

# **ERECTION INSTRUCTIONS** **FOR PERPIGNAN 6 & 8**

## **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 THIS 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 WITH 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 :-

5 X LONG PRECURVED STEEL ROOF POLES. PLEASE NOTE THE PRECURVED ROOF POLES HAVE SPECIALLY SHAPED JOINTS TO ENSURE THEY ARE CONNECTED TOGETHER CORRECTLY. WHEN ASSEMBLED THE ROOF POLE SHOULD FORM A GENTLE CURVE. DO NOT FORCE THE JOINTS TOGETHER IF THEY ARE TIGHT. CHECK THAT THE TWO JOINT SECTIONS ARE THE CORRECT WAY AROUND AND RETRY.

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.

A SET OF UPRIGHT CANOPY POLES, EACH CONSISTING OF 3 POLE SECTIONS LINKED BY POLES SPRINGS.

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 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 A DOOR SECTION ON EACH SIDE AND OPEN THE ZIPS FULLY. THIS WILL ALLOW AIR TO FLOW INTO THE TENT LATER WHEN YOU ARE ERECTING IT MAKING THIS PROCESS EASIER.

5/ LOCATE ONE OF THE PRECURVED STEEL ROOF POLES, CHECK THE COLOUR CODING AND THAT YOU ARE INSERTING IT INTO THE CORRECT POLE SLEEVE.

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

*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..*

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*

AT THIS POINT YOU CAN LOOSELY BUT SECURELY PEG THE FRONT AND BACK CENTRAL AND SIDE END GUY POINTS. THIS WILL SUPPORT THE ONE SECTION YOU HAVE ASSEMBLED IN AN UPRIGHT FASHION. THIS WILL MAKE THE FITTING OF THE REMAINING 4 POLES A LOT EASIER. PLEASE ENSURE THERE IS ENOUGH SLACK IN THE GUY ROPES TO ALLOW YOU TO FIT THE REMAINING POLES. PLEASE CHECK THE TENSION IN THE FRONT AND REAR GUY ROPES ON REGULAR OCCASIONS DURING FITTING THE REMAINING ROOF AND UPRIGHT POLES.

6: TAKING THE REMAINING METAL MAIN POLE UPRIGHTS AND THE SECOND, THIRD FORTH AND FIFTH ROOF POLES SEPARATELY REPEAT POINT 5 FOR EACH SET. IT IS BEST TO START AT ONE END OF THE FLYSHEET AND WORK TOWARDS THE OPPOSITE END OF THE TENT. CHECK THE TENSION OF THE FRONT AND REAR GUY POINTS AS THESE MAY NEED TO BE ADJUSTED AS YOU FIT AND POSITION EACH OF THE MAIN POLES.

*DURING BOTH POINTS 4, 5 & 6 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.*

7: THE FLYSHEET SHOULD NOW BE ROUGHLY IN SHAPE AND READY FOR PEGGING. CHECK AND ADJUST THE FRONT AND REAR GUY POINTS PEGGED EARLIER IF NECESSARY.

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.

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*

8. 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 GROUND SHEET. 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 8 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 GROUND SHEET TO ENSURE IT IS CLEAN AND DRY, POSITION THE FLYSHEET ON THE GROUND READY FOR FOLDING.

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 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.