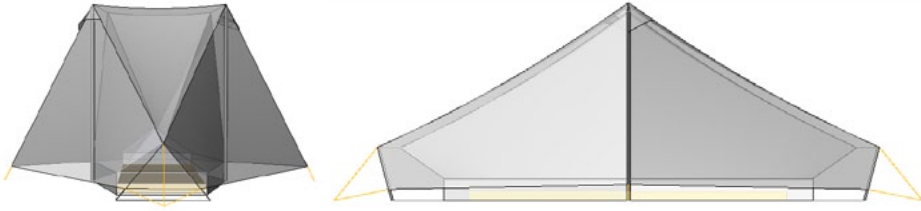


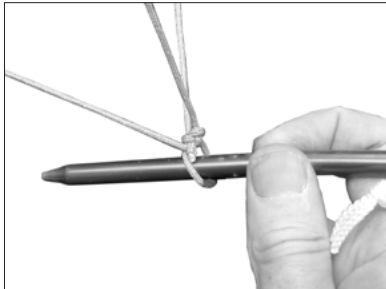
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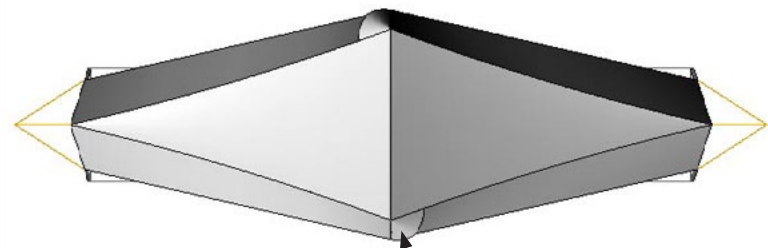
Setup

Basic setup is very easy. It will take about 1 minute once you get the hang of it. For additional photos and setup video, see <http://www.tarptent.com/notch.html>

1. Spread canopy on ground, black floor side down. Remove stakes from stake bag and have ready.
2. Set trekking poles to 110-115cm/ 43-45in or assemble substitute poles.
3. Pull out one end of the canopy, spread strut ends apart, insert stake through guyline loop and stake to ground.

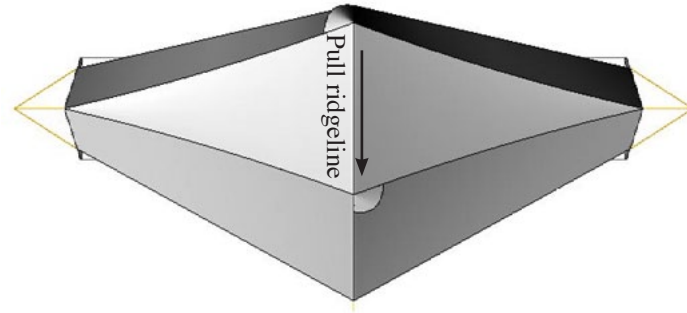


4. Now walk to the other end of the structure, and pull out opposite end until you just start to feel resistance from the underlying floor straps. Stake end as you did the first end.
5. Insert trekking pole, handle end first, through vent opening so that pole tip goes into grommet on underside of vent.

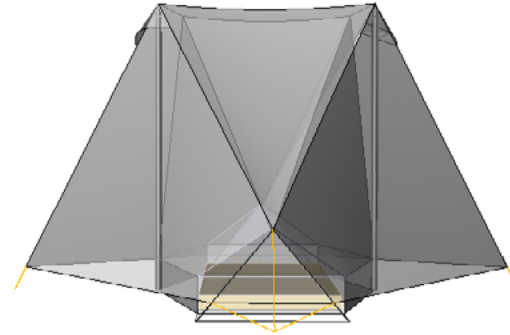


Insert trekking pole

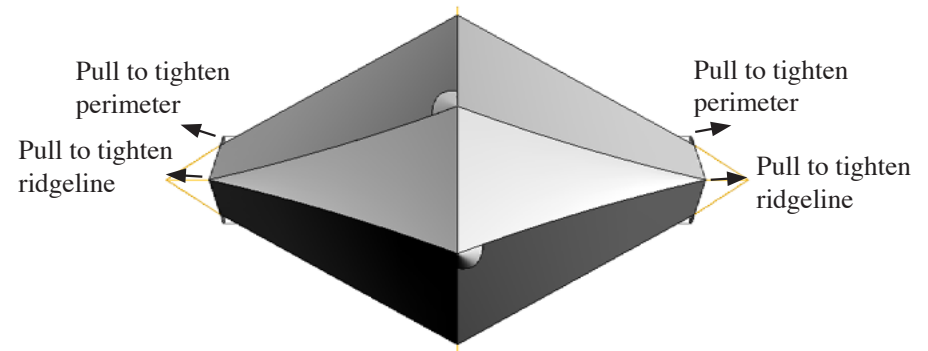
6. Set pole vertically and pull canopy ridgeline out. Stake cording at end of zippered door.



6. Repeat pole insertion at other vent and pull ridgeline out until the canopy is taut. Stake other zippered door cord. Adjust end tensions and vertical pole positions until shape is symmetrical and ridgeline is only slightly curved.

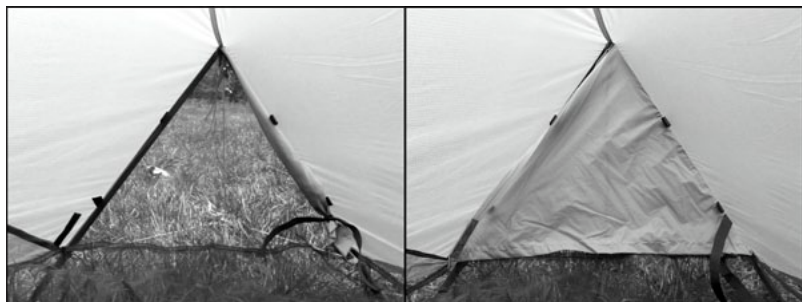


7. Use line tighteners (pull cord end to tighten; lift lever to loosen) to adjust tension. Tighten ridgeline first, then tighten perimeter.



Venting

Fly end vents can be adjusted to suit conditions using the interior tieups. For milder conditions and maximum ventilation, leave them open. For more severe conditions, untie and close using the velcro strips.



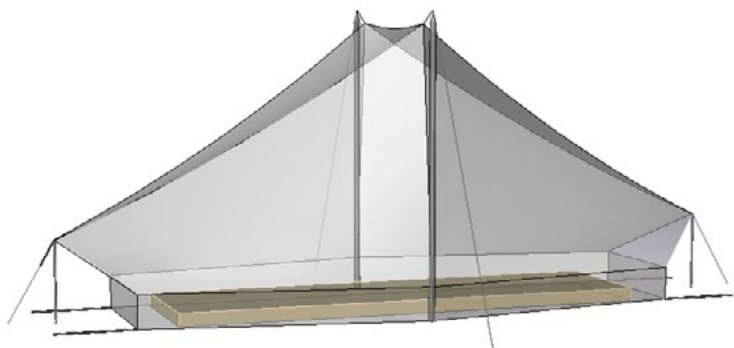
For more ventilation, each fly door has a tie-back for full open venting and a buckle at the lower zipper opening to keep the door flap closed at the perimeter when the zipper is open. The buckle also helps take stress off the zipper.

Perimeter venting can be adjusted by raising or lowering trekking poles.

Inner Compartment

The inner compartment attaches to the outer fly structure via clips and rings. The compartment is completely detachable and both the outer fly and inner compartment can also be used standalone.

1. Unclip interior from fly and spread on ground, black floor side down. Stake all 4 corners.
2. Insert the trekking pole tips into the elastic loops.
3. Secure the two trekking poles as shown with extra cord and stakes to tension the interior canopy.
4. Lift and tension each end using a strut--removed from fly--or available stick.



Seam-sealing and Repair

Please refer to the seam-sealing instructional video:

<http://www.tarptent.com/ttvideos.html>

Seams must be sealed with a **silicone**-based sealer such as GE Silicone II clear sealer. In a well-ventilated location, mix about three tablespoons into a tuna can with about 6 tablespoons mineral spirits (paint thinner) or Coleman fuel/white gas. Stir to dissolve and form a semi-viscous solution. Set up the tent and seal the outside/topside seams over your living space. Paint the solution on with a small foam brush for easy, smooth application. It's also a good idea to paint thicker swaths of silicone on the compartment floor in the area of your sleeping pad to help reduce sliding, especially if you use an inflatable pad.

Small fabric tears can be patched with pure silicone and scrap fabric (available free on request).

Condensation and Sag

Ventilation and fabric warmth are your best defenses against condensation. Keep doors open as much possible and try to set up where it's breezy. Look for warmer and drier microclimates under trees and out of valleys and lake basins.

Nylon stretches (and sags) when the humidity goes up, night is falling, and/or when it starts to rain. Use the line tighteners and/or boost trekking poles from inside to tighten the fabric.

Key points to consider

- Use clips at bottom of door zippers to reduce zipper stress and prevent opening in wind.
- The fabric will resist much stress but neither flame nor abrasion. Treat it accordingly.

Thank you for your purchase and we sincerely hope that you enjoy your Notch. Feedback is always welcome.

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