

sunncamp Frame Tent

General Instructions

Congratulations on purchasing your new *sunncamp* frame tent. If you looked after your tent could give many years of trouble free camping and enjoyment. Please read the instructions before attempting to pitch your tent and retain for future reference.

INSURANCE

We highly recommend that your tent is insured against theft and storm or accidental damage. Storm or accidental damage is not covered under the warranty.

IMPORTANT- 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 familiarise yourself with the tent including any limitations the tent may have for your particular use. A frame tent is a portable structure which, under most circumstances, will provide comfortable shelter against the elements. There are however extremes of weather for which allowance should be made. **DON'T BLAME THE TENT.**

SUITABILITY

Position: Sheltered Lowland/Valley
Weather: Fair/Moderate

WEATHERING

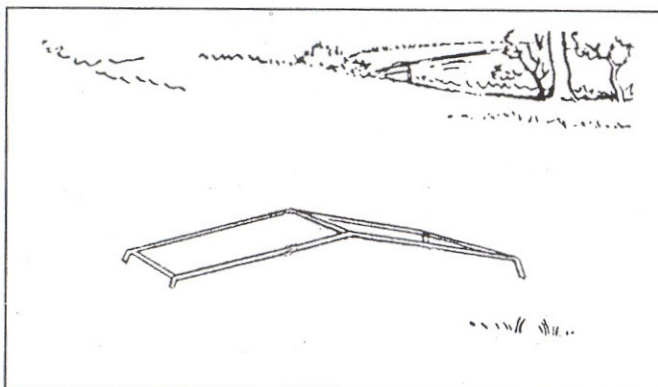
Before a cotton tent is used for the first time, it is important that the tent is weathered. Pitch the tent when rain is expected. When the cotton of the tent becomes wet for the first time the weave of the cotton will close. There is no predetermined time for weathering so do not be surprised if there is a small amount of leakage through the canvas and seams the first few times it rains.

COTTON

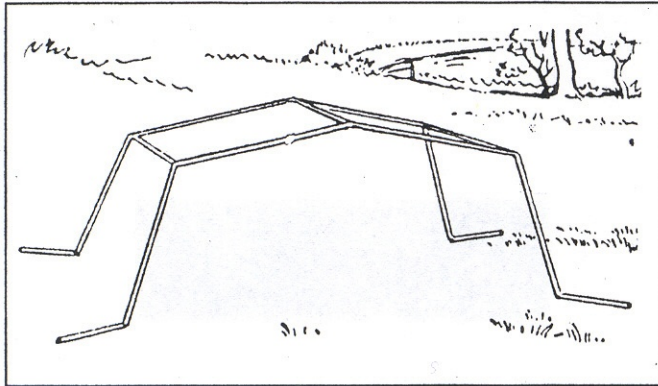
The outer and inner tent is made of cotton. Cotton is a natural fibre and may contain some imperfections. These should not be mistaken for faults and will not affect the performance of your tent.

PITCHING

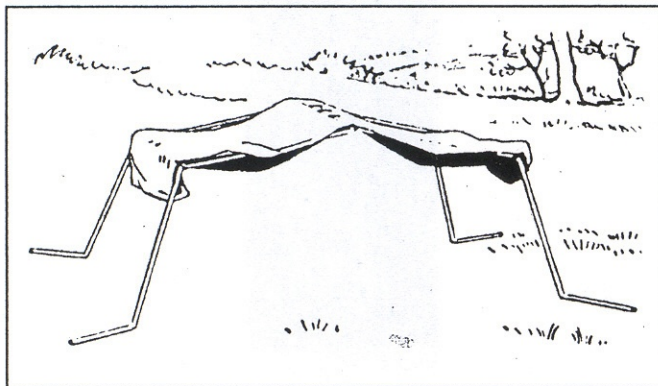
1. Assemble the "roof" of the frame. Many parts are spring linked to make positioning of the frame easier. Please refer to frame drawing for exact positioning. **DO NOT ASSEMBLE CANOPY FRAME.** (Gites and SE models only).



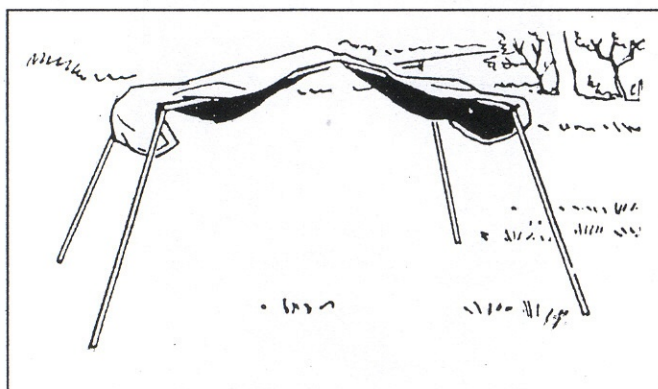
2. Add the legs in their folded position.



3. Position the canvas on the frame, taking care not to put a strain on the frame. Unfold it over the length of the frame, positioning the door at the front and canopy extension pole through the hole in the front of the canvas.



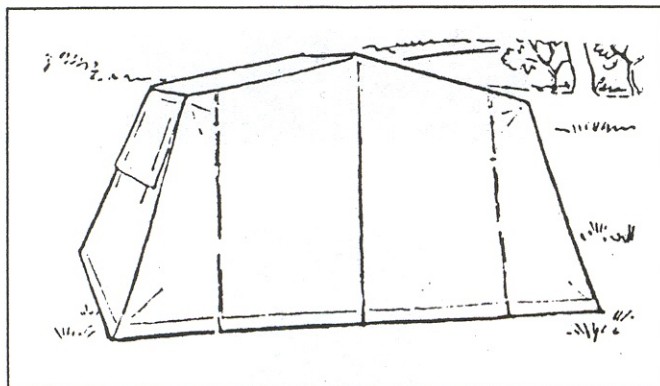
4. One pair at a time, straighten the legs, bringing the tent to full height. On larger tents erect one side at a time to avoid excess strain on the frame.



5. Loosely tie the canvas to the frame using the tie tapes. Ensure that the roof of the tent sits squarely on the frame and that the frame corners fit into the corners of the roof canvas. **NOTE:** The tie tapes are for locating the canvas onto the frame - do not pull too tight.

6. Peg the tent in the following sequence:

- a) Close all doors and other zips
- b) First, peg one rear corner, first ensuring that the seam on the canvas runs down the tent leg. Peg in line with the seam inserting the peg at an angle of 45° .



- c) Go to other rear corner and, with pegging point and frame leg foot in one hand, stretch the rear of the tent. The canvas will become taut without any creases. Once again, peg in line with the seam as before.
- d) Go to the front corners and repeat this procedure, making sure that there are as few creases as possible in front and side of the tent canvas. **ANY DOORS OR EXTERIOR ZIPS MUST BE CLOSED TO THE BOTTOM TO SUCCESSFULLY PEG YOUR TENT.**
- e) Working from the rear centre pegging point, continue to peg your tent. The canvas should always be taut with no creases and the pegs should all be in line with each other. It is not necessary to pull the canvas too far out - a straight line is preferable from corner to corner. Cross peg all doorways to avoid excess tension on zips and to prevent them from working their way open. Take extra care around the kitchen area (not Villa).
- f) When you are finished, the tent canvas should be taut on the frame with no "flapping canvas". Each side should be pegged neatly and in as straight a line as possible. Where possible, pegs should be in line with the seam.

PLEASE TAKE EXTREME CARE WHEN PITCHING YOUR TENT IN WINDY CONDITIONS AND ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE ADEQUATE HELP.

- g) Attach canopy frame and pull canopy over. Adjust poles to make canopy taut and then attach guylines to spike on top of upright poles and peg (all models with sun canopy).

INNER TENT

Ensure that the ground is free of stones or other sharp objects. You may wish to lay polythene to protect the inner tent ground sheet.

Peg groundsheet squarely, far into the corners of the tent and then peg remaining points. Open inner tent zips and clip to frame, stretching inner tent into shape, without any excess creases. Do not put too much stress on inner tent groundsheet pegging points.

GUying THE TENT

The tent should be guyed using the guying points supplied on the tent.

PEGS

General purpose pegs are supplied with this tent and are suitable in many instances. There are many types of pegs available and it is up to you to choose the correct peg for the job. Your *sunncamp* dealer will be able to give you advice.

MUDWALL

The mudwall is located on the inside of the tent and a groundsheet can be laid on top of it in the living area.

CURTAINS

These should be clipped on the curtain track and retained by the curtain tape. Pack curtains separately if they are wet or even slightly damp.

TAKING YOUR TENT DOWN

If possible, this should be done when the tent is completely dry. Take out the inner tent and curtains. Unpeg the tent and make sure that the mudwall is clean and dry. Breakdown the middle legs leaving just corner legs. Breakdown the corner legs in pairs to their lower position. At this stage, the tent will still be tied to the frame. Neatly fold one side of the canvas on to the roof, as far as it will go, then the other side. Fold each end of the canvas onto the roof and the, undoing each of the tie tapes, fold the canvas onto the apex of the frame. The canvas can then be rolled with the inner tent and placed back into the valise.

PLEASE TAKE EXTREME CARE WHEN TAKING DOWN YOUR TENT IN WINDY CONDITIONS. DO NOT TRY TO TAKE YOUR TENT DOWN ON YOUR OWN - GET SOMEBODY TO HELP YOU.

CARE OF YOUR TENT

CANVAS

This should always be packed away and stored completely dry. If you have to take your tent down wet then, at the first possible opportunity, **PITCH THE TENT TO DRY IT. DO NOT LEAVE IT PACKED WET.** Damp storage will cause mildew and may result in colour run. **IMPORTANT:** If your tent is wet do not pack curtains with canvas as this may result in colour transfer.

NEVER clean your tent with anything other than pure water and a soft brush. **NEVER USE** detergents, petrol, turps etc.

It may be necessary to re-proof your canvas at sometime. The time will vary according to the amount of use and the prevailing conditions. There are many good waterproofing agents available - see your *sunncamp* dealer for details. **NEVER** use aerosols or other chemicals close to your tent canvas.

FRAME

Take care not to put excess strain on your frame. When erecting or dismantling, make sure that you do not over-extend the spring links. Should this happen, your *sunncamp* dealer will be able to supply replacements. During storage, a light coating of petroleum jelly will help protect the frame. Make sure to remove any excess before pitching the tent.

CANOPY (Gites and SE models)

In windy conditions, the canopy frame should be dismantled and the canopy canvas tied back with the canopy ties provided.

CHOOSING A SITE TO PITCH YOUR TENT

Try to choose a site that is relatively flat. Avoid sites where the land may flood or that water will run down. **DO NOT** camp directly under trees but a hedge or wall may provide shelter against wind. **AVOID** areas with heavy pollution and where crop spraying may be in progress.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS - REMEMBER, YOUR TENT CAN BURN. CAMP SAFETY - FOLLOW THESE COMMONSENSE RULES

- When siting, ensure a minimum distance of 6 metres is between tents
- Do not place cooking, heating or lighting appliances near the sides or the roof
- Always observe the safety instructions for the appliances
- Keep exits clear
- Make sure that you learn the fire arrangements on the site
- Never allow children to play near lighted appliances

SPARE PARTS

Should you damage or lose any parts of your *sunncamp* tent, spares are available from your *sunncamp* dealer. In case of difficulty contact *sunncamp* Outdoor Equipment direct. **IMPORTANT** For all warranty claims please contact your *sunncamp* dealer - do not contact *sunncamp* directly as all warranty claims must be processed through your dealer.