

# **ERECTION INSTRUCTIONS**

## **ONTARIO 8 XC**

### **BEFORE USE**

**PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ERECTION INSTRUCTIONS. FAILURE TO ERECT THE TENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN DAMAGE TO BOTH FABRIC AND POLE SYSTEMS. SUCH DAMAGE CANNOT BE COVERED BY THE WARRANTY.**

### **WARNING!!**

**DO NOT PUSH TENT PEGS IN BY HAND, ALL TENT PEGS SHOULD BE DRIVEN HOME USING A WOODEN OR RUBBER FACED Mallet OR SIMILAR TOOL.**

TO ENSURE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE WATERPROOFING THE MAIN FLY SHEET SEAMS HAVE BEEN TAPED. SHOULD THE TAPE BE DAMAGED AND PEEL AWAY YOU CAN EFFECT A REPAIR BY USING SEAM SEALER AROUND THE PROBLEM AREA.

WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT SEAM SEALER IS APPLIED TO UNTAPED SEAMS TO PREVENT LEAKAGE.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO NOT ALLOW SEAM SEALER TO CONTAMINATE THE TEETH OF ANY ZIPS AS THIS WILL PREVENT THE ZIP FROM FUNCTIONING CORRECTLY. IF YOU DO USE SEAM SEALER IT IS BEST APPLIED WHEN THE TENT IS DRY. PICK A DRY WARM DAY TO CARRY OUT ANY SEALING AND PLEASE ALLOW 48 HOURS FOR THE SEALANT TO CURE PRIOR TO RE-PACKAGING THE TENT.

FAILURE TO ALLOW THE SEALANT TO DRY FULLY PRIOR TO PACKING THE TENT UP WILL STICK THE FABRIC TOGETHER POSSIBLY CAUSING IRREPARABLE DAMAGE.

### **DURING USE**

TENTS CONTAINING A HIGH PROPORTION OF SYNTHETIC MATERIALS ARE SOMETIMES AFFECTED BY CONDENSATION, THIS SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH LEAKAGE AND CAN USUALLY BE CURED BY ENSURING THAT ADEQUATE VENTILATION IS AVAILABLE BY LEAVING DOORWAYS SLIGHTLY UNZIPPED WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

DO NOT PITCH UNDER TREES, MAKE USE OF NATURAL WIND BREAKS LIKE HEDGES OR WALLS, FACE THE TENT DOOR AWAY FROM THE PREVAILING WIND. USE TWO HANDS WHEN OPENING AND CLOSING ZIPS, THIS WILL HELP PREVENT PREMATURE ZIP FAILURE.

READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FIRE PRECAUTIONS INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THE INSIDE OF THE TENT.

### **CARE OF YOUR TENT *WARNING!!***

TENT FABRICS CAN BE WEAKENED BY PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO SUNLIGHT, UNDER NORMAL HOLIDAY USE YOUR TENT WILL GIVE YOU LONG SERVICE BUT ERECTION FOR EXTENDED PERIODS IN STRONG SUNLIGHT WILL CAUSE DETERIORATION.

IF YOU ARE LIKELY TO USE YOUR TENT FOR PROLONGED PERIODS IT WOULD BE WISE TO USE A SITE WHICH IS A SHADED AS POSSIBLE.

TENTS ARE BEST STORED OPENED OUT, IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE AIR FULLY AND ENSURE IT IS TOTALLY DRY BEFORE PACKING IT AWAY AT THE END OF YOUR HOLIDAY.

STORE YOUR TENT IN A WELL VENTILATED DRY PLACE. LOOK AFTER YOUR TENT AND IT WILL LOOK AFTER YOU.

HAVE ANY DAMAGE TO YOUR TENT REPAIRED AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

FAILURES IN FIBERGLASS POLES NORMALLY OCCUR THROUGH INCORRECT USE, MAKE SURE THE POLE SECTIONS ARE FULLY INSERTED INTO THEIR ADJOINING FERULES AND DO NOT OVER STRESS THE POLE BEYOND IT'S DESIGNED CURVE. ZIPS SHOULD BE TREATED WITH CARE TO PREVENT PREMATURE FAILURE AND THE TENT SHOULD BE KEPT CLEAN AND DRY AFTER USE.

### **INSURANCE**

WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOUR TENT BE INSURED AGAINST THEFT AND STORM OR ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE. STORM OR ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE IS NOT COVERED BY THE WARRANTY.

CHECK YOUR EQUIPMENT BEFORE GOING AWAY WITH YOUR TENT. ENSURE THAT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE PITCHING OF THE TENT AND THAT ALL PARTS ARE PRESENT.

YOU SHOULD FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE TENT, INCLUDING ANY LIMITATIONS THAT IT MAY HAVE FOR YOUR PARTICULAR USE.

DOMES TENTS ARE PORTABLE STRUCTURES WHICH UNDER MOST CIRCUMSTANCES WILL PROVIDE COMFORTABLE SHELTER AGAINST THE ELEMENTS. THERE ARE HOWEVER EXTREMES OF WEATHER FOR WHICH ALLOWANCES SHOULD BE MADE.

**DO NOT BLAME THE TENT !**

### **ERECTING YOUR TENT**

**PLEASE NOTE THE ONTARIO 8 IS A LARGE FAMILY TENT AND WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND IT IS ERECTED BY A MINIMUM OF TWO ADULTS.**

1: REMOVE THE CONTENTS OF THE CARRY BAG AND IDENTIFY ALL THE COMPONENT PARTS.

- INNER TENT
- FLYSHEET
- POLE BAG AND CONTENTS
- PEG BAG AND CONTENTS

2: SELECT A SITE THAT IS CLEAR OF ANY SHARP OBJECTS, STICKS AND STONES E.T.C

3: IN THE POLE BAG, THERE SHOULD BE FIVE SETS OF MAIN SHOCKCORDED FIBERGLASS POLES AND ONE SET OF STEEL CANOPY POLES. THERE WILL ALSO BE A SMALLER THINNER SET OF SHOCKCORDED FIBREGLASS POLES.

ALL POLES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CANOPY POLES WILL BE MARKED WITH A COLOURED STICKER, THIS WILL CORRESPOND TO A COLOURED TRIM ON THE EDGE OF THE SLEEVE THAT THE POLE IS INTENDED TO FIT THROUGH. IT IS BEST TO START AT ONE END OF THE FLYSHEET AND WORK TOWARDS THE OPPOSITE END OF THE TENT, SO IT MAY BE USEFUL TO IDENTIFY POLE AND SLEEVE COLOURS AND POSITION THE POLES ALONG SIDE THE TENT IN THE CORRECT ORDER.

4: UNFOLD THE FLYSHEET AND SPREAD OUT ON THE FLOOR SO YOU ARE ABLE TO SEE THE FIVE SLEEVE SECTIONS OF THE ROOF.

TAKING ONE SHOCKCORDED FIBERGLASS MAIN POLE AT A TIME, CHECK THE POLE STICKER COLOUR AND MATCH WITH THE APPROPRIATE ROOF SLEEVE, THEN THREAD THE POLE THROUGH THE SLEEVE SECTIONS SO THERE IS AN EQUAL LENGTH OF POLE PROTRUDING FROM EITHER SIDE OF THE SLEEVE ENDS.

ONCE THE POLE IS THREADED INTO PLACE CHOOSE ONE END OF THE POLE AND ENGAGE THE END FERRULE INTO THE POLE RETAINING FIXTURE OR EYELET. THIS WILL BE LOCATED AT THE BASE OF THE FLYSHEET, NEAR TO THE SEAM RUNNING DOWN FROM THE SLEEVE, IN WHICH THE POLE IS LOCATED. EACH POLE RETAINING

FIXTURE WILL HAVE A METAL RING WITH ONE OR MORE RETAINING PINS ATTACHED TO IT (DEPENDANT UPON MODEL) THE RETAINING PIN IS DESIGNED TO SLIDE UP INSIDE THE POLE ENDS THUS SECURING THE POLE INTO PLACE.

FROM THE OPPOSITE END OF THE SAME POLE CAREFULLY PUSH THE REMAINING POLE THROUGH THE SLEEVES SO IT ASSUMES A SEMI-CIRCULAR SHAPE. WHEN THE END FERRULE IS LEVEL TO THE POLE RETAINING FIXTURE OR EYELET ON THIS SIDE, ENGAGE IT INTO PLACE AS BEFORE. PLEASE NOTE ON SOME MODELS THERE MAY BE AN ADJUSTABLE WEBBING LOOP CONNECTING THE RING TO THE BASE OF THE FLYSHEET. THIS LOOP SHOULD BE OPENED UP TO ITS FULL LENGTH WHILE ENGAGING THE PIN ON THE RING INTO THE POLE END. ONCE THE PIN IS INSERTED THE WEBBING LOOP CAN BE TIGHTENED SO THE POLE IS FIRMLY LOCKED INTO THE POLE END.

*ENSURE CARE IS TAKEN DURING THIS PROCEDURE, NOT TO ALLOW THE ENDS OF THE SHOCKCORDED POLES TO DAMAGE SLEEVES OR FLYSHEET MATERIAL.*

RUNNING DOWN THE SEAM, FROM THE SLEEVE, ON EACH SIDE OF THE TENT YOU WILL NOTICE THREE FLYSHEET TO MAIN POLE WEBBING CLIPS. ALL THESE, SHOULD SIMPLY BE CLIPPED TO THE MAIN SHOCKCORDED POLES ALLOWING THE FLYSHEET TO TAKE FULL SHAPE. *PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ARE NOT INTENDED AS GUY POINT FIXINGS.*

5: TAKING THE SECOND, THIRD, FORTH AND FIFTH REMAINING POLES SEPARATELY REPEAT POINT 4. IT IS BEST TO START AT ONE END OF THE FLYSHEET AND WORK TOWARDS THE OPPOSITE END OF THE TENT, SO IT MAY BE USEFUL TO IDENTIFY POLE AND SLEEVE COLOURS AND POSITION THE POLES ALONG SIDE THE TENT IN THE CORRECT ORDER.

*DURING BOTH POINTS 4 & 5 ENSURE THAT THE POLE JOINING FERRULES DO NOT CATCH ON THE INSIDE OR EDGE OF THE MATERIAL SLEEVES. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN CAREFULLY FREE THE SLEEVE BEFORE CONTINUING. FAILURE TO FREE THE SLEEVE MAY CAUSE THE MATERIAL TO TEAR AND OR STITCHED SEAMS TO BURST*

6: THE FLYSHEET SHOULD NOW BE READY FOR PEGGING. POSITION THE FLYSHEET ON THE GROUND SO THAT ONE OF THE ENDS WITH THE GUY OUT VENT PANELS IS FACING INTO THE PREVAILING WIND. IT CAN BE USEFUL AT THIS POINT TO TEMPORARILY PEG THE GUY ROPES ON THIS END OF THE TENT TO THE GROUND BEARING IN MIND THAT THEY MAY NEED TO BE REPOSITIONED LATER.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT IF THESE GUY ROPES ARE PEGGED THERE IS SUFFICIENT LENGTH IN THE GUY ROPE TO ALLOW THE MAIN POLES TO BE POSITIONED UPRIGHT.

OPEN BOTH DOOR ZIPS ON THE FLYSHEET AND USING THE PEGS PROVIDED PEG THE MAIN TWO CORNERS OF THE END THAT'S FACING INTO THE WIND, TO THE GROUND.

TAKE THE TWO MAIN PEGGING POINTS ON THE OPPOSITE END AND PULL THE FLYSHEET AND POLES AWAY FROM THE PEGGED SECTION SO THE TENT TAKES SHAPE. YOU WILL FIND IT EASIER IF A SECOND PERSON PRESENT ASSISTS AT THIS POINT BY HELPING TO LIFT AND PULL THE FABRIC AND POLES AWAY FROM THE PEGGED END. AS THE TENT HAS A SEWN IN GOUNDSHEET IT IS NECESSARY TO ALLOW AIR TO FLOW FREELY INTO THE TENT WHEN PULLING THE FLYSHEET OUT INTO POSITION THIS WILL MAKE PULLING THE FLYSHEET OUT A LOT EASIER.

ONCE YOU HAVE PULLED THE FLYSHEET OUT SO THE SEWN IN GOUNDSHEET IS FLAT AND ALL POLES ARE UPRIGHT YOU SHOULD PEG THE END YOU HAVE PULLED OUT TO THE GROUND. YOU CAN AT THIS POINT ALSO PEG THE GUY ROPES ON THIS END INTO POSITION.

ENSURE THAT THE OVERALL LAY OF THE FLYSHEET IS SMOOTH WHEN PEGGED. THE FLYSHEET SHOULD BE TAUGHT, BUT NOT OVER-TENSIONED, AS THIS WILL ONLY DISTORT THE FIBERGLASS POLES AND SUBSEQUENTLY AFFECT STABILITY.

YOU MAY FIND IT NECESSARY TO ADJUST THE POSITION OF THE TWO END PEGGING POINTS IN ORDER TO GET THE OVERALL LAY OF THE FLYSHEET FABRIC SMOOTH AND FREE FROM WRINKLES OR FOLDS.

ONCE YOU ARE SATISFIED WITH THE OVERALL LAY OF THE FLYSHEET YOU CAN THEN AND ONLY THEN PEG THE REMAINING PEGGING LOOPS INTO POSITION.

LOCATE ALL THE GUYING POINTS AND PEG SECURELY, AT A SUITABLE DISTANCE FROM THE TENT. TRY NOT TO PEG TOO CLOSE TO THE TENT AS THIS WILL NOT GIVE ADEQUATE SUPPORT AND MAY CAUSE THE FABRIC UNDER THE GUY POINT ITSELF TO BECOME BAGGY OR LOOSE THUS ALLOWING INNER AND OUTER TO TOUCH.

THE FRONT AND REAR GUY POINTS SHOULD BE ADEQUATELY TENSIONED TO PREVENT THE POOLING OF WATER ON THE INDIVIDUAL ROOF SECTIONS.

*THE PEGS PROVIDED WITH THIS TENT ARE STANDARD PEGS, SUITABLE FOR MOST TERRAIN'S. HOWEVER THERE WILL BE OCCASIONS WHEN THE GROUND MAY BE FAR TOO HARD OR ROCKY AND EQUALLY TOO BOGGY OR SANDY. IN THIS INSTANCE SPECIALIST PEGS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH YOUR LOCAL RETAILER AND **SHOULD** BE USED*

7: TAKING THE THINNER SET OF SHOCKCORDED FIBREGLASS POLES, THREAD THE POLE SET THROUGH THE SLEEVES ON THE FRONT OF THE SMALL EYEBROUGH CANOPY OVER THE MAIN DOOR.

SEWN NEAR TO THE MAIN SEAM ON EACH SIDE OF THE EYEBROUGH CANOPY WILL BE A SMALL VELCRO WEBBING POCKET. CAREFULLY LOCATE THE END OF THE POLE INTO EACH POCKET. IF THE POCKET HAS A VELCRO FLAP THEN YOU CAN OPEN THE FLAP TO ALLOW THE POLE TO BE SEATED IN THE POCKET MORE EASILY. PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE VELCRO FLAPS ARE SECURELY CLOSED ONCE THE POLE IS LOCATED.

8: UNFOLD ONE OF THE INNER TENTS AND PLACE THEM INSIDE THE FLYSHEET BEDROOM AREAS WITH THE DOORS FACING TOWARDS THE INSIDE OF THE TENT.

THE INNER TENT WILL HAVE LOOPS AND HOOKS ON THE BASE AND SIMPLY CLIPS INTO POSITION. ALONG THE FRONT EDGE OF THE INNER TENT YOU WILL SEE WEBBING LOOPS, WHICH ARE SEWN INTO THE INNER TENT AT THE SAME POSITION AS THE PEGGING COWL IN THE GROUND SHEET. SIMPLY PEG THE INNER TENT DOWN TO THE GROUND THROUGH THE PEGGING COWL AND THEN TIGHTEN AND CLOSE THE PEGGING COWL AROUND THE WEBBING LOOP OF THE INNER TENT WITH THE DRAW STRING CLOSURE PROVIDED ON THE TOP OF THE GROUND SHEET PEGGING COWL ITSELF.

AN ELASTIC TOGGLE AND RING SYSTEM SUSPEND THE INNER TENT FROM THE INSIDE OF THE FLYSHEET. THE ELASTIC LOOPS AND TOGGLES ARE FOUND ON THE INNER TENT WHILE THE SUSPENSION LOOPS AND RINGS ARE FOUND ON THE FLYSHEET.

THE ELASTIC LOOPS AND TOGGLES SHOULD BE SIMPLY FED THROUGH THE CORRESPONDING LOOPS AND RINGS ON THE FLYSHEET. OPEN THE DOOR OF THE INNER TENT KNEEL OR CAREFULLY STAND ON THE GROUND SHEET STARTING AT THE BACK CONNECT ALL THE LOOPS AND RINGS ON THE REAR POLE SECTION WORK FORWARD UNTIL THE INNER IS COMPLETELY SUSPENDED.

REPEAT THIS FOR EACH REMAINING INNER TENT.

PLEASE NOTE THE TOTAL WEIGHT LOADING OF ALL POCKETS ON THE FRONT OF THE INNER TENT SHOULD NOT EXCEED 3 KGS.

YOUR TENT IS NOW READY FOR USE, ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY.

THE SET OF UPRIGHT CANOPY POLES PROVIDED WILL ALLOW EITHER THE FRONT OR BACK DOORS TO BE ERECTED AS A SUN CANOPY IF SO DESIRED.

*AS WEATHER CONDITIONS CAN CHANGE BOTH DRAMATICALLY AND QUICKLY WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU PITCH YOUR TENT READY TO ACCEPT ANY INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS. THE FRONT AND OR SIDE DOOR CANOPIES SHOULD NOT BE LEFT UP OVERNIGHT OR WHILST THE TENT IS UNATTENDED. GUY LINES ARE ATTACHED TO YOUR TENT AND SHOULD BE USED AT ALL TIMES.*

### **TAKING YOUR TENT DOWN**

STRIKING CAMP IS BASICALLY A COMPLETE REVERSAL OF THE ERECTION PROCEDURE.

CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN RELEASING SHOCKCORDED POLES FROM THEIR MOUNTINGS AS THE TENSION IN THE POLE CAN CAUSE DAMAGE OR INJURY IF THE POLE IS NOT DISMANTLED IN A CONTROLLED MANNER.

IT IS ALWAYS EASIER TO PUSH SHOCKCORDED POLES THROUGH AND OUT OF THE SLEEVES RATHER THAN TO TRY AND PULL THEM THROUGH. AGAIN TAKE CARE NOT TO DAMAGE THE SLEEVES WITH THE POLE ENDS OR FERRULES WHILST REMOVING THEM FROM THE FLYSHEET.

IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO STRIKE CAMP WHEN YOUR TENT IS COMPLETELY DRY, HOWEVER THIS IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE.

SHOULD YOU HAVE TO TAKE YOUR TENT DOWN WET, THEN IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT IT IS DRIED OUT COMPLETELY WITHIN 24 HOURS. ***A WET TENT WILL GO MOULDY CAUSING IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO COTTON COMPONENTS.***

### **FOLDING YOUR TENT**

1: IN ORDER TO MAKE A NEAT AND TIDY PACKAGE, THAT WILL FIT EASILY INTO THE OUTER BAG, ALWAYS HAVE THE OUTER BAG CLOSE AT HAND WHILST YOU ARE FOLDING THE TENT UP.

2: IT IS BETTER TO FOLD THE FLYSHEET UP FIRST, INTO A LONG RECTANGLE. MAKE THE RECTANGLE APPROXIMATELY 10 CMS SHORTER IN WIDTH THAN THE OUTER BAG.

3: AFTER BRUSHING OR WIPING THE INNER TENT GOUNDSHEET TO ENSURE IT IS CLEAN AND DRY, PLACE THE FLYSHEET ON TOP OF THE INNER TENT.

4: FOLD THE EDGES OF THE GOUNDSHEET IN SO TO COVER THE FLYSHEET IN THE MIDDLE, MAKE SURE THAT THE OVERALL PACKAGE IS AGAIN ABOUT 10 CMS SHORTER IN WIDTH THAN THE OUTER BAG.

5: ROLL THE PACKAGE UP, ROLLING TOWARDS THE DOOR END OF THE INNER TENT IN ORDER TO ALLOW TRAPPED AIR TO ESCAPE.

WHEN YOU HAVE ROLLED THE PACKAGE UP SECURE IT WITH THE ORIGINAL TIE TAPES SUPPLIED.