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## TUBER

The Tuber planter, designed by Haldane Martin, is crafted from individual pieces of Iroko wood. It is bolted together with stainless steel pins and then hand-assembled into an impressive piece that is turned to create a sensual, soft finish. Over time, if used outdoors, the Tuber will age into a beautiful grey hue.

### MATERIALS

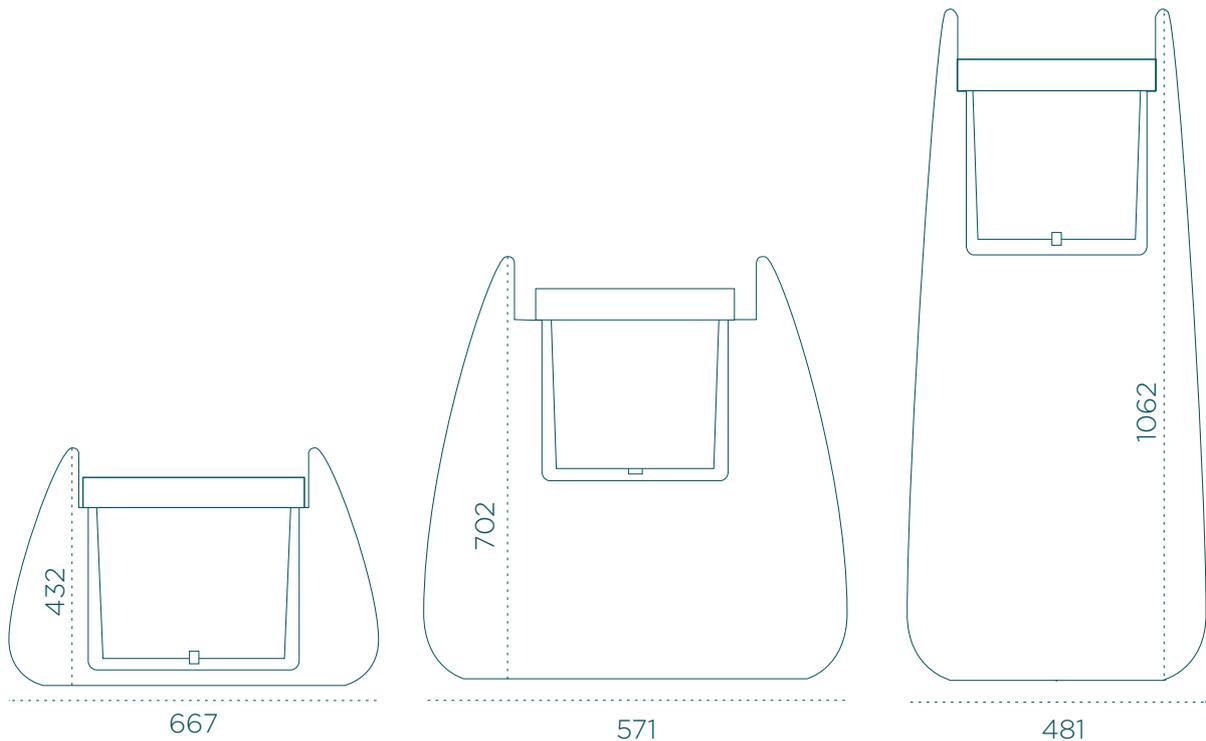
Iroko **wood**

**Plastic** self watering plant liner

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### SIZES



### ASSEMBLING THE PLANTERS

The Tuber planter is very simple to assemble and work with and requires only inserting and operating the plant liner. The liner consists of four pieces:

- The bucket
- The false bottom for the water reservoir
- The watering pipe and level indicator
- A rubber stopper at the bottom of the bucket

First, determine if the planter is going to be exposed to rainfall or under cover. If rain is going to fall directly onto the plant, then remove the rubber stopper (or do not insert it) from the base of the bucket. This will allow the rainfall water to pass through the liner and not waterlog the plant.

Next, place the false bottom into the bucket with the round hole for the pipe raised at the highest point.

Then place the pipe into the hole. The liner can now be placed into the top and the planter is now ready to use.

The clear plastic level indicator can be used to indicate how much water is in the liner by placing a finger over the top to seal it and creating a vacuum, trapping the water and indicating the depth of the water in the liner.

The plant liner is designed for watering on a bi-weekly basis, depending on the environment it is in and the season. The base holds a reservoir of water that the roots will grow into over time and from which they will draw

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water. In the first few months of planting a new plant into the liner you may need to either water more frequently or fill the liner to hold more water so the water can reach the roots. Determining the balance on this will take trial and error and will change between winter and summer. Once the plant is established and the balance found, the liner will allow for only occasional watering to ensure the good health of your plants.

### **IMPORTANT MAINTENANCE INFORMATION:**

The wood can be ordered raw or oiled and sealed. Raw it will age and grey into a beautiful grey hue. The nature of timber is that it does split and crack – this is partly what gives it its beauty once weathered. There is no guarantee regarding the degree to which timber will crack – this depends on the conditions under which the original tree grew which influence the mineral and oil content of the timber, and also any weaknesses within the structure of the timber itself. It is impossible to tell in advance how a piece of timber is going to respond in the future. The drier the climate the faster cracks may happen. Oiling the wood does feed and protect it from cracking and Balcotan glue can be pressed into cracks to slow the process, but whilst the planters have been designed to last many years they will weather and crack along the way and clients need to decide to go with the greying and cracking of the natural wood or oiling and sealing regularly which will darken the wood.

During the first 12 to 18 months and depending on whether the planter is exposed to rain or sealed, the wood may leak pigments. As the wood is a natural material this is to be expected and not a problem. The pigments may appear to stain your floor, but this can be removed by scouring the surface of the floor with a scourer and washing soap.