

The logo for TATONKA features the brand name in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letter 'O' is replaced by a stylized white silhouette of a bison's head and neck, facing right. A thin white arc is positioned above the bison's head, resembling a sun or a tunnel's opening. The entire logo is centered on a black background.

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TUNNEL TENTS // ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

CHECK LIST BEFORE THE TRIP

Have you read the TATONKA Tent Manual?

Have you already put up the tent on your own without any problems?

If not, make sure you have the necessary information and then put up the tent once while you are still at home.

Is the tent complete (including all the accessories) and in good condition?

1. Flysheet
2. Inner tent
3. Poles
4. Guy ropes
5. Groundsheet
6. Tent pegs (various types if necessary)
7. Repair set

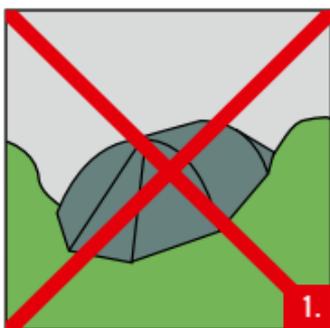
If not, ensure the tent is complete before the trip and carry out any necessary repairs.

Was the tent stored dry?

If not, make sure it is dried out completely. As the coating may be damaged, consult a specialist dealer if necessary.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT PITCH

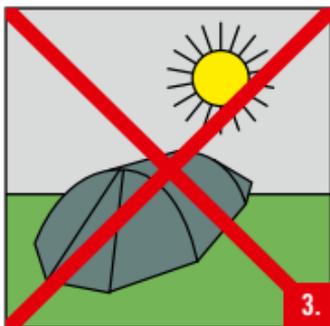
1. Do not position your tent in a dip.



2. Do not set your tent up under large trees (potentially dangerous because of lightning storms and falling branches).



3. Avoid pitches where the tent is directly exposed to the sun.



4. Clear the pitch of stones and pointed or sharp objects and level out any holes with sand or earth.



PREPARATION/LAYING OUT THE TENT

1. Unpack the tent and lay it out flat on one side. The pole shoes must lie on top.



2. Lay out the groundsheet on the chosen pitch – taking wind direction into consideration.



3. Carefully put together the individual pole sections, making sure that the connectors are properly pushed together. If two sections are not properly connected, the pole may break.



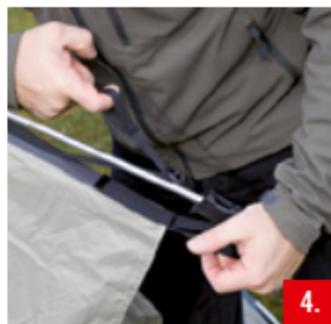
FEEDING THE POLES THROUGH THE POLE SLEEVES

Feeding through – Important: only push, don't pull!

1. Push the poles into the pole sleeve and guide the leading end with one hand. Slowly feed the pole through with the other hand.
2. Guide the end of the pole all the way into the material pocket at the end of the pole sleeve and check that the pole is sitting properly before tensioning.

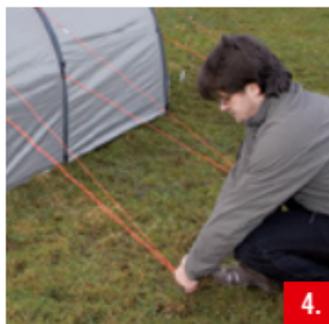
Pole tensioning

3. Push the open end of the pole into the pole shoe.
4. Hold the shoe from underneath in one hand and pull the tensioning belt with the other. Pull the pole shoe to the lower edge of the tent.



ERECTING THE TENT/TENSIONING

1. Secure the (back) end of the tent that is facing the wind with a peg. Adjust the groundsheet.
2. Place a peg into each of the two brailing loops at the front of the tent and lift the tent by the loops (keeping hold of the pegs with your hands). Let the tent fill with air then bring it down quickly onto the ground.
3. Position the brailing loops and secure them with the pegs. Extend the rest of the brailing loops and secure them with pegs.
4. Secure the guy ropes with pegs at a distance of 1-2 metres.



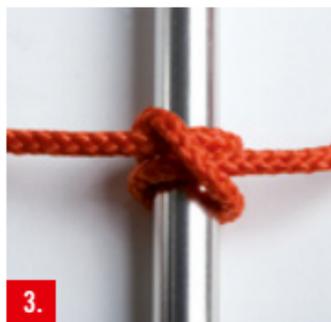
PRACTICAL TIPS

Tensioning

- Use surrounding objects (trees, large stones) to tension.
- You can also use items from your equipment for tensioning (ski, ice-axe ...).

A brief lesson on knots

1. Figure-of-eight (should be tied at the ends of guy rope tensioners)
2. Bowline (ideal for making a secure loop)
3. Clove hitch (to fix an open end around a tree, for example)





TAKING DOWN THE TENT

- Take everything out of the tent.
- Close all the zips.
- Take all the pegs out of the brailing loops and guy ropes. Clean the pegs and pack them away in the peg bag.
- Roll up the guy ropes and secure them. This avoids tedious knotting the next time the tent is put up.
- Open the tensioning belt on the pole shoes and push the pole out of the shoe. Important: the poles should never be pulled (the connections will pull apart and there is a risk of damaging the pole sleeve from the inside).
- Push each individual pole carefully out of its sleeve. Guide the pole, pushing from the end with one hand, while feeding the material over the pole with the other.

LEAVE YOUR TENT PITCH IN THE SAME CONDITION AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND IT. DISPOSE OF ANY RUBBISH AND LEFTOVER FOODSTUFFS.

FOLDING THE TENT

1. Lay the tent on its side (see Putting up the tent) and place the inner tent inside the flysheet.
2. Fold the tent from alternating sides into the middle.
3. Fold or roll the tent from the roof to the floor, letting the air escape underneath as you go.
4. Store the tent in its packsack. Remember to pack all the accessories (poles, pegs, any spare guy ropes).



TRANSPORT AND STORAGE

- If the tent has to be packed wet, ensure that it is put up again within 12 hours or leave it spread out to dry completely.
- When storing for extended periods, the tent should be completely dry and should not be stowed in a compressed form.
- Check that the tent is complete before storing it away.
- If repairs are necessary, do these prior to storing the tent – this will avoid stress before the next trip (e.g. leaks, guy ropes, poles, flecks of resin, persistent grime)!



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