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## **KHYAM QUICK ERECT TENTS**

### ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS & USER HINTS

## **THE TAILGATE AWNING**



### **WARNING:**

If this tent is not erected in accordance with the instructions damage could be caused to the joints, poles or fabric. It is important that the tent is properly guyed at all times, particularly in strong winds – otherwise pole or joint damage may occur.

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.



**CARBON MONOXIDE WARNING!** - Under no circumstances should the engine of the vehicle be started or left running whilst the Tailgate Awning is connected to the vehicle.

# Khyam Tailgate Awning



1. Unzip the carry bag and remove the awning.



2. With the awning upright in front of you, remove the joint covers.



3. Carefully allow the poles to fold out as shows.



4. Locate the hub found at the centre of all 4 main poles.



5. Making sure no fabric is caught in the central hub or poles, carefully lift the hub to waist height.



6. Taking one pole at a time, lift and pull the 2nd joint up and out so point 'A' is as far away from point 'B' as possible.



7. Carefully push down on joint 'C' until it locks into place.



8. Walking backwards away from the pole you have just locked, repeat on the remaining 3 poles.



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**11.**  
The awning should now be standing on its knees.



**12.**  
Taking one pole at a time carefully lift the upper section and pull the lower section out so that the base foot is on the ground.



**13.**  
With your hand on the pole just above the lower joint, push inwards until the joint locks into place.



**14.**  
Repeat this on the remaining 3 lower sections.



**15.**



**16.**  
Position the awning so the connection tunnel is facing the vehicle you will connect the awning to.



**17.**  
Peg the 4 main corners to the ground. These may need to be adjusted later.



**18.**  
Remove the main pole guys from the transit bags.



**19.**  
Peg the corner guy ropes into position as shown.



**20.**

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**21.**  
Peg each side of the connection tunnel to the ground on each side of the vehicle.



**22.**  
Carefully position the connection tunnel over the rear of the vehicle.



**23.**  
Adjust webbing strap accordingly, being careful not to over tighten.



**24.**



**25.**  
Fold any excess fabric back on itself and secure by the velcro strips sewn into the adjustment area.



**26.**  
Position and peg the guy ropes on the tunnel to secure the tunnel to the vehicle. Pegging point positions will vary from vehicle to vehicle.



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## **WARNING:**

Please take great care when erecting, using and dismantling your awning near to your vehicle. If you arrive on site during windy conditions and have erected your awning we strongly recommend waiting for calmer weather before attempting to connect your awning to your vehicle.

If you decide to wait for calmer weather please roll back the connection tunnel and secure on the loops provided. This will prevent the tunnel flapping in the wind.

Whilst the connection tunnel has been designed to connect directly 'over' or 'to' vehicles. We recommend that you ensure that vehicle surfaces that will be in direct contact of the awning are clean and free of dust, dirt or grit that may cause abrasion. If necessary, cover or protect the vehicle surface where the awning connects, with soft foam or sheeting.

## **IMPORTANT USER HINTS**

### **Q. What about the strength and durability of the poles and joints – can I trust them?**

A. In simple terms yes – you can trust the poles and joints. The technology has existed for several years. The wall poles are constructed from tubular steel for rigidity with the roof poles being constructed from aluminium for flexibility. The poles are clipped into the joints which are moulded from nylon with glass filling, which adds hardness to the nylon. The rivets are brass and the springs are stainless steel.

### **Q. Do poles or joints break – and if so what can I do?**

A. It is rare that the poles or joints break when used in accordance to our instructions. They are extremely durable and have been tested to exacting standards. We cannot guarantee that there will never be a breakage but we can guarantee that we will supply any replacement pole sections or joints required during the warranty period.

Should you need to rectify a problem joints are simply unclipped from the pole ends by depressing the retaining pin found on the underside of the joints. This way a separate pole or joint can be replaced without the need to change the whole pole. Any part of a Khyam tent can be replaced and we always endeavour to keep spare in stock. Spares are available to take with you whilst camping and can also be obtained at a subsidised rate to allow you the comfort of insurance without great penalty. Please contact your stockist. Storm damage is not covered by the Khyam warranty. If you are travelling to an area not serviced by a Khyam dealer we recommend you take spares with you.

### **Q. What about spares – can I get them?**

A. Yes spares should normally be available from your stockist. In case of difficulty you may contact us directly.

### **Q. Are KHYAM tents water resistant?**

A. All KHYAM fabrics are coated to withstand a minimum of 200 cms head of water in the hydrostatic head test. This is the measurement when the fabric is new and in use over a period of time this level will drop unlike natural fabrics, which will recover after sewing, synthetic fabrics do not. You will notice that the majority of seams on your Ridgi- dome have been tape sealed during manufacture. However any untapped seams should be sealed before using the tent.

It is important that sealant does not get onto the mechanism of any zips as it will impair it's operation and finally damage the teeth of the zip. Sealant can easily be applied by erecting your Ridgi-dome and before fitting the inner tents, moisten the tip of the applicator, apply down the inside of any untapped seams and around the base of the inner tent hanging loops to prevent wicking in this area. Allow at least 48 hours for the sealant to cure. Your Ridgi-dome should never be packed away until the sealant is completely dry. Should any of the inner tent hanging loops wick apply a small amount of the seam sealant on the outside of the tent covering the area where the loop is stitched into the main seam

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## OTHER USEFUL POINTS TO BEAR IN MIND

1. Never remove pegs by pulling up on the poles or fabric. By doing this you may damage the pole ends or feet invalidating the guarantee. Always use a peg puller or another peg.
2. If you break a grey foot this can be easily replaced without any adjustment to the stitching. Replacement feet can be fitted quickly and easily. A spare foot is included in the repair kit.
3. All synthetic fabrics will fade over a period of time. This is caused by ultra violet rays from sunlight and atmospheric pollution. The weakening of fabric, which can be very dramatic, is dependant upon the frequency of use and the conditions during use. Recent loss of the ozone layer will increase this kind of degradation. With normal weekend and holiday use, your tent will give you good service if well looked after, but extended periods of use in bright sunlight can cause this type of dramatic degradation. If such use is envisaged, then it would be wise to seek a site which is as shaded as possible. The better the tent is looked after the longer will be it's life. Because of this it is not possible for us to predict nor guarantee the life of any synthetic fabric. Having said this the flysheet and inners are replaceable, which can be done as and when required. Also tent fabrics are capable of being reproofed. Always follow relevant proofing manufactures instructions when reproofing your tent.
4. A common problem experienced by many campers is condensation. This is caused by moisture in the atmosphere forming beads or droplets of water when coming into contact with a cold surface. This may form on the walls of the inner tent but more likely on the inside of the flysheet. Condensation can also occur on the groundsheet of the tent particularly under air mattresses, bedrolls and other equipment. The use of a KHYAM original stone protections sheet may help to reduce the problem and will help to protect the sewn in ground sheet. Always ensure that the stone protection sheet does not protrude the edge of the flysheet. The storing of wet clothing and other wet articles inside the tent will also increase the likelihood of condensation. To reduce condensation as a whole, never cook in your tent and ensure that the tent is well ventilated at all times by using the mosquito net doors on the inner tent. Your Ridgi-dome is vented on each bedroom annexe as well as the front entrance and side mesh window sections (where applicable)
5. When setting up a KHYAM Ridgi-dome always use caution to prevent any fabric being caught in the pole system. If this does occur then carefully release the fabric to prevent any rips. Small rips may be repaired using the enclosed repair kit. Severe damage will need professional attention.
6. Do not put your Ridgi-dome away wet or damp for any length of time as this can create mildew. When packing away your tent at the end of the season ensure that it is thoroughly aired and dried out.
7. Four hanging loops are provided inside the inner tent these must only be used for either the optional roof lining or lightweight items such as a small battery torch. On no account should a naked flame (e.g a gas lamp) or other hot objects be suspended from this point.
8. Never cook in your tent. Synthetic fabrics will melt and may catch fire if they come into contact with a flame or very hot object. Always take extreme care when cooking near your tent, e.g Sparks from a barbecue, camp fire etc.