

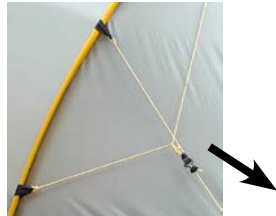
Tarptent Cloudburst 3 Setup

Setup is very easy. It will take 2 or 3 minutes once you get the hang of it. Please see <http://www.tarptent.com/cloudburst3.html> for additional photos.

1. Assemble shock-corded arch poles.
2. Locate a yellow sleeve and thread a pole where the sleeve opens. Push the pole through the sleeve and insert the pole tip into the pole tip pocket. Pull the fabric to slide the sleeve across the pole and insert the pole tip into the remaining pole tip pocket. Tighten straps as needed.
3. Repeat with second arch pole.
4. Stretch the tent out, locate one end, and stake the two guylines to the ground. Set the stakes about 3 feet / ~ 1 meter apart, centered to the inside of the pole arch (see below).



5. Walk to the other end, lift and pull the other arch outward to tension the full canopy tunnel, and then stake the other end as the first.
6. Lift/adjust arch pole ends to maximize fabric tension from front to back. Line tighteners firmly tension the vestibule fabric and canopy tunnel.
8. Loop the arch pole 3-into-1 guylines over each of the 4 stakes. Use the line tighteners to firmly tension the lines.



9. Side attachment points are provided. Use them in a strong side wind to secure canopy hem.
10. Release buckles at pole ends to slide sidewall canopy up as desired to increase ventilation and views.

Vestibules

Unzip and tie back both vestibule doors to enable flowthrough ventilation. Weather permitting, you can also roll away one or both vestibules. Detach the vestibules from the stakes—leave the arch pole guylines attached. Then use the tie backs at the sides and top of the doors to hold the fabric up against the pole sleeves. Unhook elastic floor clips from the vestibules and stretch them out to the stakes to provide full floor tensioning



Third pole support

For high winds or snow, we recommend using a third pole. The pole feeds through small openings in the sidewall and is secured at ground level by grommeted straps. Interior velcro tie-up secure the pole to the canopy.



Seam-sealing

Please refer to the seam-sealing instructional video:

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

Seams over your living space must be sealed with a **silicone**-based sealer. An inexpensive product is GE Silicone II clear sealer, available at most hardware stores in a squeeze tube. In a well-ventilated location, squirt about **3 table-spoons** into a tuna can and mix in about 6 tablespoons mineral spirits (paint thinner) or Coleman fuel/white gas. The silicone will dissolve and form a semi-viscous solution. Set up the tent and seal all seams over the living space. Paint the solution on with a small foam brush or rolled up paper towel for easy, smooth application. Add more mineral spirits and stir if the solution gets too thick.

Condensation and Sag

Ventilation and fabric warmth are your best defenses against condensation. Keep the netting open if at all possible and try to set up where it's breezy. Keep the beaks open (or at least partially rolled up). Camp under trees where it's warmer and set up out of river valleys and lake basins where it's cool and damp.

Nylon stretches (and sags) when the humidity goes up. This happens as night is falling and/or when it starts to rain. Use the line tighteners to tighten the fabric.

Key points to consider

- It's a good idea to paint lines of silicone on the floor—slightly thicker mixture than for the roof—to form an anti-skid mat.
- Push, rather than pull, the poles through the sleeves to prevent separation.
- The tent is made of strong, lightweight, and flammable fabric. Treat it accordingly. It will resist much stress but neither flame nor abrasion.

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

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