Hinkle Chair Company. Hinkle Chair Company is a family-owned business that has made hardwood furniture in the same location in Springfield, Tennessee since 1834. Your chair comes with a rich heritage and will become a treasured family heirloom. If you should have any comments or questions please call the toll free number below between 8:00 am and 4:30 PM CST Monday through Friday. Again, we appreciate your business and hope you get many years of enjoyment from this chair.

**NOTICE:** The Rocking Chair product that you have purchased requires some assembly. As with all furniture, proper assembly is necessary for the safe and comfortable use of your rocker. Hinkle Chair Company cannot be responsible for any damage or injury that results from the improper assembly of the chair. Please read and follow the assembly steps carefully and if you have any questions regarding the proper assembly of your rocker please call **The Hinkle Chair Company Helpline (800) 251-3025**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Rocker you have purchased is depicted above. Many of our rockers assemble with the exact same steps and the only difference is the appearance of the chair. If the rocker depicted in the assembly steps does not look the chair you purchased, it assembles with the same steps. Also, all references of left and right in these instructions are from the perspective of standing in front of the chair facing it, not sitting in it.

**\*\*Attention/Stop\*\***



**READ THIS BEFORE ASSEMBLY!  
FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES WILL  
VOID YOUR WARRANTY!**

Hinkle Chair Company has made every effort to provide you with a ready-to-assemble product that has the same quality as our fully assembled rocking chairs. Please follow the instructions below to protect you (The Customer) from accepting responsibility for a product that is damaged or incomplete.

1<sup>st</sup>) Inspect all parts for any imperfection that might have occurred during shipping. Do not begin assembly if you do not have time to complete entire assembly of rocker.

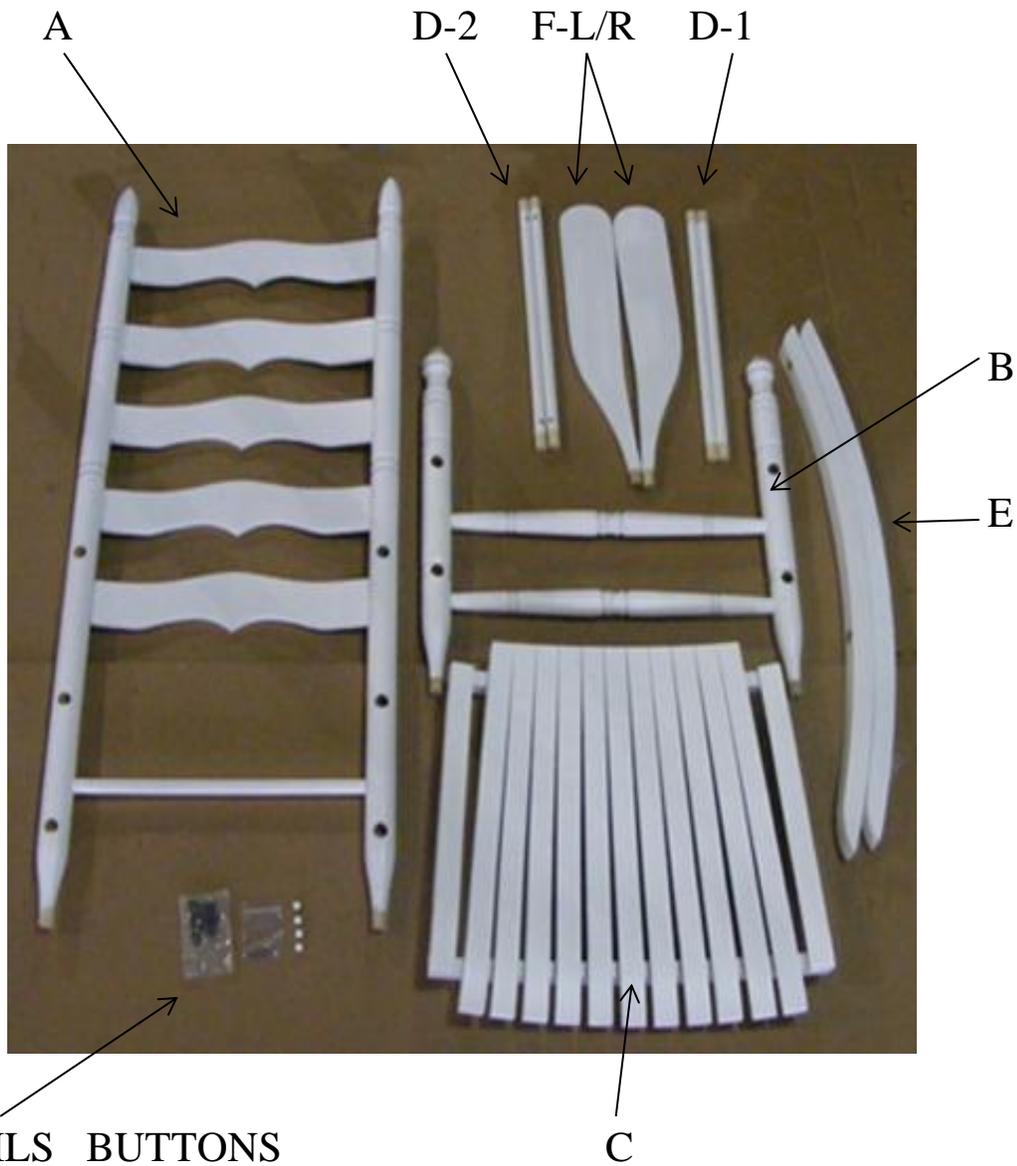
2<sup>nd</sup>) If there is damaged or missing parts please call 800-251-3025. Do not begin assembly until you have all the correct parts.

3<sup>rd</sup>) Follow steps 1 through 6 completely pre-assembling the chair without applying any of the following; Buttons, Screws, or Nails.

4<sup>th</sup>) When you have determined that all parts are available and undamaged, and that all parts and assemblies fit properly, proceed with steps 1 through 6 applying fasteners.

This product is intended for a covered porch or indoors. This product should be cleaned weekly as you would with any other wooden furniture product. If at any time during these steps, assistance is needed, please contact The Hinkle Chair Company Customer Service **(800) 251-3025**.

# 400 SLAT ROCKING CHAIR



SCREWS-NAILS    BUTTONS

C

## PARTS INCLUDED:

1- CHAIR BACK (A)

1- CHAIR FRONT (B)

1- SEAT (C)

2- SIDE SPINDLES (D-1)

2- UPPER SIDE SPINDLES (D-2)

2- ROCKER RUNNERS (E)

1- LEFT ARM (F-L)

1- RIGHT ARM (F-R)

4- WOODEN BUTTONS

4- NAILS

4- 2" SCREWS

4- 1.5" SCREWS

**TOOLS REQUIRED (NOT INCLUDED)** RUBBER MALLET, HAMMER  
SCREWDRIVER (HAND OR ELECTRIC)

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## STEP 1:

Lay your chair on the shipping Box during assembly to protect it. Lay chair back (A) flat with 6 pre-drilled holes facing up. Insert upper left side spindle (D-2) and upper right side spindle (D-2) into the bored holes in Chair Back (A) (Figure 1)



Ensure the countersink portion of the pre-drilled holes are facing out at a 45 degree angle. This will help with future steps. (Figure 2)



**Figure 1**

**Figure 2**

## STEP 2:

Insert 2 side spindles (D-1) into remaining 2 holes in Chair Back (A). (Figure 3)



Place chair front (B) onto side spindles. Tap down on chair front (B) with rubber mallet until fully seated into holes. (Figure 4)



**Figure 3**

**Figure 4**

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## STEP 3:

Place the seat (C) into the chair. Do not put screws in at this time. The seat must be placed in the chair before the next step./ (Figure 5)



Figure 5

## STEP 4:

Place runner (E) onto the front tenon of the Chair Front (B) ensuring that the runner (E) pre-drilled holes in the side of the runner (E) face inward on the chair. Tap down until seated. (Figure 7)



Figure 7

Place chair upright and insert the tenon of the arm Arm (F-L/R) into the predrilled hole in the chair chair back (A). Rotate the arm down on the tenon on the chair front (B) into the pre-drilled hole in The arm (F-L/R). Do not insert screws at this time. Repeat for both sides. (Figure 6)



Figure 6

Tap down on the back of the runner (E) do drive onto tenon of chair back (A). Continue tapping down going back and forth front to back until runner (E) is fully seated on tenon. Repeat other side. (Figure 8)

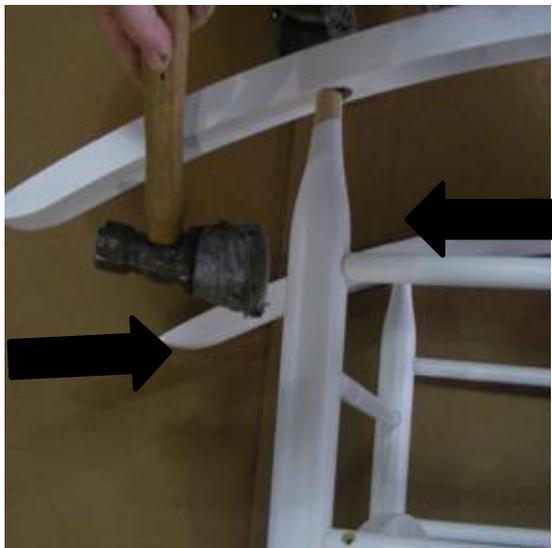


Figure 8

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## STEP 4:

If you are having difficulty getting the rear runner pre-drilled hole on the tenon you may have to tap on the chair back (A) post forward and back until it goes onto the tenon. (Figure 9)



**Figure 9**

## STEP 5:

Using the 2" screw insert into the inside of the arm (F-L/R) in the pre-drilled hole. Drive the screw into the hole deep enough to place a button over it later. Repeat other side. (Figure 11)



**Figure 11**

Take the nails provided and place one in each of the pre-drilled holes in the side of the runner (E). Drive nails flush with side of runner. Repeat for other three. (Figure 10)



**Figure 10**

Lean chair forward and insert 2" screw in back of chair back (A) in the pre-drilled hole for the arm. Drive the screw deep enough to be able to place a button in the hole later. Repeat other side. (Figure 12)



**Figure 12**

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## STEP 6:

Locate the upper side spindles (D-2) and 4 of the 1.5" screws. You will notice that there are indentations on one set of holes on the upper side spindles (D-2). Thread the 1.5" screw half way through the spindle so that it comes out the other side Fig. 5. This will assist you in lining up the pre-drilled holes in the bottom of the seat. (Figure 13)



Figure 13

Pull Seat down onto D-2. With the chair lying on on its back; locate the pre-drilled hole in the bottom of the seat. Align the screw turning the side spindle (D-2) to line it up and begin driving the screw into the seat. Do not tighten all the way until the other screw on that side is started. Then tighten both screws down fully. Repeat for other side. (Figure 14)



Figure 14

## STEP 6:

Important! This photo is taken with the chair front (B) off for better viewing.

**This is a critical step if you are having trouble!**

Align the Upper Side Spindles (D-2) with the pre-drilled holes in the lower seat piece as shown above in Figure 16. You may need to rotate the Spindle clockwise or counter-clockwise to get the alignment correct. (As shown in Figure 15) If turning the screw is very difficult you have not properly aligned the parts. Back the screw out and re-align spindle with seat until you have the alignment correct. Once you have the proper alignment, do not fully tighten screws until you have the other screw on that side started. (Figure 15)

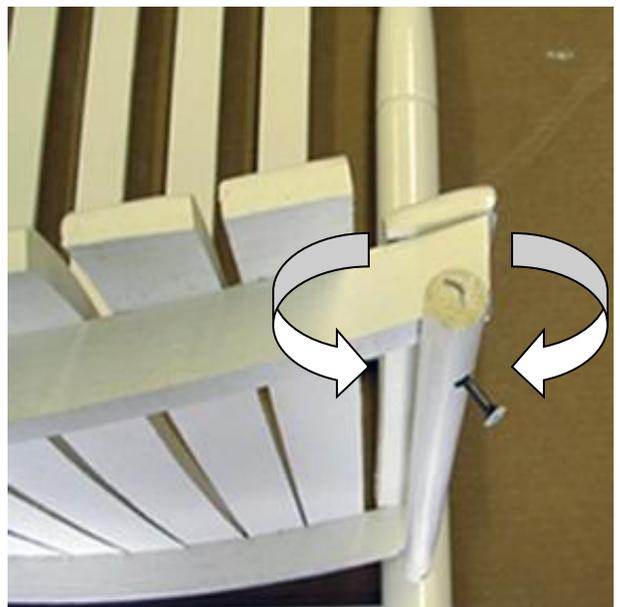
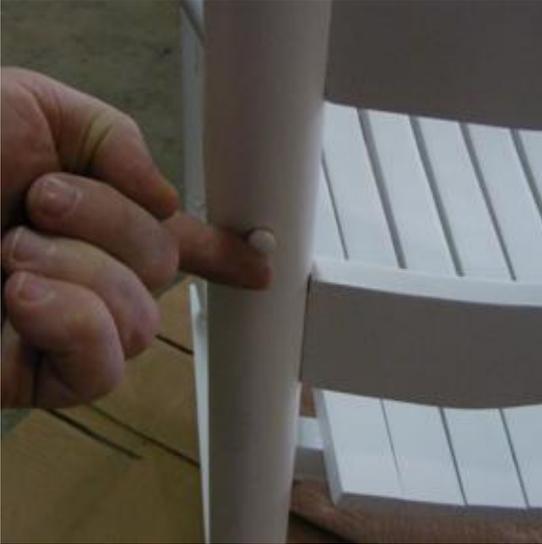


Figure 15

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## STEP 7:

With a hammer, gently tap the button into the pre-drilled hole into the chair back. Tap until flush with the back post. (Figure 16)



**Figure 16**

With a hammer, gently tap the button into the pre-drilled hole on the inside of the arm. Tap until flush with the inside of the arm. (Figure 17)



**Figure 17**

## CARE TIPS

### **LISTED BELOW ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP CARE FOR YOUR FURNITURE.**

To preserve the finish on stained or pure white furniture it is highly recommended that they either be placed indoors or in a protected environment such as a covered porch. In any case the finish will last longer and look better if kept out of direct sunlight and blowing rain. This furniture is not intended to be used in an unprotected environment. The sun and rain will weather the varnish finish if left out in the elements over time (6 months to one year depending on the climate). Our furniture products need the same attention as any other solid wood furniture and monthly cleaning with any quality household furniture polish will keep your furniture looking new for many years to come. If your climate has high humidity, even if you follow the recommended cleaning intervals above, you may have problems with mold or mildew. To remove the mold and mildew dilute one ounce of bleach into sixteen ounces of water and apply with a soft cloth. More than one application may be necessary. Allow to dry and apply furniture polish to protect the finish.