Tarptent Sublite Sil Setup

Setup is very easy. It will take about 2 minutes once you get the hang of it. For additional photos, see http://www.tarptent.com/sublitesil2010.html

1. Spread canopy on ground, black floor side down. Remove stakes from stake bag and have ready. Assemble trekking poles to at least 135 cm / 53 inches.
2. Stretch out rear canopy edge and place rear struts on ground. Rear struts should angle backward from vertical.
3. Pull rear corner guylines out and angle away from corner and ridgeline as shown. As viewed from above, guylines should “split the angle” formed by the rear edge and sidewalls. Stake to ground.
4. Now locate the trekking pole handle adapters and slip them over the pole handles. Be sure to release the tension straps in preparation for inserting the pole tips into the apex tip adapters.
5. Insert the pole tips into the apex adapter and pull tension straps at trekking pole handle adapters to tighten canopy.
6. Now raise the canopy structure and pull the front canopy corners out by the O-rings and stake through the O-ring. Stake them so that you tension the forward canopy and long sidewalls. Be sure to spread the trekking poles out as far as they’ll go.
7. Adjust front and rear lines and stakes as necessary to ensure canopy is taut.
8. For high winds, run an apex line--tie to apex assembly--out to either front corner stake. There is also a pullout along the rear edge.
9. Rear vent opens from the inside and velcros in place.
11. Front corners vent from inside. Release cordloc and lift corners to adjacent clips. Slide cordloc back down to retension front corners for wind/rain.

Seam-sealing

Seams must be sealed with a silicone-based sealer such as GE Silicone II clear sealer. In a well-ventilated location, mix about two tablespoons into a tuna can with about 4 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 floor in the area of your sleeping pad to help reduce sliding, especially if you use an inflatable pad.

Condensation and Sag

Ventilation and fabric warmth are your best defenses against condensation. Keep as much netting uncovered and open as possible and try to set up where it’s breezy. Camp under trees where its 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, night is falling, and/or when it starts to rain. Use the line tighteners to tighten the fabric.

Key points to consider

• The rear struts may sink in loose or wet soil. Place them on thin, flat rocks.
• 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 Tarptent. Feedback is always welcome.

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