

SIERRA DESIGNS

GAMMA



**Your Sierra Designs
GAMMA 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 and one shorter pole.

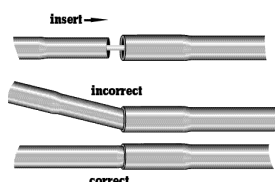


Figure 1: Correct Pole Assembly

Stake out the Tent Floor

Although the *Gamma* is a completely freestanding tent, we suggest that you always stake out the floor for greater safety and stability, especially in high winds. First stake the webbing loops at corners A and B (Figure 2). Then move to the opposite end of the tent, pulling the webbing loops at corners C and D until the tent is squarely and tautly positioned, and stake down. Staking points E and F is optional.

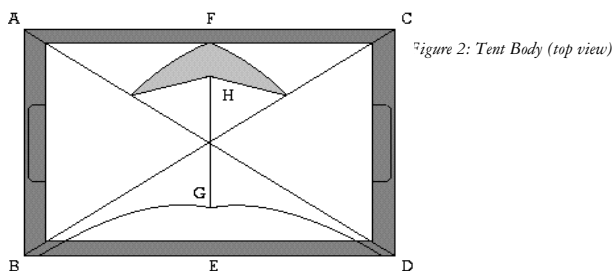


Figure 2: Tent Body (top view)

Erect the Tent

Insert the metal tips of one of the two long poles into the grommets at points A and D, and the tips of the other into the grommets at points B and C. Pull the two poles up so they intersect at the center of the tent. Next, position yourself in the open doorway and hook the Clip-Loc™ over the widest angle of this intersection (do not attach the bungee cord yet). Following the tent seams between points A and D, and B and C attach all of the Swift Clips™ to their corre-



sponding tent poles. Now attach the bungee cord on the Clip-Loc a at the apex of the tent by wrapping the bungee 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, then slide the cord into the groove on the backside of the clip to hold it taut (Figure 3). Now take the remaining shorter pole and thread it through the webbing loop attaching the Clip-Loc to the apex of the tent. Slide each of the pole ends into the pole buckets at points G and H.

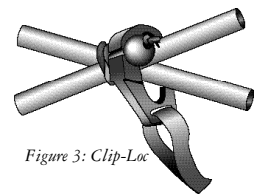


Figure 3: Clip-Loc

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Fly Sheet

Making sure that the zipper is in front of the door, drape the fly over the tent. At the corners of the fly at points A, B, C and D, are 3/4" side-release "Fly Clip" buckles. Clip these buckles (Figure 5) into their corresponding mates at points A, B, C and D on the tent floor (Figure 2). By first clipping the blue webbing strap on the rainfly to a blue webbing strap on the body, you are guaranteed a fast, proper rainfly set-up every time. Adjust the buckles to the desired fit. Stake out the adjustable loop at point I. For greater stability in stormy conditions, and for greater ventilation we recommend staking points F, J, K, L and M.

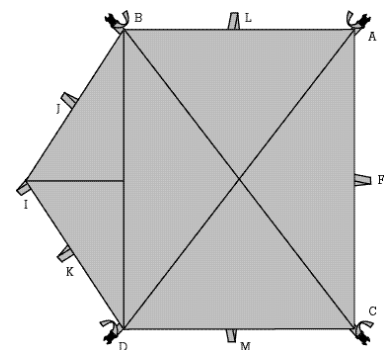


Figure 4: Tent Fly (top view)

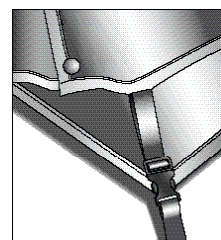


Figure 5: Fly Clip

Ventilation

With the rainfly on, several things can be done to increase airflow. In a breeze without rain, one side of the vestibule can be left open. Roll up the unused side of the vestibule and attach the door tie buckle. The trick is to open whichever side makes the vestibule into a gigantic air scoop. Pitching your tent so that it is oriented to take advantage of the wind direction will go a long way toward providing a comfortable night's sleep in hot weather. Further air flow is provided by using the pullout on the backside of the rainfly, point F. Please note that 7 tent stakes and 2 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.