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NOVA

Your Sierra Designs NOVA 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 conditons.*

First Pitch

In order to familiarize yourself with your new tent, we suggest that you "test pitch" it before embarking on a wilderness trip. Your Nova is a marvel of design and engineering and allows for a unique conversion in capacity from 2 to 1 persons set-up. To achieve the greatest time and weight savings on the trail, decide before your trip which configuration will be most appropriate. You should practice the conversion in the comfort of your home.

Select a Site

At your campsite, look for an area 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 in rains.

Unfurl the Tent and Assemble the Poles

Unfurl the tent and lay the tent floor flat on the ground. Carefully unfold the shock-corded pole sections and allow them to slide together. Do not allow the poles sections 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 (Figure1). You will have one long silver pole, two half-length silver poles and two half-length black poles with Shock-Certs (Figure 2). Join the two black poles to the silver poles by using the Shock-Certs (Figure 2).

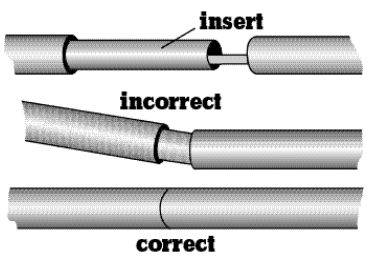


Figure 1: Correct Pole Assembly

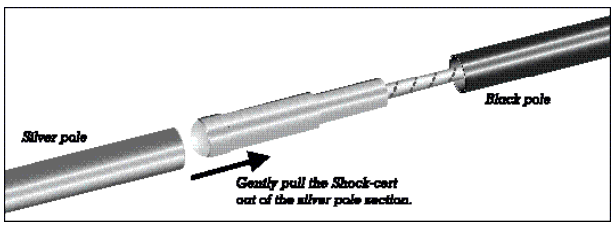
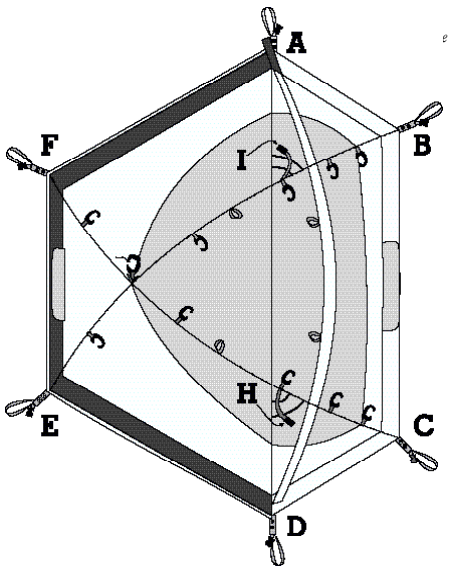


Figure 2: Shock-cert



e 3: Tent Body (top view)

NOVA 2-PERSON MODE

Erect the Tent

First, insert the long silver pole into the pole sleeve along the A-D axis. Insert the pole tips into their corresponding grommets (Figure 3). Then, pull the loops at points A and D until the floor is taut, and then stake out. Pull the floor at points B and C until the floor is evenly taut, and then stake out. Repeat procedure with points E and F. Next, take one of the black/silver poles and insert the silver end into the grommet at point B, and the black end at point E. Clip all of the Swift-Clips along the B - E axis. Repeat procedure with the last pole by inserting the silver end into point C and the black end into point F. Clip all of the Swift-Clips along the C - F axis. Finally, clip black poles into the Clip-Loc™ (Figure 4), and wrap the bungee cord in the direction crossing the open gate of the clip. Wrap the cord around the pole intersection two to four times, depending on desired firmness, and then slide the cord into the groove on the backside of the clip to hold it taut (Figure 4).

Figure 4: Clip-Loc

Flysheet

Drape the fly over the tent and align the zipper roughly along the A-D axis on the tent body (Figure 3). You will find 1" side-release buckles "Fly Clips" (Figure 6) at points A, B, C, and D on the rain fly that correspond with points A, B, C, and D on the tent body. By first clipping the blue webbing strap on the rain fly to the blue webbing strap on the body, you are guaranteed a fast, proper set-up every time. Next, pull out points G and E (Figure 5) until the vestibule is squarely and evenly taut, and then stake out. Stake out the

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adjustable loop at point F and adjust to desired tension. Finally, clip the rain fly zipper buckle above point F to ensure weatherproofness.

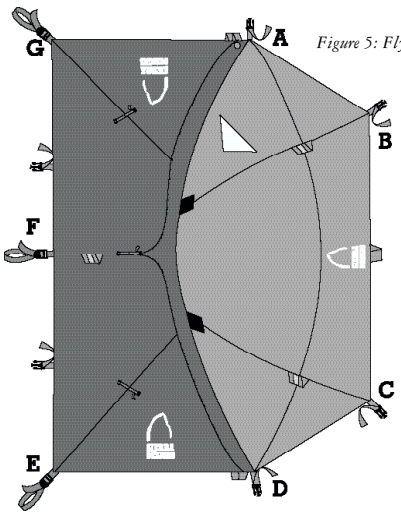

Figure 5: Flysheet (top view)

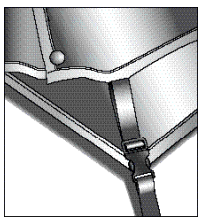

Figure 6: Fly Clip

Ventilation

With the rain fly on, guying out the rain fly away from the tent wall increases airflow. Additionally, the door can be folded back and tied in an open position.

NOVA 1-PERSON MODE

Conversion

In 1-person mode, you are able to leave a portion of the tent at home for a weight savings of 1 lb. 5oz. This conversion is achieved by leaving behind the black pole sections, zipping off the rain fly vestibule, and zipping off a large section of the tent body canopy. The resulting exposed tent floor is folded up 90 degrees to meet the canopy (Figure 7). The zippers on the floor of the tent engage the zippers on the canopy at the apex of the tent, and are zipped down to points A and D. We recommend doing this before set-up.

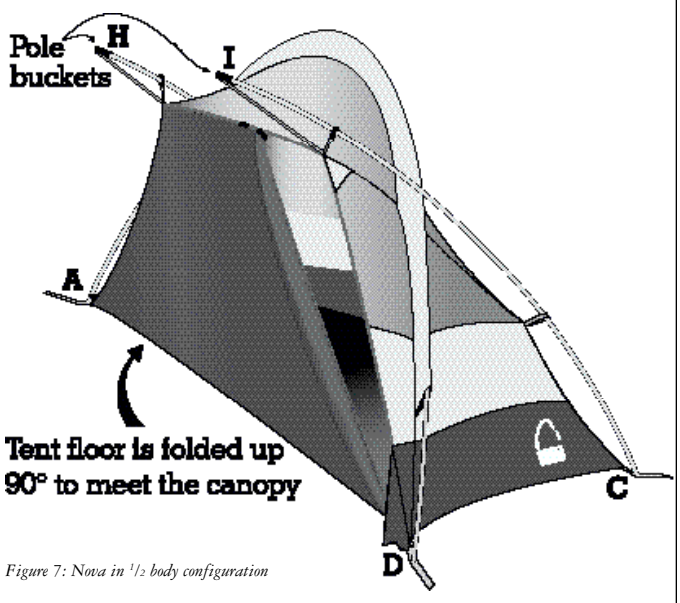

Figure 7: Nova in 1/2 body configuration

Erect the tent

First, insert the long silver pole into the pole sleeve along the A-D axis (Figure 3). Insert the tips into their corresponding grommets. Pull the loops at points A and D until the floor is taut, and stake them out. Then, pull the loops at points B and C (Figure 3) until the floor is evenly taut, and stake them out. Next, take one of the half-length silver poles and insert the pole tip into the grommet at point C and insert the other end into the plastic pole bucket at the end of the webbing strap at point I (Figure 7). Clip all of the Swift-Clips along the C-I axis. Repeat procedure for remaining pole, inserting it into point B (Figure 3) and point H (Figure 7).

Flysheet

Using the rain fly in the converted configuration, drape the fly over the tent. By first clipping the blue webbing strap on the rain fly to the blue webbing strap on the body, you are guaranteed a fast, proper set-up every time. Points A, B, C, and D on the rain fly correspond with points A, B, C, and D on the tent body. Do not tighten the straps yet. Next, insert the pole buckets at points H and I into their black sheaths on the inside of the rain fly. Finally, tighten the rain fly attachment straps until taut.