

STANSPORT TENT TIPS

Item No. 733

“Night Owl 2” Tent with Vestibule Rain-Fly

Thank you for taking Stansport outdoors. We hope you enjoy your new tent and that it will give you many years of camping pleasure. We encourage you to read and understand each step of the set-up instructions prior to working with the tent. **DO NOT APPLY EXCESSIVE FORCE TO ANY PART OF THE TENT POLES DURING SET-UP.**

WATERPROOFING YOUR TENT

Stansport tents are made from coated water repellent fabrics. However, the sewing process, necessary in all tent fabrication, can cause water leakage where the sewing needles have perforated the fabric in the seams. Without treatment the tent will leak. Every new tent needs to be seam sealed to make it water tight. Seam sealer can be located at your local outdoor outfitter or camping store. We recommend sealing the outside of the floor and rain-fly twice and the underside of the fly and the inside floor once. When finished, let the tent stand and dry for a 6 to 12 hours before putting it away.

1) BEGINNING SET-UP

Assemble the 3 Sets of shock-corded poles. Now, spread the tent out on the ground until it is opened completely. Remove the rain-fly and set it aside. You will notice that there are two sets of grommets on each piece of webbing. It is recommended that you place the pole tips into the grommet closest to the body of the tent.

Begin by setting up the two poles that run from front to back. The key is to first place both poles into their respective grommets at the same end (it DOES matter which end you start with). The pole-arcs criss-cross twice, once at the front and once at the back. Do not put the third and last pole in place yet. Save this for later. It will make things much easier.

2) SETTING UP THE TENT

Choose a pole and locate the first nylon clip along the seam that the pole arc follows and clip it to the pole. Continue following the tent seam, connecting clips to the tent pole as you go. Repeat this procedure with the 2nd pole arc. Adjust any clips that look out of place.

Once both pole arcs are attached and in place you are now ready to put the third pole in place. This pole runs across the top of the tent at a slight angle just behind the two doors. Again, locate the first nylon clip along the seam that the pole arc follows and clip it to the pole. Continue following the tent seam, connecting clips to the tent pole as you go. Note: If you are alone, set-up will take more time and patience.

3) RAIN FLY INSTALLATION

Spread the rain-fly out locating the front and back. The semi-circle zippered vestibule end is the front. This is the part that goes over the doors. Place the rain-fly on top of the tent body. Beginning with one corner at a time. Remove the pole tip from the grommet on the tent body. Without letting go of either the tent pole or both pieces of webbing, place the grommetted webbing on the rainfly between the pole tip and the grommetted webbing on the tent body and insert the pole tip into the two grommets. Vestibule: The portion of the rain-fly that sticks out beyond the door of the tent creating a bit of a front porch. It is important to stake out the nylon loops on the edge of the vestibule.

4) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Make sure to stake down the tent (with the tent stakes included) in windy weather, or if you anticipate afternoon winds coming up while you are away from your campsite. Always place your tent a safe distance from your campfire. Unstaked tents placed upwind of the fire can be blown into the fire. Tents placed downwind of the fire are often showered with tiny sparks that can burn holes in the lightweight fabrics of your tent. We recommend that you practice setting up your tent at home before taking it into the wilderness.

5) WARNING

Stansport tent fabrics are flame retardant treated per CPAI -84. However, for your safety, we recommend that no open flame be used in or near your tent.

