



ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

#01252 The Retreat SUV Tent

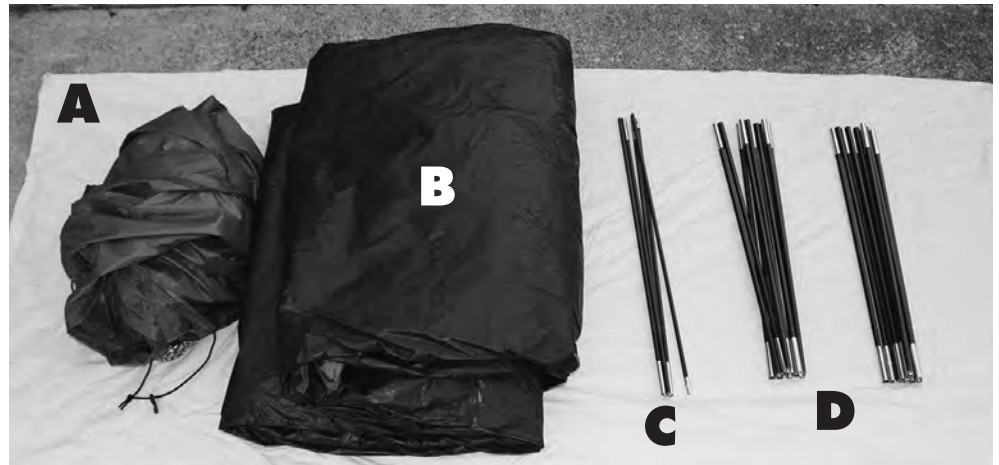
Thank you for purchasing this Texsport tent. Please read and understand each step of the set-up instructions. We encourage you to set-up this tent at least once prior to your camping trip, ensuring that you have a satisfactory understanding of the set-up process. We hope you enjoy your new tent and that it will give you many years of camping pleasure.

Do not apply excessive force to this product.

PARTS LIST:

- A RAINFLY
- B..... TENT SKIN
- C..... RAINFLY AWNING POLE
- D TENT POLES

NOTE: PREPARE YOUR CAMP SITE BY REMOVING ALL SHARP STONES, TWIGS, ETC. THE SITE SHOULD BE FLAT AND HAVE NO DEPRESSIONS THAT COULD COLLECT RAIN WATER.



Step 1 - Spread out tent skin (B).



Step 2 - Assemble the 2 long poles (D) and insert through the tent sleeves to form an "X".



Step 3 - Make sure you insert the poles through the center roof loop to secure.



Step 4 - This is how your tent should look at this point.



Step 5 - Insert the pin into the poles.



Step 6 - Attach the speed clips onto the tent poles.



Step 7 - Insert the pin into the leg poles.



Step 8 - This is what your tent should like without the rainfly.



Step 9 - Drape fly over tent and secure fly by attaching fly hook to ring.



Step 10 - Insert the awning pole into the grommets on tent skin to create an arch.



Step 11 - Secure awning pole with the hook 'n' loops to the leg poles.



Step 12 - To secure your tent with guy ropes. Insert the guy rope into clew as shown above.



Step 13 - Tie the other end of the guy rope to the tabs on the fly.



Step 14 - Loosen the guy rope as shown to wrap around a stake.



Step 15 - Stake down the guy rope and adjust the tension on the guy rope by sliding the clew up or down.



Step 16 - Use the hooks to attach to the fender, wheel well, door, or luggage rack to create an awning/canopy.

WARNING: Texsport tent fabrics are flame retardant treated per C.P.A.I.-84 specification. However, for your safety, we recommend that **NO OPEN FLAME BE USED IN OR NEAR YOUR TENT.**

SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Always secure your tent (with the tent stakes included). Stake one corner, then stake each consecutive corner in a clockwise rotation. Make sure the tent remains tight. Always place your tent a safe distance from your campfire - unstaked tent placed upwind of the fire can be blown into the fire. Tent placed downwind of the fire are often showered with tiny sparks that can burn holes into the lightweight fabrics of your tent.

WATERPROOFING YOUR TENT: Texsport 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. We recommend using Texsport Spray Waterproofing/Seam Sealer which may be found at your local outdoor outfitter or camping store. **DO NOT APPLY SEAM SEALER TO ZIPPERS.**

STAKES: All tents should be staked down. The stakes supplied with your tent are effective for most conditions; however, specialized stakes are recommended in certain cases:

- Sand Stakes:.... Long broad stakes designed to hold in loose sand.
- Steel Stakes: Most effective in hard, rocky or frozen soil. These can rust and their sharp edges could damage the tent if stored with the tent. In extremely hard soil a steel rod can be used to make the starter hole.
- Skewer Stakes:.. Lightweight, but less holding power than the standard stakes.
- Snow Stakes: ... The most common method is to bury objects with a great deal of surface area in the snow i.e. branches, aluminum pie plates, stuff sacks or tent bags filled with snow and buried: (this may be referred to as the dead man method). Tents can also be secured to snow skis or poles which are stuck into the snow.

ZIPPERS: If zippers stick, lubricate with silicone. Never force a zipper which has material caught in it as this will bend the slider and prevent the zipper from closing. Continual use in a sandy environment can cause the slider to erode and fail to close the zipper.

STORAGE: Tents should be stored dry and loosely folded away from heat and water. Keep out of reach of mice as they like to nest in tents. Never store directly on concrete as moisture and chemicals in concrete may damage the nylon.

WASHING: Hand wash with a sponge using a mild soap. Never use detergents or washing machines as they may damage the coating or seams. Remember to use seam sealer once tent has been washed to insure waterproofing.

HOW LONG WILL A NYLON TENT LAST? Various conditions will affect the length of service which you receive:

- A nylon tent which is left erected all summer may last only one or two seasons as the sun's ultra-violet rays damage the nylon.
- Never store a tent wet or damp as mildew may develop. It will not harm nylon, however, mildew is unsightly and may damage other parts of the tent (i.e. zipper tapes)
- Avoid spraying insect repellent or hair sprays, etc. on tent fabric as they may be harmful.

REPAIR: For small tears use an adhesive backed rip-stop nylon patch. We recommend Texsport Nylon Tent Repair Kit (#14113) which may be found at your local outdoor outfitter or camping store.

QUESTIONS: If you should have any questions, problems or comments, please call our Customer Service Department at 1-800-231-1402 or e-mail info@texsport.com. This Department is open M-F from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. CST.