


Basic Hives - Comparison of Dimensions and Features

HIVE TYPE	No. of Frames in Brood Chamber	External Dimension	Top/Bottom Bee Space	Short or Long Lug	Frame: Length x Depth
WBC	10 RC 1.0	21½ x 21½ (Lifts) 17¾ x 16¾	Bottom	Long	14 x 8½
National	11 RC 1.1	18 x 18	Bottom	Long	14 x 8½
National + super	22 RC 1.7	18 x 18	Bottom	Long	14 x 8½ 14 x 5½
Commercial	11 RC 1.5	18 x 18	Bottom	Short	16 x 10
Langstroth	10 RC 1.3	20 x 16¼	Top	Short	17½ x 9
Smith	11 RC 1.1	16½ x 18¼	Top	Short	14" x 8½
Dadant	11 RC 1.8	20 x 18½	Top	Short	17½ x 11¼
14 x 12	11 RC 1.4	18 x 18	Bottom	Long	14 x 12

Notes

RC Relative Capacity of Brood Chamber

 This shows that these hives have compatible components except for frames.

List below the advantages and limitations of your choice of hive.

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