



# Tailgater User Guide

Pictures shown in this guide may show other models

## Welcome

Thank you for purchasing your Kampa tent. Please read these instructions carefully before attempting to set up and retain for future reference. If used properly, your tent should give you years of trouble free use. We recommend that your tent is insured against accidental and storm damage as this is not covered by the warranty.

## IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ:



Under certain conditions all tents will suffer from internal condensation. Depending upon the atmospheric conditions, the weather and the amount of moisture in the ground, the condensation could be quite severe and is commonly mistaken for leaking, especially as it can run down the inside of the roof and drips off ties tapes and other internal fittings. If you suspect your tent is leaking it is almost certainly condensation.

The tent material has a waterproof PU coating over its entire surface and the main seams of your tent have been factory taped to help prevent leakage. Depending upon your expectations, it may be necessary to treat the remaining seams with a seam sealant. Seams treated with seam sealant cannot leak. Seam sealant should also be applied to areas where the taping is damaged or has peeled away through wear and tear. It can also be applied to areas where a leak may have developed. Kampa seam sealant is available from your dealer.

**NEVER RUN THE VEHICLE WHISLT CONNECTED TO THE TENT.**



This tent is designed for use in light to moderate weather. During strong winds or snowfall we recommend that you take your tent down. The tent is designed for touring use; it is not designed for static or commercial use.

We recommend a trial run before using your tent for the first time. This will allow you to familiarise yourself with the tent, its set up and any limitations the tent may have for your particular use.

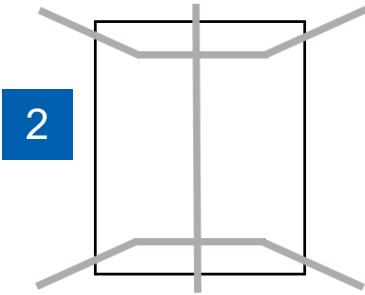


Unroll and lay the tent out in the required position (1). Locate the pole sleeves on the top of the tent. There should be one at each end and one across the centre.

Thread the poles through the sleeves.

Undo the doors to allow air into the tent.

Insert the central pole into the pocket at the peak of the tent (3).



Attach each end pole end onto the pin on the keyring at the corner of each tent (4). The tent will assume the correct shape. Tighten the straps. Attach the plastic hooks to each pole.

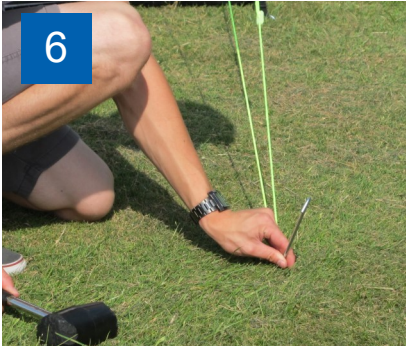
Close all the doors.

Peg each corner of the tent ensuring the tent is sitting square and is tensioned between the pegs (5).

Peg the intermediate pegging points.

The groundsheet, if required, can be toggled in at this point.





## Guy Lines

Your tent comes with guy lines pre-attached. We recommend that these are used at all times. Peg the guy lines so that the tent is under tension without distorting the shape (6).

The guy lines can be adjusted using the runners and should generally be pegged diagonally from the pole. Check the guy lines from time to time to ensure that they are still adequately tensioned.



## Connecting To Your Vehicle

This is a guide to fitting to your vehicle. Every vehicle is different so you will have to improvise with the connection depending upon the vehicle.



Open the tent's vehicle access door. Reverse your vehicle until its bumper touches the lower section. Ensure the vehicle is centrally positioned against the tent. (7)



Lift the tunnel over the rear of the car. There are two options for attaching the top of the tunnel. (8) If the vehicle has roof bars you can attach the webbing strap with the side release buckle around the roof bar and tighten. If the vehicle does not have roof bars then you can use the long straps and attach the hooks to the windscreen wipers. (9)



Use the straps on the side of the tunnel to attach to the vehicle bodywork - normally the wheel arch or under the rear bumper. (10)



Go inside the tent. There is an inner valance with a strap (11). The strap is designed to go over the rear hatch. Position the strap, raise the vehicle hatch and tighten the strap..





Locate the three straps on the lower valance. These are designed to attach to any available fixing inside the vehicle. It may not be possible to attach all the straps. (straps in picture are shown in orange for visibility) (12).

Adjust the straps to ensure that you have the best fit possible.

Please remember that the Tailgater is universal fit. It is usual to have some gaps between the vehicle and the tunnel.



## **PEGS**

The tent comes complete with general purpose pegs. These will be suitable for many sites but there will be some instances where different pegs will be necessary. Your dealer will stock a range of Kampa pegs suitable for different types of ground. For maximum effectiveness, pegs should be driven into the ground at a 45° angle away from the pegging point.

## **RAIN**

We make our tents as resistant to the weather as possible. Occasionally you may find slight leakage. This is not a fault with the manufacturing process or materials and can normally be rectified by spot treating the seam with seam sealant or waterproofing spray (see below).

## **SEAMS**

The main seams of this tent have been factory taped to help prevent leakage. Depending upon your expectations, it may be necessary to treat the remaining seams with a seam sealant. Seam sealant should also be applied to areas where the taping is damaged or has peeled away through wear and tear. It can also be applied to areas where a leak may have developed. Seam sealant is available through your dealer.

## **SUITABILITY**

This tent is designed for use in light to moderate weather. During very strong winds or snowfall we recommend that you take your tent down. The tent is designed for occasional use; it is not designed for static or used for commercial use.

## **UV DEGRADATION**

Tent fabrics can be weakened by prolonged exposure to sunlight. Under normal holiday use your tent will give long service but use for extended periods in strong sunlight will soon cause deterioration. In those cases it would be wise to use a site as shaded as possible. UV degradation is not covered under the warranty. The warranty does not cover tents used on permanent sites, displays or for commercial purposes.

## **CONDENSATION**

Under certain conditions tents will be affected by condensation inside. See page 2 for more information about condensation. Condensation and its effects are not covered under the warranty.

## **SAFETY**

DO NOT COOK IN THE TENT OR USE NAKED FLAMES. READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FIRE PRECAUTIONS LABEL SEWN INTO THE INSIDE OF THE TENT.

## **TAKING DOWN**

To pack away the tent:

1. Partly close all doors and openings, Un-peg the guy lines and tie them neatly to avoid future tangling.
2. Un-peg and then remove the poles from the pole sleeves. Push the poles, DO NOT PULL.
3. Fold the tent then roll to fit in the carry bag.
4. Ensure that the tent is totally dry before storing in a cool, dry, dark space: if possible opened out.

## **CARE**

Tents are best stored opened out. Air fully and ensure it is totally dry before packing away. Store in a well ventilated dry place. A wet/damp tent will develop mildew surprisingly quickly. Dirty tents can be washed using clean water and a soft brush. Do not scrub and never use detergents.

The poles do not need any maintenance but should be protected from damage during storage. Damage due to improper use, wind damage or neglect is not covered under the warranty. Have any damage repaired at the first opportunity.

Zips should be treated with care, use two hands to close and open and never tread on them. Never force a zip. We strongly recommend that you carry a comprehensive spares kit including silicone waterproof spray, seam sealer and tape for repairing poles.

Repairs to the tent should be made by a company recommended by Kampa or your supplying dealer. Repairs and alterations made by an unauthorised company may invalidate your warranty.