

ERECTION INSTRUCTIONS **FOR MICHIGAN**

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 AS 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 MICHIGAN IS A VERY LARGE FAMILY TUNNEL AND WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND IT IS ERECTED BY A MINIMUM OF TWO ADULTS.

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

- INNER TENTS
- FLYSHEET AND SEWN IN GROUND SHEET
- 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 :-

1/ 5 X LONG FIBERGLASS SHOCKCORDED ROOF POLES AND 1 X SHORTER FIBREGLASS DOOR CANOPY ROOF POLE.

2/ 10 X METAL LONG POLE UPRIGHTS (CONSISTING OF 3 SECTIONS EACH) ONCE ASSEMBLED EACH MAIN UPRIGHT POLE WILL HAVE AN ANGLE SECTION AT THE TOP AND A PLASTIC BUNG INSERT AT THE BASE WITH A SMALL HOLE IN THE BUNG FOR THE RING AND PIN ON THE FLYSHEET.

2 X METAL SHORTER DOOR CANOPY POLE UPRIGHTS (CONSISTING OF 3 SECTIONS EACH) ONCE ASSEMBLED EACH SHORTER DOOR CANOPY UPRIGHT POLE WILL HAVE AN ANGLE SECTION AT THE TOP AND A PLASTIC BUNG INSERT AT THE BASE WITH A SMALL HOLE IN THE BUNG FOR THE RING AND PIN ON THE FLYSHEET.

4: UNFOLD THE FLYSHEET WITH SEWN IN GROUND SHEET AND SPREAD OUT ON THE FLOOR SO YOU ARE ABLE TO SEE THE FIVE SLEEVE SECTIONS OF THE ROOF. LOCATE ONE OF THE FIBERGLASS ROOF POLES

STARTING AT ONE END OF THE TENT THREAD THIS POLE THROUGH THE SLEEVE SECTION RUNNING ACROSS THE ROOF OF YOUR TENT.

REPEAT THIS FOR THE REMAINING 4 FIBERGLASS ROOF POLES.
ENSURE CARE IS TAKEN DURING THIS PROCEDURE, NOT TO ALLOW THE ENDS OF THE SHOCKCORDED POLES TO DAMAGE SLEEVES OR FLYSHEET MATERIAL.

TAKE ONE OF THE ASSEMBLED METAL MAIN POLE UPRIGHTS AND CHOOSING ONE SIDE OF THE ROOF POLE ENGAGE THE FERRELLED END INTO THE OPEN END OF THE METAL ANGLE BRACKET ON THAT SIDE.

THE BASE OF THE UPRIGHT POLE THEN ENGAGES ONTO THE RING AND PIN FIXTURE. 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 PLASTIC POLE END BUNG THUS SECURING THE POLE INTO PLACE.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE ROOF SLEEVE IS NOT TRAPPED OR CAUGHT OVER THE UPPER END OF THE METAL ANGLED POLE. THE UPPER END OF THE METAL ANGLED POLE SHOULD BE INSERTED FULLY INTO THE ROOF POLE SLEEVE BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE THE LOWER END ONTO THE RING AND PIN.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ADJUSTABLE WEBBING STRAPS ATTACHED TO THE RING AND PIN SHOULD BE SLACKENED OFF BEFORE INSERTING THE PIN INTO THE POLE. AFTER LOCATING THE PIN, ADJUST THE STRAP WITHOUT OVER TIGHTENING. AGAIN ENSURE THE ROOF POLE SLEEVE IS NOT CAUGHT OVER THE METAL POLE END BEFORE TIGHTENING THE ADJUSTABLE STRAP..

USING A FURTHER METAL MAIN POLE UPRIGHT REPEAT FOR THE OPPOSITE SIDE.

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

THEN LAY THE ASSEMBLED POLE SECTIONS AND FLYSHEET DOWN ON THE GROUND. THE FLYSHEET TO MAIN POLE WEBBING CLIPS ARE NOT PRESENT ON THE SMALL DOOR PORCH OF YOUR TENT.

5: TAKING THE REMAINING METAL MAIN POLE UPRIGHTS AND THE SECOND, THIRD FORTH AND FIFTH ROOF 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.

DURING BOTH POINTS 4 & 5 ENSURE THAT THE POLE JOINING FERRULES AND METAL POLE ENDS 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 MICHIGAN HAS A SEWN IN GROUNDSHEET 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 GROUNDSHEET 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 / METAL 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.

TAKING THE SHORTER FIBREGLASS DOOR CANOPY ROOFPOLE AND SHORTER METAL DOOR CANOPY UPRIGHTS REPEAT POINTS 4 AND 5 FOR THE SMALL PORCH CANOPY OVER THE MAIN DOOR. ONCE THE POLES ARE IN POSITION, PULL THE CANOPY OUT SO IT IS SQUARE AND AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE MAIN TENT AND THEN PEG INTO POSITION.

DURING BOTH POINTS 4 & 5 ENSURE THAT THE POLE JOINING FERRULES AND METAL POLE ENDS 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.

ON CERTAIN TRIANGULAR GUY POINTS ON THE MAIN TENT YOU WILL SEE TWO VELCRO STRAPS, THESE ARE INTENDED TO BE WRAPPED AROUND THE MAIN POLE ALLOWING THE GUY ROPE TO SUPPORT BOTH THE FLYSHEET AND MAIN POLE SIMULTANEOUSLY.

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. UNFOLD THE INNER TENTS AND PLACE THEM INSIDE THE FLYSHEET BEDROOM AREAS.

SIMPLY CLIP THE INNER TENTS INTO POSITION USING THE CLIPS ON THE INNER TENT AND THE 'D' RINGS ON THE INSIDE OF THE FLYSHEET.

AN ELASTIC TOGGLE AND RING SYSTEM SUSPEND THE INNER TENTS 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 KNEEL OR CAREFULLY STAND ON THE GROUNDSHEET. STARTING AT THE BACK CONNECT ALL THE LOOPS AND RINGS ON THE REAR POLE SECTION AND WORK FORWARD UNTIL THE INNER IS COMPLETELY SUSPENDED.

REPEAT POINT 7 FOR ANY REMAINING INNER TENTS

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

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. *PLEASE REMEMBER TO SLACKEN OFF THE ADJUSTABLE WEBBING STRAPS BY THE RING AND PINS.*

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 CARRY BAGS, ALWAYS HAVE THE OUTER BAGS 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 TENT GROUNDSHEET TO ENSURE IT IS CLEAN AND DRY, POSITION THE FLYSHEET ON THE GROUND READY FOR FOLDING.

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 ONE OF THE VENT ENDS OF THE TENT IN ORDER TO ALLOW TRAPPED AIR TO ESCAPE. WHEN YOU HAVE ROLLED THE PACKAGE UP SECURE IT WITH THE ORIGINAL TIE TAPES SUPPLIED.