

# **ERECTION INSTRUCTIONS** **DRIVEAWAY COMPACT 300**

## **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 ITS 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 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**

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

- INNER TENTS
- 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 A COMBINATION OF SHOCKCORDED FIBERGLASS MAIN POLES, UPRIGHT STEEL POLE SETS AND STEEL CANOPY POLES.

ASSEMBLE ALL THE POLES AND LAY OUT ON THE GROUND WHERE THEY ARE EASILY ACCESSIBLE.

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

THE TWO FIBREGLASS MAIN POLES ARE BOTH THE SAME LENGTH SO IT DOES NOT MATTER WHICH YOU USE FIRST. TAKING ONE OF THE FIBREGLASS MAIN DOME POLES AT A TIME, THREAD THE POLES THROUGH THE SLEEVE SECTIONS IN A DIAGONAL FASHION SO THERE IS AN EQUAL LENGTH OF POLE PROTRUDING FROM EITHER SIDE OF THE SLEEVE ENDS.

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

5: ONCE THE CENTRAL MAIN DOME POLES ARE THREADED INTO PLACE YOU CAN THEN START TO LOCATE THE STEEL SIDE UPRIGHT POLES INTO POSITION. EACH OF THE STEEL SIDE POLE SETS HAS AN ANGLED END ON THE TOP SECTION.

THE ENDS OF THE FIBREGLASS MAIN ROOF POLES HAVE A STEEL FERRULE ON THE END, WHICH IS DESIGNED TO SLIDE INSIDE THE OPEN END OF THE ANGLED TOP SECTION OF THE STEEL UPRIGHT POLES.

THE PINS ON THE RINGS IN THE CORNERS OF THE TENT ARE DESIGNED TO SLIDE UP INSIDE THE BASE OF THE MAIN POLE THUS SECURING THE POLE INTO PLACE.

TAKING ONE STEEL UPRIGHT POLE SECTION AT A TIME LOCATE THE END FERRULE ON EACH FIBREGLASS ROOF POLE INTO THE OPEN END OF THE ANGLED SECTION AND LAY THE POLE

DOWN ON THE GROUND. REPEAT THIS FOR THE REMAINING THREE STEEL UPRIGHT POLE SECTIONS.

6: ONCE ALL THE STEEL UPRIGHT POLE SECTIONS ARE LOCATED INTO PLACE ONTO THE FIBREGLASS POLE END FERRULES, TAKE ONE POLE AT A TIME AND LOCATE THE PIN ON THE RING AT THE BASE OF THE FLYSHEET INTO THE END OF THAT POLE. THE CORRECT RING AND PIN FOR EACH POLE WILL BE LOCATED AT THE BASE OF THE FLYSHEET, NEAR TO THE SEAM RUNNING DOWN FROM THE SLEEVE, IN WHICH THE FIBREGLASS ROOF POLE IS LOCATED.

ONCE ALL THE STEEL UPRIGHT POLES ARE LOCATED ONTO THE PINS THE TENT SHOULD BE IN ITS FULL HEIGHT POSITION. HOWEVER IT MAY BE NECESSARY AT THIS POINT TO TEMPORARILY PEG & GUY THE SHELTER DOWN PARTICULARLY IF YOU ARE ERECTING THE SHELTER ON YOUR OWN OR IN WINDY CONDITIONS.

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 STEEL UPRIGHT POLES ALLOWING THE FLYSHEET TO TAKE FULL SHAPE. *PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ARE NOT INTENDED AS GUY POINT FIXINGS*

7: THE FLYSHEET SHOULD NOW BE READY FOR PEGGING. POSITION THE FLYSHEET ON THE GROUND SO THAT THE MAIN DOORWAYS ARE FACING AWAY FROM THE PREVAILING WIND. CLOSE ALL ZIPS ON THE FLYSHEET AND USING THE PEGS PROVIDED PEG ALL 4 CORNER PEGGING POINTS AND ALL INTERMEDIATE PEGGING POINTS TO THE GROUND. AT THIS POINT ALSO SECURELY PEG THE 4 CORNER GUY POINTS TO THE GROUND AS WELL.

#### **CONNECTION TO YOUR VEHICLE**

PLEASE TAKE GREAT CARE WHEN ERECTING, USING AND DISMANTLING YOUR TENT NEAR TO YOUR VEHICLE. IF YOU ARRIVE ON SITE DURING WINDY CONDITIONS AND HAVE ERECTED YOUR ANNEXE WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND WAITING FOR CALMER WEATHER TO CARRY OUT THE ATTACHMENT PROCEDURE.

*IF YOU DO DECIDE TO WAIT FOR CALMER WEATHER PLEASE ROLL BACK THE CONNECTION GUSSETT AND SECURE WITH THE LOOPS AND RINGS PROVIDED. THIS WILL PREVENT THE GUSSETT FLAPPING IN THE WIND. PLEASE THEN PROCEED DIRECTLY TO POINT 7.*

THERE ARE A GREAT MANY SHAPES AND SIZES OF CAMPERS, VANS AND CONVERTED VANS. AS SUCH, PLEASE NOTE, THAT THE DRIVEAWAY HAS NOT BEEN DESIGNED AS A TAILORED FIT TO ANY PARTICULAR VEHICLE.

POSITION YOUR VEHICLE ALONG SIDE THE TENT, NEXT TO THE SIDE WHERE THE CONNECTION ANNEXE IS POSITIONED. PLEASE ENSURE YOU LEAVE ENOUGH SPACE BETWEEN THE TENT AND THE VEHICLE SO THAT WHEN THE GUSSETT IS LIFTED UP TO THE POINT WHERE IT WILL CONNECT WITH YOUR VEHICLE THE FABRIC OF THE GUSSETT IS A GOOD FIT.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS WAYS TO FIT THE GUSSETT TO YOUR VEHICLE. OPTIONAL PLASTIC FIGURE OF 8 STRIPS CAN BE CUT TO LENGTH AND USED TO CLIP OVER THE VEHICLE RAIN GUTTER OR RAIL.

OUR OPTIONAL POLE AND CLAMP KIT CAN BE PURCHASED AS WELL WHICH OFFERS FURTHER FITTING OPTIONS. OR OUR OPTIONAL KADOR CONVERTOR CAN BE PURCHASED, WHICH ALLOWS THE GUSSETT TO BE TIED TO EXISTING ROOF BARS OR ROOF RACK. WE RECOMMEND EXPERIMENTING WITH YOUR TENT AND VEHICLE BEFORE YOUR HOLIDAY, TO FIND THE BEST FITTING OPTION FOR YOU TO USE.

ONCE YOUR VEHICLE IS POSITIONED YOU CAN ADJUST THE POSITION OF THE TENT A LITTLE TO GET A BETTER FIT. THIS CAN BE DONE BY REMOVING THE 4 CORNER PEGGING POINTS, LEAVING THE TENT HELD IN POSITION BY THE 4 CORNER GUYING POINTS. THIS WILL ALLOW YOU TO WALK THE TENT POLE BY POLE NEARER TO OR FURTHER AWAY FROM

THE VEHICLE. ***IF THE WEATHER IS BLUSTERY AND WINDY WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THIS IS NOT CARRIED OUT UNTIL CALMER WEATHER PREVAILS.***

YOU MAY NEED TO ADJUST THE LENGTHS OF THE GUY ROPES DURING THIS PROCEEDURE TO ALLOW ENOUGH MOVEMENT. ONCE YOU ARE HAPPY WITH THE POSITION OF THE TENT AND FIT OF THE GUSSET, REPEG ALL 4 CORNER PEGGING POINTS. THEN REPOSITION AND PEG ALL 4 CORNER GUY POINTS.

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

ATTACH ALL THE GUY ROPES TO 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 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*

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

*AS WEATHER CONDITIONS CAN CHANGE BOTH DRAMATICALLY AND QUICKLY WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU PITCH YOUR TENT READY TO ACCEPT ANY INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS.*

## **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 GROUND SHEET AND OR GROUND SHEET TO ENSURE IT IS CLEAN AND DRY, PLACE THE FLYSHEET ON TOP OF THE FOLDED INNER TENT AND OR FOLDED GROUND SHEET.

4: FOLD THE EDGES OF THE GROUND SHEET 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.