

# **ERECTION INSTRUCTIONS**

## **FREERIDER**

### **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.**

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, SHOULD BE A COMBINATION OF SHOCKCORDED ALUMINIUM POLES. ASSEMBLE ALL THE SHOCKCORDED POLES. YOU SHOULD HAVE :-

- 2 X EQUAL LENGTH LONG SHOCKCORDED MAIN POLES.
- 1 X SHORTER SHOCKCORDED BEDROOM SECTION POLE.
- 1 SET OF UPRIGHT CANOPY POLES

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

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.

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

TAKING ONE OF THE TWO LONGER SHOCKCORDED ALUMINIUM MAIN POLES, CHECK THE POLE STICKER COLOUR AND MATCH WITH THE APPROPRIATE CENTRAL ROOF SLEEVE, THEN THREAD THE POLE THROUGH THE SLEEVE SECTIONS IN A DIAGONAL FASHION, FROM ONE CORNER OF THE MAIN SECTION TO THE OTHER, SO THERE IS AN EQUAL LENGTH OF POLE PROTRUDING FROM EITHER SIDE OF THE SLEEVE ENDS.

REPEAT THIS FOR THE REMAINING MAIN POLE.

*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 MAIN POLES HAVE BEEN THREADED INTO PLACE, CHOOSE ONE END OF ONE POLE AND ENGAGE THE END FERRULE ONTO THE FIRST PIN ON THE RING OF THE WEBBING RETAINING STRAP. 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.

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 FIRST PIN ON THE RING OF THE WEBBING STRAP ON THIS SIDE, ENGAGE IT INTO PLACE AS BEFORE.

*YOU MAY FIND IT HELPFUL AT THIS POINT, FOR A SECOND PERSON TO SUPPORT BOTH THE POLE YOU ARE FIXING INTO PLACE ALONG WITH THE OTHER MAIN POLE, AS THE TENT STARTS TO ASSUME IT'S NATURAL SHAPE.*

REPEAT POINT 5 ON THE REMAINING MAIN DOME POLE.

*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.*

RUNNING DOWN THE SEAM, FROM THE TOP SLEEVES, ON EACH OF THE FOUR SIDES 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

*IF IT IS WINDY YOU CAN TEMPORALLY PEG THE FOUR MAIN POLE WEBBING FEET, THE GUY ROPES CAN BE ADDED TO GIVE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IF NECESSARY BUT REMEMBER BOTH GUYS AND MAIN POLE PEGGING POINTS MAY NEED TO BE ADJUSTED LATER.*

6: LOCATE THE SHORTER SHOCKCORDED BEDROOM SECTION POLE AND THREAD IT THROUGH THE SLEEVE SECTIONS ON THE BEDROOM.

CHOOSE ONE END OF THE POLE AND ENGAGE THE END FERRULE ONTO THE PIN ON THE RING OF THE WEBBING STRAP AT THE BASE OF THE FLYSHEET.

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 PIN ON THE RING OF THE WEBBING STRAP ON THIS SIDE, ENGAGE IT INTO PLACE AS BEFORE.

*ENSURE THAT THE POLE JOINING FERRULES/JOINTS 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.*

7: THE FLYSHEET SHOULD NOW BE READY FOR PEGGING. POSITION THE FLYSHEET SO THAT THE DOOR IS FACING AWAY FROM THE PREVAILING WIND.

8. FIRST CLOSE ANY DOORS, THEN LOCATE THE TWO END PEGGING LOOPS ON THE BEDROOM SECTION AND PEG INTO POSITION. THEN LOCATE THE TWO PEGGING POINTS EITHER SIDE OF THE FRONT DOOR, LIFT AND PULL THE PEGGING POINTS AWAY FROM THE BEDROOM SECTION SO THE TENT TAKES ITS FULL SHAPE. THEN PEG THESE TWO POINTS INTO POSITION. A GOOD GUIDE LINE TO BEAR IN MIND IS TO TRY AND ENSURE THAT THE FLYSHEET MATERIAL IS SMOOTH AND FREE FROM WRINKLES AND 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.

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*

9: UNFOLD THE INNER TENT AND PLACE IT INSIDE THE BEDROOM SECTION OF THE FLYSHEET AND CLIP / HOOK INTO POSITION AROUND THE BASE OF THE BEDROOM SECTION.

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 SIMPLY BE FED THROUGH THE CORRESPONDING LOOPS AND RINGS ON THE FLYSHEET.

OPEN THE DOOR OF THE INNER TENT AND KNEEL DOWN ON THE GROUNDSHEET. STARTING AT THE BACK CONNECT ALL THE LOOPS AND RINGS ON THE REAR POLE SECTION. WORK FORWARD UNTIL THE INNER IS COMPLETELY SUSPENDED.

YOUR TENT IS NOW READY FOR USE, ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY

THE ALUMINIUM UPRIGHTS, ONCE ASSEMBLED, CAN BE USED TO SUPPORT THE DOOR SECTION AS A CANOPY IF SO DESIRED BY USING THE TWO GUY ROPES PROVIDED.

*WE DO RECOMMEND THAT THE DOORWAY / CANOPY IS CLOSED OVERNIGHT AND AT ANY TIME THE TENT IS TO BE LEFT UNATTENDED AS WELL AS DURING ANY INCLEMENT WEATHER..*

*AS WEATHER CONDITIONS CAN CHANGE BOTH DRAMATICALLY AND QUICKLY WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU PITCH YOUR TENT READY TO ACCEPT ANY INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS. 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 GROUNDSHEET TO ENSURE IT IS CLEAN AND DRY, PLACE THE FLYSHEET ON TOP OF THE INNER TENT.

4: FOLD THE EDGES OF THE GROUNDSHEET 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.