

## CHECKLIST

Your Macpac tent bag will include:





## **BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT**

#### Seam sealing your tent

The fly fabric in your Macpac tent is coated with a silicon elastomer on both sides. This strengthens the fabric and also gives a high water repellency, meaning water runs off the fly easily.

All the inside seams of the fly must be sealed with the seam sealer you will find enclosed with your tent. This will make your tent's seams waterproof.

Pitch the fly inside out so the seams are taut. Apply a thin film of seam sealer to the fly seams on the inside of your tent, paying particular attention to pole sleeve seams.

## CARE AND CLEANING

#### Washing your tent

If your tent is very dirty, clean it using a sponge, water and pure, nondetergent soap. Do not use detergents or solvents. Do not machine wash. Rinse thoroughly after cleaning.

## UV damage

Do not leave the tent pitched in direct sunlight for longer than necessary. Ultra violet light will eventually weaken the fabric and damage the waterproof coating. UV damage is not covered by warranty. Do not pitch your tent on hot surfaces as this can cause permanent blistering of the fabric. This type of damage is not covered by warranty.

## **PITCHING YOUR TENT**

## Unpack your tent

Your new tent should come with the inner and fly attached by the rings and toggles. If the inner is not attached to the fly, refer to the "How to join the fly and inner" section. Lay the tent out flat with the inner on the ground and the fly on top. Gently unfold the tent pole. Do not flick it open as this can cause damage and shorten it's life. Make sure all pole sections are inserted correctly.

# Insert the poles

The Minaret poles are secured in two sleeves on the underside of the fly to create a tunnel shape.

One end of each sleeve is closed, and one is open. Locate the open end of the sleeve, which is marked with a piece of reflective tape, and insert the tent pole. Push the pole with one hand and assist the pole through with the other. Don't pull the pole because that can cause the sections to separate within the sleeve.

When the pole is fully inserted, put the free end into the metal eyelet on the webbing tape. This will keep the pole under tension and create an arc. Repeat for each pole.

**3.** Pitch the tent

## Repairing your tent

Fabric patches and a pole repair sleeve are included with your tent. Simply glue a patch to the outer of the fly. In the event of a pole breakage, tape the pole repair sleeve over the damaged section. These are temporary repairs, you should get your tent fixed by the Macpac repair team as soon as possible.

For more information on warranty and repairs please visit our website.

## MULTI PITCH™ FOR COMPLETE VERSATILITY

## For general use

When conditions are unpredictable, and for general use, the fly and inner are pitched together. This gives maximum protection from the weather, and from biting insects. If you are striking camp in heavy rain, the inner can be detached from the fly while still pitched, keeping the inner and its occupant dry.

## For a lightweight shelter

You can carry just the fly and poles to construct a lightweight shelter. The pole is inserted in the sleeve as usual, and the included ground tape keeps the pole in place.



## For dry, warm weather

You can pitch the inner on its own. The poles are passed through the loops on the inner, and the inner is pegged out as usual. Attach two guy cords to the front pole and peg at 45 degrees.



#### How to join the fly and inner

- Line up the inner tent door with the main door on the 1. fly. Clip the buckles on one side of the inner to the corresponding buckles at the pole ends on one side of the tent fly. Attach the toggle connections between the inner and the fly at the pole sleeves.
- Once the inner is attached, peg out the corners of the inner. 2.
- Tension the straps at each pole end so the fly is taut. 3.

Peg one end of the tent fly down, and pull the poles upright. Peg out the opposite end and remaining corners of the fly. Adjust the fly straps to be firm but not tight-over-tightening will distort the fly.

# **4.** Tension the fly

Attach, peg out and tighten the storm guys and ensure that the pegs attached to the storm guys are anchored firmly in the ground. This will ensure the fly is well supported in strong winds.

#### Choosing a camp site

- Select a flat site, clear of sharp objects like rocks and branches. If possible, do not pitch the tent in a hollow - dew settles in hollows, potentially increasing the moisture that may collect on your tent overnight
- Pitch the tent with the door flaps facing away from the wind
- In all but severe weather, keep the extractor vents open to allow air flow through the tent
- For extra ventilation, leave the door of the inner partly open

**NOTE:** Although Macpac tents are designed to reduce condensation inside the tent it is impossible to completely eliminate the buildup of moisture in certain conditions.

#### In stormy conditions

- If possible, pitch the tent with the back facing into the wind so it offers the least resistance.
- Ensure that the guy cords are pegged out firmly to stabilise your tent in high winds.

## Packing your tent

Always dry the fly, inner, pegs, poles and guy cords completely before storing to prevent damage caused by mildew and mould. Shake gently while still pitched to remove surface water. Clear the floor of the inner of any twigs or stones. Remove all pegs and scrape dirt off them. Do not zip the door right up; otherwise, air will be trapped inside, making your tent harder to roll.

Remove the pole end from the eyelet and gently push the poles out of the sleeves. Push rather than pull the poles out or the pole sections may come apart. Fold the poles, carefully holding the middle section and folding the ends in. This protects the shock cords and the ends of the pole sections.

Loosely pack the tent by folding it half lengthways, taking one outside length and placing it in the middle, then repeating this from the opposite edge. For tents with stiffened extractor vents, ensure that the vent stiffeners are placed parallel to the poles in the tent stuff sack. Place the poles in their bag and then roll the tent up around the poles. It should then fit easily into the stuff sack. Tighten the strap on the stuff sack to reduce its size.

