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# MESA CANVAS TENTS 10' & 14' OWNER'S MANUAL

(Items 1184 and 1185)



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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.

Keep your hands and fingers clear of pinch points on poles and similar gear when setting up your tent.

# TETON SPORTS® LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

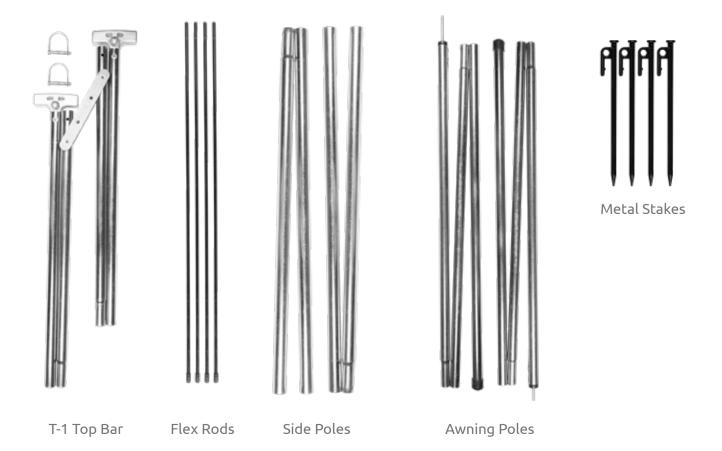
TETON Sports strives to manufacture the best possible products for our customers. Our limited lifetime warranty covers products against defects in materials or workmanship. This warranty is cheerfully extended to the original owner only and excludes normal wear and tear (e.g., zippers that wear out after 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.

# STUFF IN THE BAG

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

### Qty Part

- 1 Canvas Tent
- 1 T-1 Top Bar
- 4 Flex Rods
- 2 Side Poles
- 2 Awning Poles
- 2 Adjustable Guylines
- 16 Metal Stakes
- 1 Roll-Up Storage Bag
- 1 Stake Bag
- 1 Pole Bag
- 2 Large Pocket Organizer
- 2 Divided Pocket Organizer
- 2 Gear Lofts (w/stabilizers)



## 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 MESA 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 Out the Tent

- 1. Stake the corners down first, making sure the tent is taut and square. Avoid over tightening. Then stake down the remaining tent loops.
- 2. As you stake the tent down, be sure to angle the stakes toward your tent.
- 3. Drive in each stake three-quarters of the way into the ground to stake the tent down properly.

#### **STEP 2: Tent Top: T-1 Pole and Flex Rods** (see images on next page)

- 1. Lay the T-1 pole out across the tent top. Be sure to face the post side down on the T-1 pole.
- 2. Insert a flex rod into each of the four sleeves on the top of the tent and into the T-connectors on the T-1 pole. Make sure the whole assembly is properly centered and that each rod slides completely into the T-connectors at the ends of the T-1 pole to avoid damage to the flex rod and sleeve. You can double check this by using the windows provided in the T-connectors.
- 3. Place a D-pin into one side of the hinge on the T-1 pole.
- 4. With one D-pin in place, slowly push the T-1 pole down to pull the tent top taut. The system is now under pressure at this point so be careful and keep a hand on the T-1 pole to avoid spring back (which can cause injury).
- 5. When the T-1 pole is parallel to the tent top, line up the second D-pin with its holes on the other side of the hinge and secure it.
- 6. Double check the flex rods to be sure they are completely slid into the T-connectors. If not, take out the D-pins on the T-1 pole and repeat steps 2 through 5.







## STEP 3: Set Up the Rest of the Frame

- 1. Join side poles. Unzip Tent doors to allow air flow to the tent (this way air pressure won't make your job harder). Raise the tent at one end and insert the side pole onto the post on the bottom of the T-connector.
- 2. Lift the pole to insert the bottom over the pin attached at the bottom of the tent.
- 3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 on the other side of the tent.





## STEP 4: Awning (optional)

- 1. Join awning poles.
- 2. Place the tip of the awning pole through the corner grommet at the end of the awning.
- 3. Loop the guyline over the tip of the pole and stake it out. Adjust the friction lock so the guyline is taut.
- 4. Repeat on the other side.

### Awning Best Practices

- Slant awning down and away from the tent in rainy conditions so the water will drain away from the tent.
- When rolling up your awning, roll it under so water won't pool in it.
- Roll and stow awning in strong winds or heavy snow.





## **FEATURES**

#### **FULL TENT**

- 1. Extra Wide Doors for moving cots in and out easily.
- 2. E-ports to run power into your tent.
- 3. Vents.
- 4. Storm Guard over SBS Zippers.
- 5. No-See-Um mesh screens.
- 6. Reinforced corners and seams add strength and stability.
- 7. Double stitching on the binding layer prevents leaking at ground level.

#### **ORGANIZERS**

- 1. Gear Loft with drawstring stabilizes gear loads when loft is fully extended over head. Match red webbing to red webbing for proper loft placement within the tent.
- 2. Gear Loft can also be used as a sling.
- 3. Large and Divided Pocket organizers also included.
- 4. \*All organizers are designed to hold lightweight, personal items and gear (Do not overload organizers to avoid damage to them, the tent, or injury to occupants).

# TIPS FOR TAKING DOWN AND STORING YOUR MESA 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 and empty the storage organizers.
- 2. Once again, allow the tent to dry out completely.

#### STEP 2: Breakdown Tent

- 1. When you are sure your tent is (say it with me) COMPLETELY DRY, and the doors are unzipped, collapse the side poles.
- 2. Remove one D-pin from the T-1 pole and slowly release the tension.
- 3. With one D-pin removed, and tension fully released, remove second D-pin and remaining poles and stow all poles in the pole bag provided. The flex rods may be slightly bent. This is normal.
- 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 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.







### MESA 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

# THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING THE TETON SPORTS MESA CANVAS TENT

This tent was thoughtfully designed by hunting enthusiasts and scores of family campers who spend months out in the backcountry in the snow, rain, and blazing sun. Their feedback led to a tent that has everything you need to fit your outdoor experience.

As always, our customer service team is ready to help you with any questions you have about your tent at 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 Mesa Tents



