

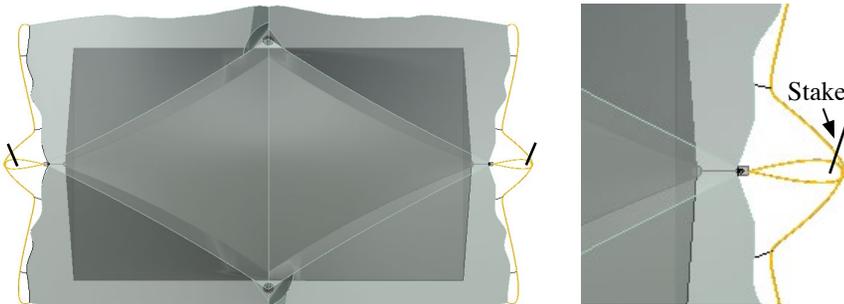
Tarptent Saddle 2 Setup



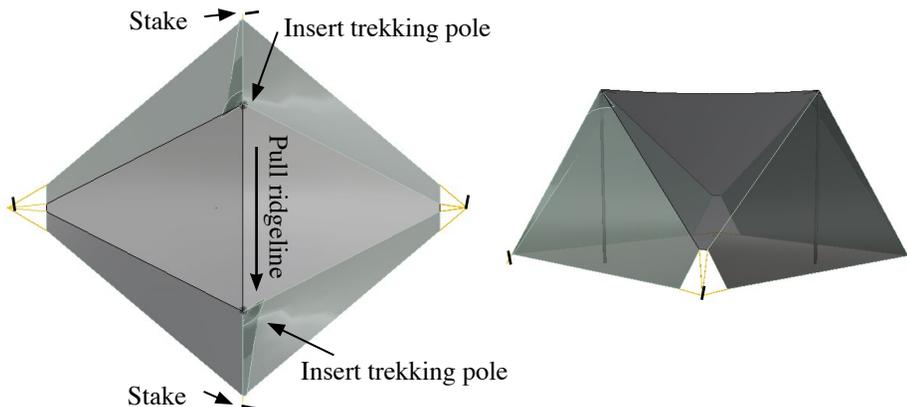
Setup is straightforward. It will take about 2 minutes once you get the hang of it. Please watch the setup video and slideshow.

<http://www.tarptent.com/saddle2.html> (Click "VIDEOS")

1. Spread canopy on ground, black floor side down. Remove stakes from stake bag and have ready. Set trekking poles to 110-115cm. Gather cording at end as shown and loop over stake. Repeat at other end.
2. Insert trekking pole, handle end first, through vent opening so that pole tip



goes into grommet on underside of vent. Stake vestibule. Pull ridgeline across and repeat on other side so that the structure looks like this:



3. Now insert end pole tip into grommet or, if using taller trekking pole, into O-ring. While holding top of pole, remove end cording from initial stake and tension off to side as shown.



4. Repeat with other corner and then repeat sequence on other end so that each end looks like this:



5. Restake corners and use line tighteners as necessary. Pull cord end to tighten, lift lever to loosen.
6. Open fly door, roll back, and secure with clip. Interior doors also roll back and secure with clip. Adjust interior height using the connector strap.

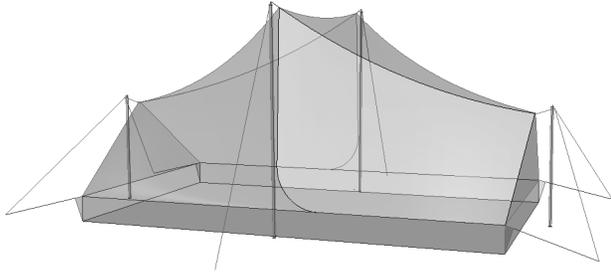


7. For more ridgeline tension and for opening both door halves, pull attached apex guyline out and stake.
8. For best ridgeline tension and wind/snow performance, stake apex guylines separately in the plane of the ridgeline.

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. Use end poles from your fly setup to lift and tension the ends. Add cording to the end clip and stake to ground or add “V” shape cording as shown to eliminate the need for an extra stake.



2. Untie the apex guylines from the outer fly and retie to the hooks at the top of each door zipper. Insert the trekking pole tips into the elastic loops.
3. Stake the two trekking poles as shown to tension the interior canopy.

Snowfall and Wind

A snow shovel is a necessity for any journey during snow season. Use it to build snow walls and dig yourself out of heavy snow. Seek natural windbreaks in trees and behind rock outcroppings to limit wind exposure.

Snowfall is best handled by ensuring that it slides off the shelter. Any residual snow must then be supported by the structural integrity of the shelter. The Saddle 2 will handle light to moderate snowfall but you will want to reach up and punch the underside of the interior as often as necessary.

Stake the apex guylines separately to maximize ridgeline tension and resist wind and snow loads. Additional fly pullouts are provided along the perimeter hem.

Seam-sealing and Repair

Please refer to the seam-sealing instructional video:

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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

- Stake both elastic loops 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 StratoSpire. Feedback is always welcome.

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