

SIERRA DESIGNS

DELTA



Your Sierra Designs DELTA 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 poles of equal length that are shaped like the letter "V" (Figure 2).

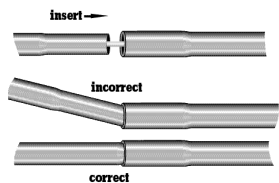


Figure 1: Correct Pole Assembly

"V" Pole (2)

Figure 2: Tent Poles



Stake out the Tent Floor

Although the *Delta* 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 & C (Figure 3). Then move to the opposite side of the tent, pulling the webbing loops at corners B & D until the floor is square and semi-taught, then stake them down. Staking points E, F, G, & H is optional.

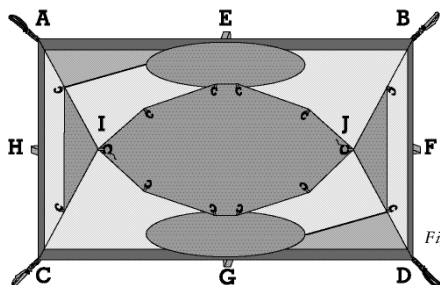


Figure 3: Tent Body (top view)

Erect the Tent

Insert the metal tip of one of the "V" shaped poles into the grommets of points A & B and the tips of the other "V" shaped pole into points C & D. First clip all of the swift clips that are attached to the tent with orange webbing. Now clip all of the swift clips that are attached to the tent with the grey webbing.



Finally, at points I and J, clip poles #1 & #2 into the Clip-Locs (Figure 4) and wrap the bungee cord in the direction crossing the open gate of the clip. Wrap the cord around the pole intersection 2-4 times, depending on desired firmness and then slide the cord into the groove on the backside of the Clip Loc to hold it taut (Figure 4).

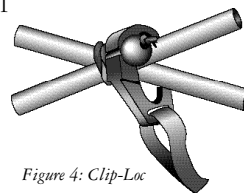
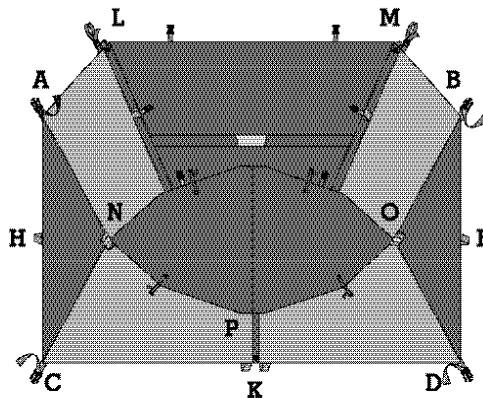


Figure 4: Clip-Loc

Figure 5: Tent Fly (top view)



Fly Sheet

Drape the fly sheet over the tent and position the vestibule zippers over the front and back door (Figure 5). Make sure that the blue webbing strap on the rainfly at point A is aligned with a blue webbing strap on the tent body at points A & D. By doing this first you are guaranteed a fast, proper rainfly setup every time. Attach the fly to the tent poles via the Velcro attachments underneath the fly at points N, O, & P. At each pole end, points A, B, C, & D, there are 1" side-release "fly clip" buckles. Clip these buckles into their

corresponding mates on the tent floor and pull the straps until the fly is taut (Figure 6). Stake out the fly vestibule away from the tent body at points L & M. We recommend you stake out points H, F, & K for maximum ventilation. The tent may be guyed out from points N & O for maximum stability in high winds.

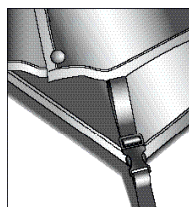


Figure 6: Fly Clip

Ventilation

Besides staking and guying out all points listed above, optimal airflow through the tent itself can be obtained by leaving part of the double-zipped vestibule open.

Vestibule

The vestibule can be pitched in a variety of configurations to address different weather, storage, ventilation, or wind condition. The vestibule door may be folded back on itself on the inside and attached by the 3/4" side-release buckle to form a half or one third door. The entire door may be guyed out from points L & M to form a large awning, or it may be folded in half to form a small awning. Or, the vestibule door may be rolled entirely out of the way, forming an unobstructed yet protected entrance.