



# SIERRA CANVAS TENTS 12' | 16' | 20' OWNER'S MANUAL

(Items 1186, 1187, and 1188)



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\*Please read all warnings, instructions, and tips for setting up, storing, and caring for your tent before you set it up the first time.

# WARNINGS

Tent is **flammable**. Keep away from open flame and heat sources like heaters, lanterns, stoves, etc.

**DO NOT PLACE AN OPEN FLAME, CAMPFIRE, OR STOVE IN YOUR TENT!**

Be certain that your tent is properly **ventilated** (especially if you decide to ignore the first warning and use a heater in your tent). Carbon monoxide is real. Don't die by suffocation. Vents and screens are built into the tent body.

Be sure to **anchor** your tent properly—this is not a free-standing tent—follow these instructions for proper staking practices.

Be certain that **children** are supervised in and around the tent at all times.

## TETON SPORTS® LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

TETON Sports strives to manufacture the best possible products for our customers. Our limited lifetime warranty covers products against defects in materials or workmanship. This warranty is cheerfully extended to the original owner only and excludes normal wear and tear (e.g., zippers that wear out after extended use) or misuse. Please follow care instructions. If, after inspection, a product is determined by us to be defective in workmanship or materials, we will repair or replace it at our option, at no cost to you. Contact customer service for assistance or visit us online at [www.tetonsports.com](http://www.tetonsports.com).

# STUFF IN THE BAG

(Take inventory to be certain every part is accounted for)

For the 12- and 16-foot tents:

| Qty | Part                |
|-----|---------------------|
| 1   | Canvas Tent         |
| 1   | Center Pole         |
| 1   | Door Frame Pole     |
| 12  | Adjustable Guylines |
| 25  | Metal Stakes        |
| 1   | Roll-Up Storage Bag |
| 1   | Stake Bag           |
| 1   | Pole Bag            |

For the 20-foot tent:

| Qty | Part                |
|-----|---------------------|
| 1   | Canvas Tent         |
| 1   | Center Pole         |
| 1   | Door Frame Pole     |
| 16  | Adjustable Guylines |
| 33  | Metal Stakes        |
| 1   | Roll-Up Storage Bag |
| 1   | Stake Bag           |
| 1   | Pole Bag            |



Center Pole



Door Frame Pole



Metal Stakes

## DON'T GO CAMPING YET! DO THIS FIRST!

We recommend that you set your tent up at home before you take it out to the campsite for the first time so you'll know: 1) you have all the parts and pieces needed to set up your tent and 2) it's in good working order. It will also help you become familiar with the set up before you arrive at camp.

### SEASONING YOUR TENT

With your tent set up, we recommend that you spray the tent with water and allow it to dry completely. This seasons the canvas. The water causes the fibers to swell and tighten up, closing any fiber holes made in the manufacturing process. You only need to "season" your tent once.

## SETTING UP YOUR TETON SPORTS SIERRA CANVAS TENT

(Remember that being outdoors and using outdoor gear has its own risks. We recommend eye protection, gloves, and closed-toed shoes when setting up your tent)

### ***STEP 1: Stake the Tent Down***

1. When you roll the tent out, arrange it so the door is facing the direction you prefer and that the door is zipped closed.
2. Drive a stake through one of the loops provided, then stake down the loop on the far side from that one. Proceed in a star pattern, crossing to the far side of the tent each time until you have staked the whole tent down. The tent should be taut, but avoid over tightening the tent.
3. As you stake the tent down, be sure to angle the stakes toward the center of your tent.
4. Drive in each stake three-quarters of the way into the ground to stake the tent down properly.



## **STEP 2: Center Pole**

1. Assemble the center pole, set it aside.
2. Unzip the door and retrieve the center pole. Walk the pole into the tent body. Let the pole hold open the tent for you as you move inside. Slide one end of the pole along the inside wall as you head to the center of the tent. When you and the pole are fully inside the tent, you should be able to push the pole to the center (look for the circle-shaped piece-center top).
3. With the top of the pole in the center of the top circle at the tent top, place the bottom of the pole on the tent floor, making sure the pole is perpendicular to the tent floor.



### **STEP 3: Set Up the Door Frame**

1. Assemble the door frame pole.
2. Locate the grommet at the top of the door frame. Place top of the door frame pole through the grommet.
3. Slide each end of the pole into a floor anchor sleeve on the inside of the tent (one on either side of the door).



### **STEP 4: Stake out the Guylines**

*Tie the guylines to each loop provided on the weather skirt (this only needs to be done the first time you set up your tent—guylines can be packed in with the tent from now on with some inspection as necessary throughout the life of the tent).*

1. Stake out the guylines attached to the weather skirt the same way you did in part 1 of the set up (star-pattern).
2. Adjust the friction locks on each guyline as needed.



### ***Convert to Canopy Option***

1. Starting at the back of the tent, unzip the floor around each side of the tent.
2. Roll up each section of the tent walls and secure with the loops and toggles provided for each section.
3. If you want to remove the floor completely to enjoy the canopy, unzip it before you begin setting up your tent. Store the floor safely out of the way (preferably in the roll-up bag provided). You can use the floor as a ground sheet and still roll up the walls after the tent is set up.

## **FEATURES**

1. Extra Wide Front Door for moving cots in and out easily.
2. Three built-in, weather guarded top vents.
3. Gusseted Windows with no-see-um mesh screens.
4. Storm Guard over SBS Zippers.
5. Reinforced corners and seams add strength and stability.
6. Full perimeter weather skirt.
7. Welded floor prevents leaking at ground level.
8. Floor zips off completely—roll up the walls to turn your tent into a stylish canopy.

## TIPS FOR TAKING DOWN AND STORING YOUR SIERRA CANVAS TENT

FIRST! Remember, a dry tent is a healthy tent. **Do not store your tent when it is damp.** If you must break camp and roll up a damp tent, be sure to stake it back out and pitch it fully when you get home so it can air dry. Even small amounts of moisture (when your tent is stored) can cause mold to grow on the natural fibers of the canvas. This same mold will also damage your tent's water repellency. Mold growth on your tent is not covered by warranty.

A note about water repellency (W/R):

From time-to-time, during the life of your tent, the water repellency may need to be reapplied. Use a silicone based water repellency treatment to maintain the breathability of the tent. If your new tent is leaking, be aware that not all tents are waterproof out of the box. On occasion a new tent will experience some leaking, but it's an easy fix. Use the same silicone based water repellency treatment on the affected area. TETON Sports® is not responsible for costs incurred for updating and maintaining water repellency.



# STORING YOUR TENT

## ***STEP 1: Clean Out Your Tent***

1. Sweep the tent out completely.
2. Once again, allow the tent to dry out completely before storing it.

## ***STEP 2: Breakdown Tent***

1. When you are sure your tent is (say it with me) COMPLETELY DRY, pull up each guyed-out stake and return the stakes to the stake bag provided.
2. Remove the door frame pole, disassemble it, and return it to the pole bag provided.
3. Remove the center pole, disassemble it, and return it to the pole bag provided.
4. Remove stakes (last chance to check for moisture and dirt). Store stakes in the stake bag provided. Do not pull up on the tent loops to remove your stakes, this could cause the loops to tear. Tip: Another stake makes a great lever.

## ***STEP 3: Store the Tent Body: The Roll-and-Store Method***

1. Lay tent out flat.
2. Fold front and back edges of the tent to the middle.
3. Fold the tent lengthwise down the middle.
4. Fold the bottom up about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way.
5. Roll up the tent body and set it on the fully open storage bag.
6. Fold the sides of the storage bag over the tent and clip the buckles together.
7. Fold the top cover of the storage bag over the tent and clip and tighten down the outer buckles.



## SIERRA CANVAS TENT CARE TIPS

- Store your tent dry in a cool (dry) place; direct sunlight is bad for your tent while it is being stored.
- Clean your tent with water only. Detergents can damage your tent's water repellency.
- Do not spray bug repellants and the like on the tent canvas to avoid damaging the tent's water repellency.
- Zipper Care:
  - Keep dirt out of the teeth of the zippers
  - Help them roll smoothly with counter pressure if necessary
- Reapply the tent's water repellency as needed with a silicone based water repellency treatment.
- Be aware that condensation can build up in your tent. Condensation occurs because the air in your tent is usually warmer than the air outside. Humidity also causes condensation. You can reduce condensation build up by properly venting your tent.
- For tips and best practices visit [tetonsports.com](http://tetonsports.com)

## THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING THE TETON SPORTS SIERRA CANVAS TENT

When you shop for a house you want the most beautiful, sound, well-built structure available because it will be your home. We believe you deserve the same from your tent. That's why we designed the Sierra Canvas Tents, so you could enjoy a beautiful, serene, home-away-from-home with your people.

Remember, our customer service team is ready to help you with any questions you have about your tent at [tetonsports.com](http://tetonsports.com) or by phone at (801) 763-7371. We appreciate your business and wish you many opportunities to get outdoors and enjoy life!

*The below images show some of the features of the Sierra tents*





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