

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR NEW TENT

Read this advice sheet carefully. It is designed to help you understand what is involved in setting up, using and caring for your tent to enable you to get the most of it.



Before Pitching Your Tent

Study the Tent Photograph

- This shows you what your tent should look like when assembled.
- Read through the assembly instructions and procedures carefully before pitching your tent for the first time.
- Check that all the components are correct and undamaged.
- Pitch your tent at home. This will help you become familiar with the components and pitching procedures, making it easier to pitch next time, particularly if you have to pitch your tent in the dark or in bad weather.

When Pitching Your Tent

Inserting Poles

- When inserting poles into sleeves, take care not to force poles through. Avoid pushing long poles through sleeves. Instead, feed material onto poles, gathering short lengths and pulling material on to poles gradually.

Pushing Poles into Shape

- Where possible, push poles into an arch while flat on the ground.
- When pitching dome tents, the first arch can be pushed into shape while flat on the ground. When forming the second arch you may need help from another person as the pole arch forms more easily when holding the centre of the structure upright, particularly with longer poles and larger tents.
- If poles do not fully arch to connect with corresponding eyelets in pole anchor straps, or corresponding ring and pin system, check pole sleeves for snagging particularly at pole joints.

Tent Material - Tension

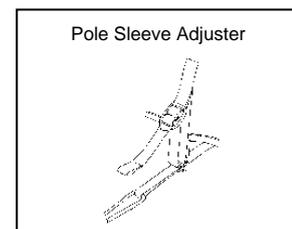
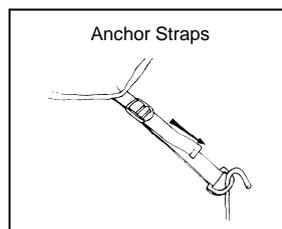
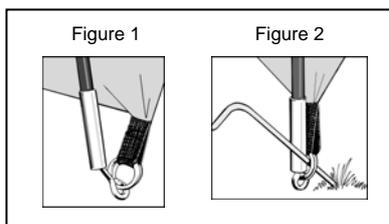
- When pitching, push poles into shape with all tension bands and flysheet adjuster straps loosened.
- Never over tighten tension bands, guylines or tent material. This causes strain and damage to seams, doorways, pegging points and zips. Material could also tear in strong winds.
- Nylon tent material will slacken when wet. Resist the temptation to re-tighten if there is a possibility of material drying out soon afterwards i.e. in showers / hot weather etc. as material will re-tighten naturally when drying out.

Tent Pegs

- Always peg at an angle (ideally 45°) to the ground to obtain maximum grip in the ground. Peg in line with tent seams. Do not over tension pegging points on flysheet material.

Ring and Pin

- Locate one end of each pole onto the corresponding metal pin. The metal pin inserts into the hollow metal ferrule on the end of each pole. (See Figure 1). Push the pole into a curve from the opposite side, one at a time, and locate all pole ends onto the metal pins.
- Peg the corners of the tent through the D rings using pin-pegs (See Figure 2).



Looking After Your Tent

Pitching

- Select a suitable area with good drainage and remove objects likely to puncture the groundsheet. Avoid areas which could flood. Face doorways away from wind. Avoid trees which continue to drip long after rain and also drop broken branches in the wind.

Sunlight

- Prolonged exposure to strong sunlight weakens the material which fades and becomes brittle. With careful use, tent material should last for many years. Avoid long term pitching in strong sunlight.

Zips

- Never force zips. Always pitch your tent with the zips closed.

Fire

- Tent material and fire don't mix. Keep naked flames away from tent material. Never light pressure stoves inside the tent.

Condensation

- All tents are prone to condensation when air on the inside is warmer than outside. Increase ventilation by leaving doors partially open and opening vents on flysheet. This reduces the level of condensation inside the tent.

Packing Up

- Before taking your tent down release all adjustment straps on poles and pegging points. This makes it easier to pitch and tension next time.
- When folding material, release trapped air by unzipping doorways first and folding towards doorways.
- Avoid pulling poles out of sleeves, otherwise shock corded poles will separate inside sleeves. Gradually push the poles through the sleeves, while pulling material off the poles in short lengths.
- Whenever possible pack tent when dry. If wet, then dry thoroughly at first opportunity if tent is to be stored.
- Pack inner and outer separately if outer has become wet, particularly from condensation on the inside of the flysheet.
- Before storage, remove dirt and stains by washing with a mild soap solution. Never use detergent. Rinse and dry thoroughly.

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