

SIERRA DESIGNS

PAMPERO



Your **Sierra Designs** **PAMPERO** 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 and fly 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

Unfurl the tent and lay the tent floor flat on the ground with the door unzipped. 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). You will have two straight poles of equal length, one shorter pre-bent pole, and two Jake's Corners poles (Figure 2). Twist the sections of the short pole so they form a continuous arch.

Stake Out the Tent Floor

We recommend staking the floor prior to inserting the poles for greater pitching ease. Although the *Pampero* is a freestanding tent, we suggest that you always stake out the floor for greater safety and stability, especially in high winds. First stake each of the webbing loops at the back of the tent at points E & F (Figure 3). Then move to the front of the tent, pull the webbing loops at points A & B until the tent floor is squarely and semi-tautly positioned, and then stake them down. Finally, stake the sides at points C & D, again pulling the tent floor semi-taut.

Erect the Tent

Insert the tips of one of the straight poles into the grommets at points A & F, and the tips of a second straight pole into the grommets at points B & E (Figure 3). Pull the two poles up so that they intersect at point G and attach the Clip-Loc over the intersection at the apex (do not attach the bungee yet). Now following the seams along the poles, attach the remaining Swift Clips, designated with gray webbing. Next, insert the metal tips of the short pole into the grommets at points C & D. Attach the two Clip-Locs at points H & I (do not attach the bungee yet) and the remaining Swift Clip along the pole seam. Now attach the bungee cord on the three Clip-Locs by wrapping the bungee in the direction crossing the open gate of the clip. Wrap the cord around the pole intersection 2 to 4 times, depending on desired firmness, then, slide the cord into the groove on the backside of the clip to keep it taut (Figure 4).

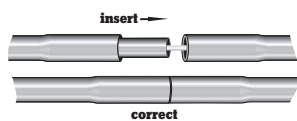


Figure 1: Correct Pole Assembly

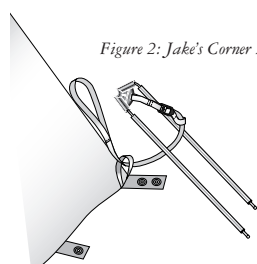


Figure 2: Jake's Corner Assembly

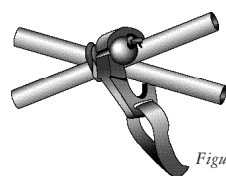


Figure 4: Clip-Loc

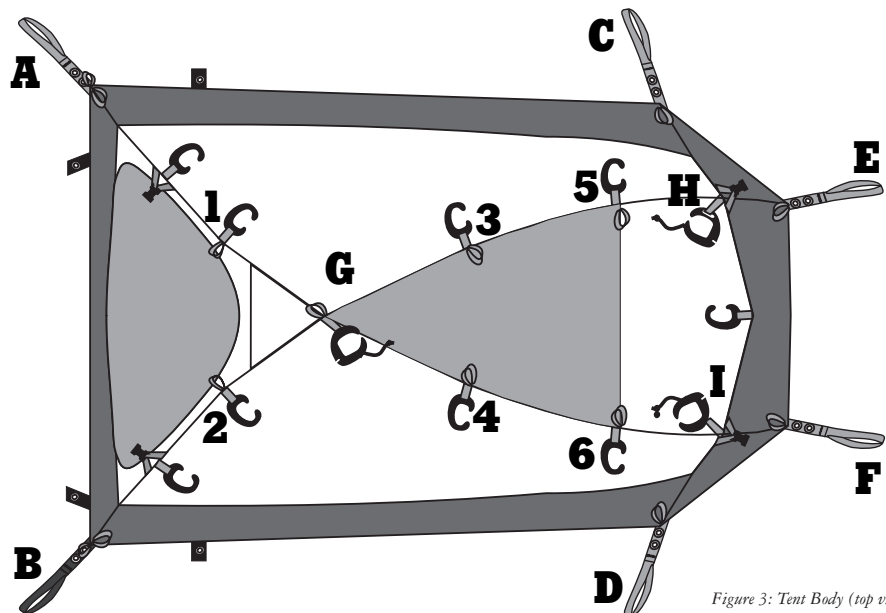


Figure 3: Tent Body (top view)

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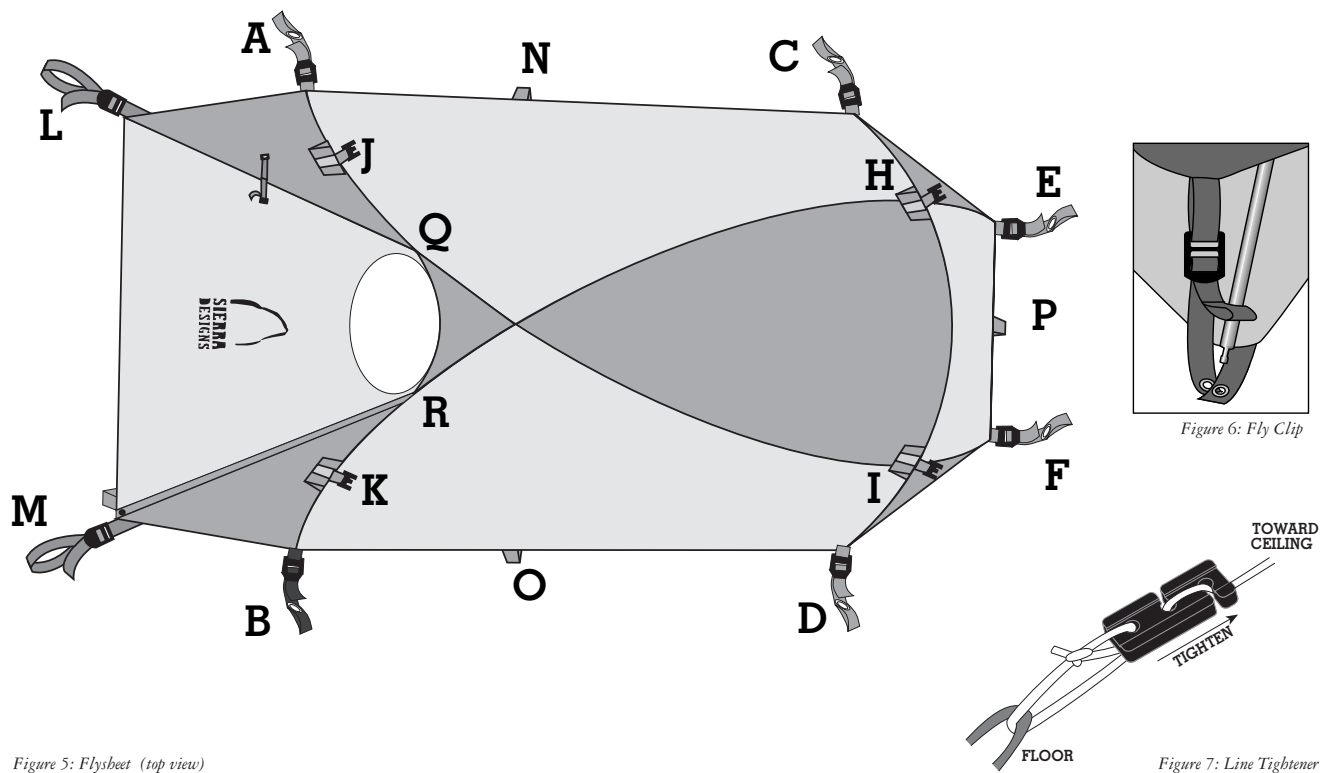


Figure 5: Flysheet (top view)

Figure 6: Fly Clip

Figure 7: Line Tightener

Flysheet

Drape the fly over the tent and position the zipper over the tent door and so that the navy blue fly attachment is aligned with the navy blue stake loop on the tent (point B Figure 5). By attaching the blue webbing strap on the rainfly to the blue webbing strap on the tent body you are guaranteed a fast, proper rainfly set-up every time. At points H, I, J, & K on the inside of the fly you will find 5/8" side release buckles. Attach these points to their mates on the tent body. At points Q & R, on the fly you will find Velcro attachments, attach these to the two main body poles. At each pole end, points A, B, C, D, E, & F there are 3/4" LadderLoc fly attachments (Figure 6). These points correspond to the pole ends at points A-F. Working your way around the perimeter of the tent, hook the grommets at the ends of the adjustment straps over the pole ends at points A, B, E, & F and then tighten the adjustment straps. Repeat the previous steps for points C & D. Now stake out the adjustable vestibule loops at points L & M and tighten them to desired tautness. Guying out points N, O, H, I, J, & K is optional but can increase the ventilation, as well as, increase the overall strength of the tent in high wind conditions.

Ventilation

Proper ventilation is essential for creating a comfortable living space inside your tent. The *Pampero* has a large ceiling panel that can be rolled towards the front of the tent to increase the ventilation. When this panel is used with the inner mesh door for ventilation you can create good flow through ventilation. Along with the previous venting methods, the vestibule door panel can be rolled away for maximum ventilation. Additionally, the zippers at the top of the vestibules can be used to regulate ventilation.

Internal Guy System

Years ago, Sierra Designs was the first to introduce the revolutionary Internal Guy System. This system remains a very important feature in our 4-Season tents. When installed this simple system will greatly increase the strength of your tent with the weight of a few guy cords. This system is very useful in extreme weather conditions, but is not necessary under normal conditions.

Installation: All attachments are made inside the tent. All that is needed are 4 pieces of guy cord of 72" lengths or longer (line tighteners may be used but are optional). Some of these items have been provided complimentary with your tent. You may also purchase a Sierra Designs Internal Guy Kit at your local retailer. The internal loops that will be used in this system are the six loops that are located in the corners of each stake points, A-F, as well as 6 of the 7 internal loops located at points 1-6 (Figure 3). Start by attaching one end of the cord through the webbing loop in the floor at point A. Secure the other end of the cord at point 2 with a double half hitch or a line tightener (Figure 7). Repeat this procedure for lines between points B & 1. In the back of end of the tent you have many different options depending on the weather, some of the set-up options are as follows: C-6 or 4, E-6 or 4, F- 5 or 3, D-5 or 3. In extreme conditions you could do the following: A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1. The Internal Guy System will partially obstruct the doorway. If you want to stow the cord out of the way when entering or exiting the tent, simply loosen the cord and pass it through the loop in the ceiling.