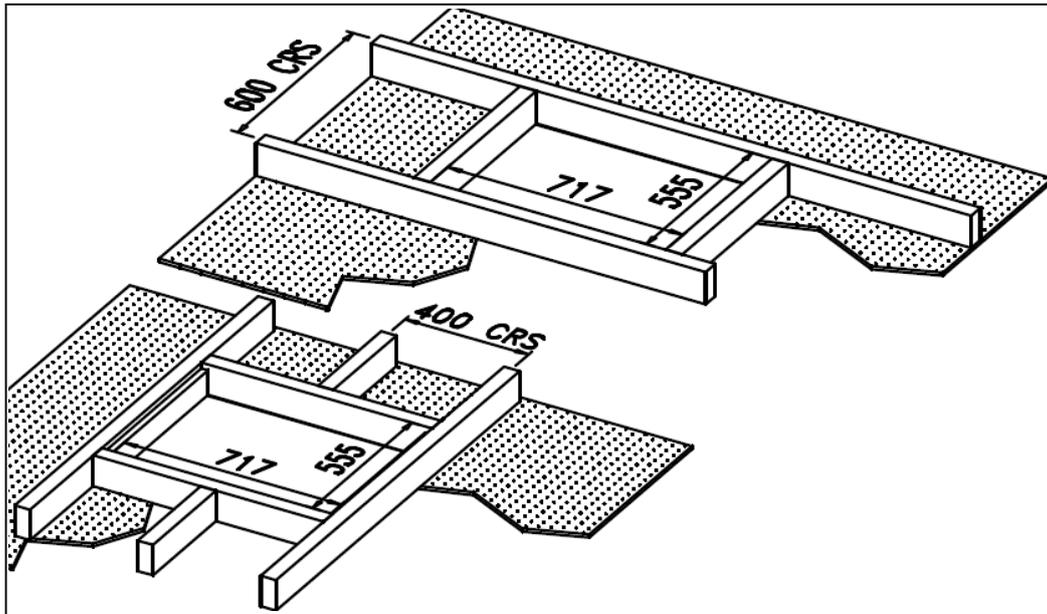


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AH4 & AH5 LOFT ACCESS HATCH

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AH4 & AH5 PREPARATION

Provide an opening between the joists for the loft hatch frame unit. For 50mm joists cut and position trimmers to give an opening of **555mm x 717mm**. The same opening is required for 38mm joists, however, it may be necessary to add additional packing pieces to ensure that the vertical walls of the loft hatch frame remain vertical when screwed to the joists.

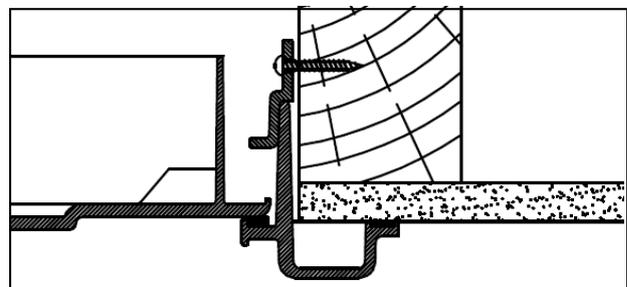
A brush finished margin of at least 50mm wide around the opening must be provided where a heavily textured ceiling finish is applied prior to installation.

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(AH5 overleaf) Offer the frame unit up to the prepared opening and fix using the wood screws provided. The frame should be fitted tight against the ceiling finish, compressing the foam seal. Ensure that the continuity of the roof insulation is maintained up to the edge of the frame, and that fixing does not twist the frame as this will ultimately prevent the hatch from sealing properly. Position the anti-lift bracket centrally on top of the frame opposite the locking end and screw into the joist (see diagram opposite).

Pass the lid through the frame and into the roofspace and lower into position. Secure the AH4 lid by turning the locking keys either by hand or with an access pole which may be purchased separately.

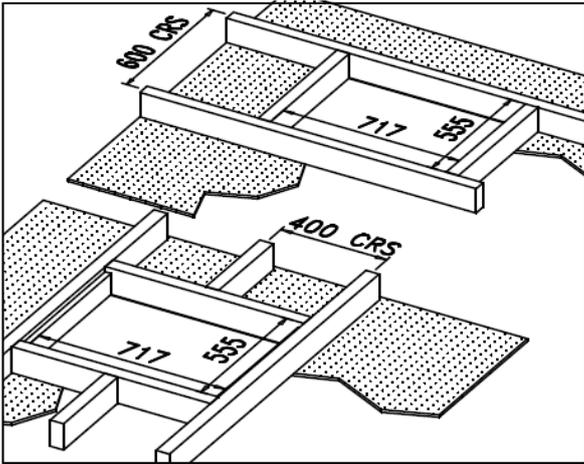
If the frame is supplied with a colours protective coating, do not peel off until all decorating work is complete.



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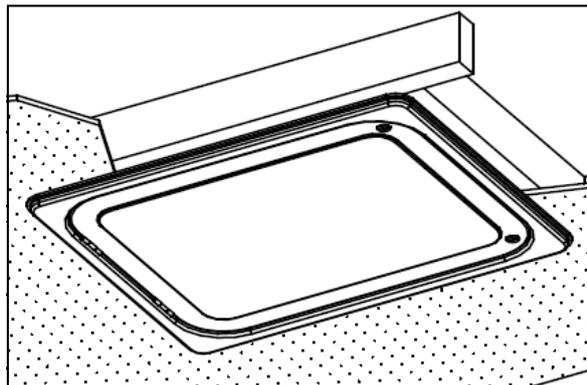
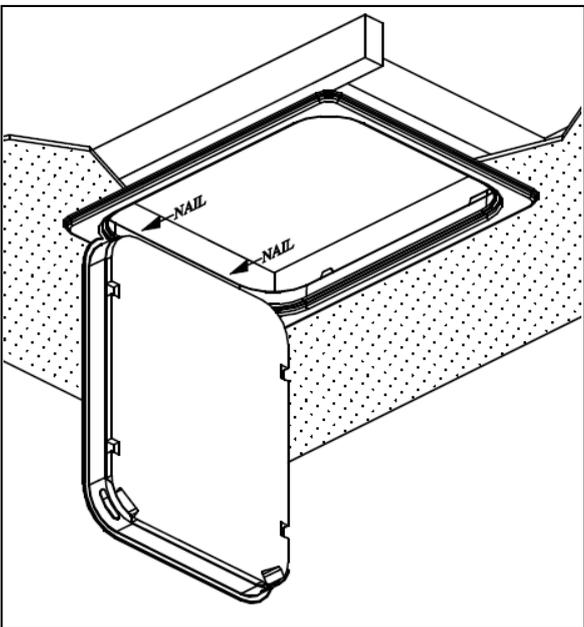
For the initial preparation of joist opening, follow AH4 and AH5 preparation guidelines overleaf.

Offer the assembled unit up to the prepared opening, and temporarily nail the frame to the joist - using the holes at the hinged end of the frame to take the weight of the lid. The frame should be fitted tight against the ceiling finish, compressing the foam seal. Care should be taken to ensure that the continuity of the roof insulation is maintained up to the edge of the frame.

Fix the rest of the frame to the joist using the screws provided, finally replacing the temporary nails before closing the hatch and securing the catches by hand, or with an access pole which may be purchased separately.

Ensure that the fixing does not twist the frame as this will ultimately prevent the hatch from closing properly.

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Complementary products:

AHP loft access pole for use with AH4 & AH5 access hatches.



AHL 2 section loft access ladders for use with AH5 access hatch.



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