

SIERRA DESIGNS

The 2 Modes of the Alpha CD

4-Season Mode



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In full 4-Season mode the *Alpha CD* is capable of withstanding some of nature's toughest onslaughts. At 8 lbs. 1 oz. the *Alpha CD* is one of the lightest 4-Season tents on the market.

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 both our Convertible and 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.

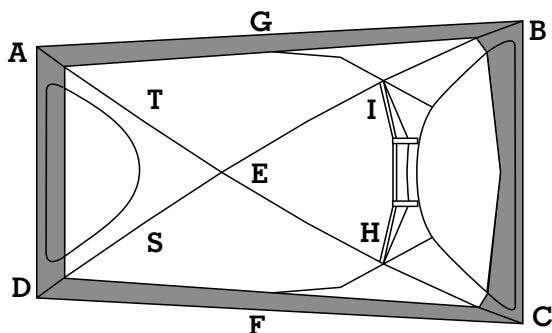


Figure 6: Internal Guy System

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. The internal loops that will be used in this system are the four loops in the corners of the tent at points A, B, C and D as well as four of the seven loops in the ceiling at points S, T, H and I (Figure 6).

Start by tying one end of a cord through the webbing loop in the floor at point C. Secure the other end at point I with a double-half-hitch or a line tightener (Figure 7). Repeat this procedure for lines between points B and H, A and S (or H in extreme conditions) and D and T (or I in extreme conditions). 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 pull it through the loop in the ceiling.

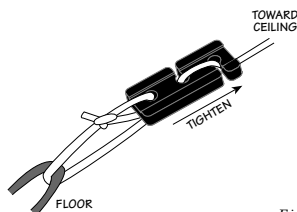


Figure 7: Line Tightener

3-Season Mode



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In 3-Season mode you are able to leave two pole sections at home for a weight savings of 6 oz. In addition to a weight savings, there is a large ceiling panel which folds back to give you a tremendous amount of ventilation. The front and back rip-stop doors can also be folded away to reveal a large no-see-um panel for venting.

Please note that 9 tent stakes and 6 guy cords were provided with this tent as a courtesy. If you choose to use more than this when pitching your tent, additional stakes and cord may be purchased at the store where you originally purchased your tent.

Converting the Alpha CD into a 3-Season Shelter

The *Alpha CD* can easily be transformed into a lighter, well vented 3-Season tent. To begin, simply remove the silver-color pole segments on the sides of the tent by pulling the Shok-cert out of the black pole section. To do this, first

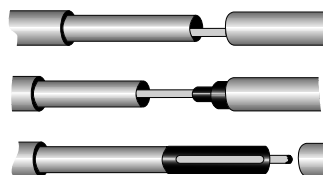


Figure 8: Convertible Pole Insert

remove the silver pole sections from the grommets and undo the Clip-Locs along the silver-black pole. Next, pull the silver sections downward until the shock cord appears. Grasp the shock cord and pull gently to completely remove the Shok-cert (Figure 8). Repeat for the other silver pole sections and place the black pole ends into the pole buckets at points I and H (Figure 2).

Finally to maximize ventilation in warmer weather conditions, the *Alpha CD* comes equipped with a large ceiling panel. Unzip the panel and undo the hooks connecting it to the mesh. Then roll the panel toward the back of the tent, secure by fastening clips. Double doors of mesh and nylon panels allow for variable ventilating as well.