

# **ERECTION INSTRUCTIONS** **FOR ATRIUM**

## **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**

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

- 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 :-

2 X LONG FIBERGLASS SHOCKCORDED POLES. ONE POLE WILL CONSIST OF ALL EQUAL LENGTHS OF POLE. THE OTHER WILL HAVE A NUMBER OF SMALLER POLE SECTIONS AT ONE END. FULLY ASSEMBLE BOTH POLES.

4: UNFOLD THE FLYSHEET AND SPREAD OUT ON THE FLOOR WITH THE POLE SLEEVES FACING DOWN TOWARDS THE GROUND. THIS WAY YOU SHOULD SEE 2 BASE WEBBING STRAPS RUNNING ACROSS THE FLYSHEET. THESE SHOULD ALREADY BE CONNECTED TO THE RING AND PINS AT THE BASE OF EACH MAIN POLE SLEEVE VIA A FASTCLIP BUCKLE. IF THEY ARE NOT CLIP THEM INTO POSITION NOW SO THEY ARE RUNNING PARALELLE TO EACH OTHER. THESE WEBBING STRAPS ARE ADJUSTABLE AND SHOULD BE SET AT THEIR LONGEST LENGTH. ONCE THESE ARE CLIPPED IN PLACE AND ADJUSTED CORRECTLY, TURN THE FLYSHEET OVER SO THE POLE SLEEVES ARE FACING UPWARDS.

LOCATE ONE OF THE FIBERGLASS POLES AND CHECK THE COLOURED POLE STICKER ON THE END FERRULE, THIS CORRESPONDS TO THE MATCHING COLOUR TRIM ON THE POLE END SLEEVE OF THE FLYSHEET.

THREAD THE POLE THROUGH THE MATCHING COLOURED POLE SLEEVE ON THE FLYSHEET.

REPEAT THIS FOR THE REMAINING FIBERGLASS POLE.

5: CHOOSING ONE SIDE OF THE ATRIUM, ENGAGE THE POLE END FERRULE ONTO THE PIN OF THE RING. THE RING CAN BE FOUND NEAR TO THE BASE OF THE POLE SLEEVE ON THE SIDE YOU ARE WORKING ON.

FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ATRIUM CAREFULLY PUSH THE POLE THROUGH THE FABRIC SO THE POLE FORMS AN ARC AND WHEN THE POLE END FERRULE ON THAT SIDE IS CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE PIN OF THE RING ON THIS SIDE, ENAGE THE FERRULE ONTO THE RING AS BEFORE.

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

REPEAT POINT 5 ON THE OTHER MAIN POLE.

*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. CAREFULLY POSITION THE LOWER END OF THE ATRIUM OVER THE FRONT PORCH OF YOUR TENT. AT THE BASE OF EACH SIDE OF THE ATRIUM IS AN ADJUSTABLE WEBBING STRAP. THIS IS DEISGNEED SO THE LOWER END OF THE ATRIUM CAN BE ADJUSTED TO FIT TIGHTLY BEHIND THE OUTER POLE SLEEVE OF THE FRONT PORCH OF YOUR TENT. THERE IS ALSO AN ELASTICATED ROPE WHICH CAN BE TIGHTENED TO ENSURE A SECURE FIT.

IF THE PORCH OF YOUR TENT IS QUITE LOW YOU MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO SHORTEN THE ADJUSTABLE POLE ON THE ATRIUM. THIS CAN BE DONE BY LOCATING THE END OF THE ADJUSTABLE POLE THAT HAS A NUMBER OF SHORT SECTIONS ON THE POLE. LOOSEN THE BASE WEBBING STRAP IF REQUIRED, DISENGAGE THE POLE END FERRULE FROM THE PIN ON THIS SIDE AND PULL THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF SHORT SECTIONS AWAY FROM THE MAIN LENGTH OF POLE. THE SHORT SECTIONS ARE JOINED WITH SHOCKCORDED ELASTIC SO THEY CANNOT BE LOST. ONCE THE POLE HAS BEEN ADJUSTED RELOCATE THE FERRULE ON THE END OF THE REQUIRED POLE SECTION ONTO THE PIN. THE UNUSED SHORT SECTIONS WILL LIE TO ONE SIDE.

ONCE THE LOWER END OF THE ATRIUM HAS BEEN SECURELY FITTED TO THE FRONT PORCH OF YOU TENT, TAKE HOLD OF THE LARGER FRONT POLE OF THE ATRIUM AND GENTLY PULL THE ATRIUM AWAY FROM YOUR PORCH SO THE ATRIUM STARTS TO TAKE SHAPE. LOCATE THE GUY ROPES ALONG THE FRONT POLE SLEEVE OF THE ATRIUM AND PEG TEMPORARILY INTO PLACE. THIS WILL SUPPORT THE ATRIUM SO YOU CAN MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BASE WEBBING STRAPS AND SIDE PANEL SECTIONS.

ADJUST THE BASE WEBBING STRAP LENGTHS SO THAT THE POLE ENDS SIT ONTO THE FLOOR. ON THE SIDE PANELS NEAREST TO THE TENT YOU WILL SEE 2 SECTIONS OF FLYSHEET WHICH CAN BE ROLLED UP IF NOT REQUIRED. THESE CAN BE ROLLED UP WHEN USING THE ATRIUM AND SMALLER DOME PORCHES. ON LARGER DOME PORCHES THEY SHOULD BE UNROLLED TO EXTEND THE SIDE PANELS AS REQUIRED.

ONCE YOU ARE SATISFIED WITH THE OVERALL LAY OF THE ATRIUM AND ALL POLES, WEBBING STRAPS AND SIDE PANELS ARE ADJUSTED TO FIT, YOU CAN THEN AND ONLY THEN PEG THE REMAINING PEGGING LOOPS INTO POSITION.

LOCATE ALL THE GUYING POINTS INCLUDING ANY GUYS YOU AND PEG SECURELY, AT A SUITABLE DISTANCE FROM THE ATRIUM. TRY NOT TO PEG TOO CLOSE TO THE ATRIUM AS THIS WILL NOT GIVE ADEQUATE SUPPORT AND MAY CAUSE THE FABRIC

UNDER THE GUY POINT ITSELF TO BECOME BAGGY. ALSO PEG THE RINGS AT THE POLE ENDS SECURELY TO THE GROUND.

*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. ONCE THE ATRIUM IS FULLY PEGGED YOU CAN UNCLIP THE WEBBING STRAPS THAT RUN BETWEEN THE POLES OF THE ATRIUM IN ORDER TO PREVENT TRIPPING. ON THE ONE SIDE OF THE ATRIUM, NEAR TO THE POLE, ON THE INSIDE OF THE FLYSHEET YOU WILL SEE A SMALL POCKET WHICH IS DESIGNED TO STORE THE ROLLED UP WEBBING BASE STRAP WHILST IN USE.

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

### **TAKING YOUR TENT DOWN**

1/ STRIKING CAMP IS BASICALLY A COMPLETE REVERSAL OF THE ERECTION PROCEDURE.

#### **2/ WARNING!!!**

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT THE WEBBING STRAPS THAT RUN BETWEEN THE POLES ARE RECONNECTED SECURELY BEFORE UNPEGGING. IF THE STRAPS ARE NOT RECONNECTED THEN THE POLE IS FREE TO 'FLIP OUT FLAT' CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE TENT OR POSSIBLE INJURY.**

3/ 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.

4/ 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.

5/ 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.