

# SIERRA DESIGNS

## SOLOMENTE AST



**Your Sierra Designs SOLOMENTE AST tent is very easy to pitch and maintain. Follow these instructions to pitch your tent quickly, safely and easily.**

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\* Sierra Designs tents include stakes for pitching the body under normal conditions. Additional stakes may be required in severe conditions.

### First Pitch

In order to familiarize yourself with your new tent, we suggest that you "test pitch" it before embarking on a wilderness trip.

### Select a Site

Look for a level spot that is protected from the wind in order to ensure sleeping comfort. Clear the area of debris such as sharp stones and sticks which might abrade or puncture the tent floor. Choose an area that will drain well when it rains.

### Unfurl the Tent and Assemble the Poles

The *Solomente AST* comes with a unique one pole design and a Jake's Corner (Figure 2). The main pole sections are all connected via the hub. Once completely assembled the main pole will take the shape of the letter "Y" with the hub at the intersection. Carefully unfold the shock corded pole sections and allow them to slide together. Do not allow the poles to snap together, this can lead to serious pole damage. Make certain that the insert of each pole section is fully inserted into the next pole section (Figure 1).

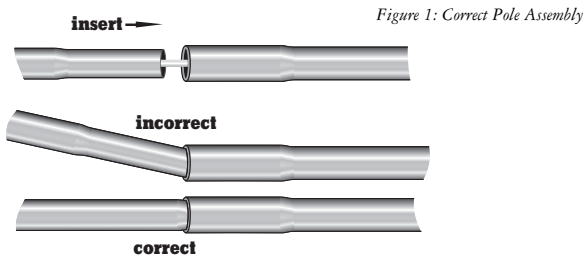


Figure 1: Correct Pole Assembly

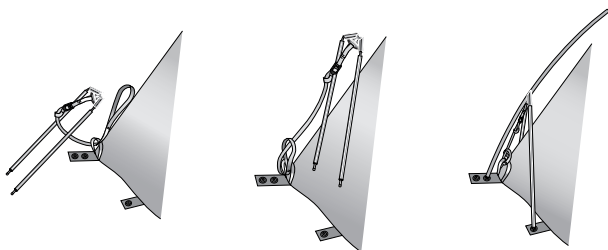


Figure 2: Jake's Corner assembly

### Stake Out the Tent Floor

Start by staking out point D. Now move to the front of the tent and stake out points A & B so that the floor is taut. Do not stake out points C & E until the Jake's Corner is fully assembled.

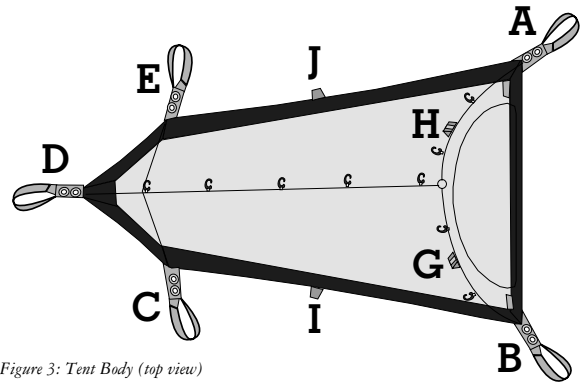
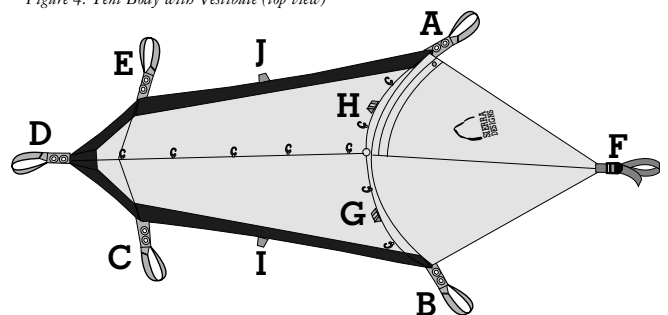


Figure 3: Tent Body (top view)

### Erect the Tent

Take the main pole and line it up with the with the tent body, which will have the wide part of the "Y" at the front of the tent. Starting at the back of the tent insert the pole tip into the stake loop grommet at point D. Now do the same for the pole tips at points A & B. Now attach the Swift Clips the pole structure. Finally, following the instructions in Figure 2, girth hitch the Jake's Corner assembly to the small grey loop at point D and insert the Jake's Corner pole tips into the grommets at points C & E (Figure 3).

Figure 4: Tent Body with Vestibule (top view)



### Vestibule

Because the *Solomente AST* is a single wall tent there is no rainfly. To complete the set-up pull out point F (Figure 4) until taut and then stake out. For increased stability and strength in high winds, points G, H, I, & J can be guyed out.

### Ventilation

Proper ventilation is essential for creating a comfortable living space inside your tent. The vestibule door panel can be rolled away for maximum ventilation. Because the vestibule forms an awning over the door, you can often leave the door tied open in a rainstorm, provided the door faces away from the wind. In addition to the above the *Solomente AST* has been built with four vents, two in the front and two in the rear of the tent. By opening these vents and using the zipper at the top of the vestibule you can regulate the ventilation.