

## PARALLAX



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Your Sierra Designs **PARALLAX** 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

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 (Figure 1). You will have four poles all-together, three poles of equal length and one short pole. The short pole will have a slight pre-bend in it.



#### Stake Out the Tent

Although the *Parallax* is a 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 points A & B (Figure 2). Then move to the back of the tent, pulling the webbing loops at corners E & F until the tent floor is semi-taut. Lastly stake points C & D making sure the tent is taut.

#### Erect the Tent

Insert the metal tips of one of the main poles into the grommets at points A & F and the tips of a second pole into the grommets at points B & E. Pull the two poles up so that they intersect towards the rear of the tent and hook the Clip-Loc over the widest angle of this intersection, point G (do not attach the bungee cord yet). Now attach the Swift Clips along the A-F, B-E axis, these are designated with orange webbing. Take the remaining long pole and insert the tips into the grommets at points C & D, and attach the Clip-Locs at points H & I. Now attach the remaining Swift Clips along the C-D axis, designated with the gray webbing. With the remaining pre-bent short pole insert the ends into the pole buckets at points J & K and attach the two Swift Clips along this pole axis. Now attach the bungee cord on the 3 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

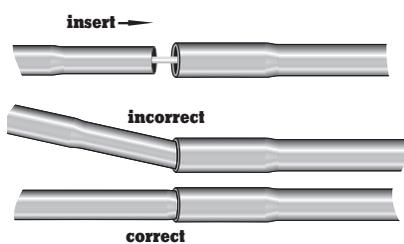


Figure 1: Correct Pole Assembly

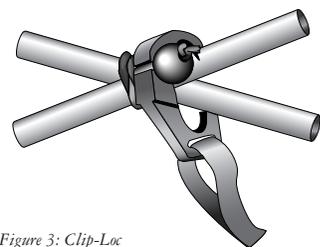


Figure 3: Clip-Loc

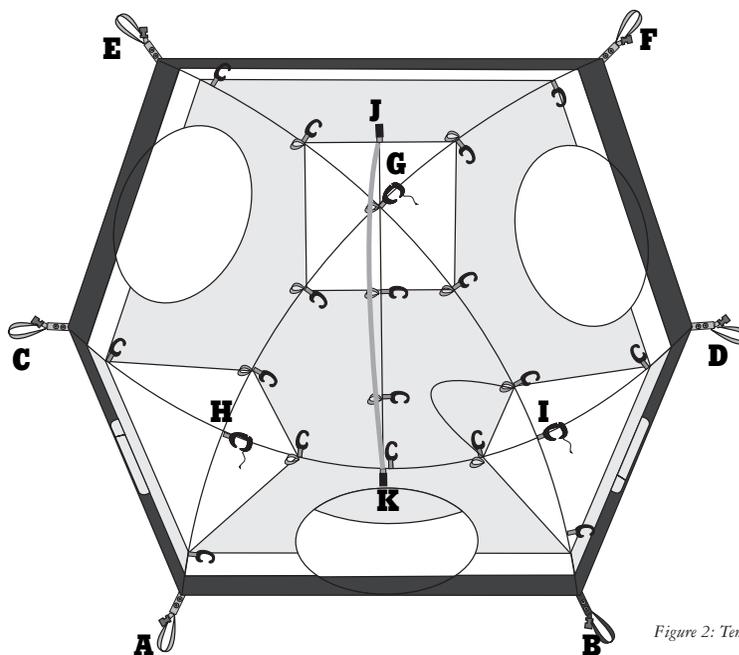


Figure 2: Tent Body (top view)

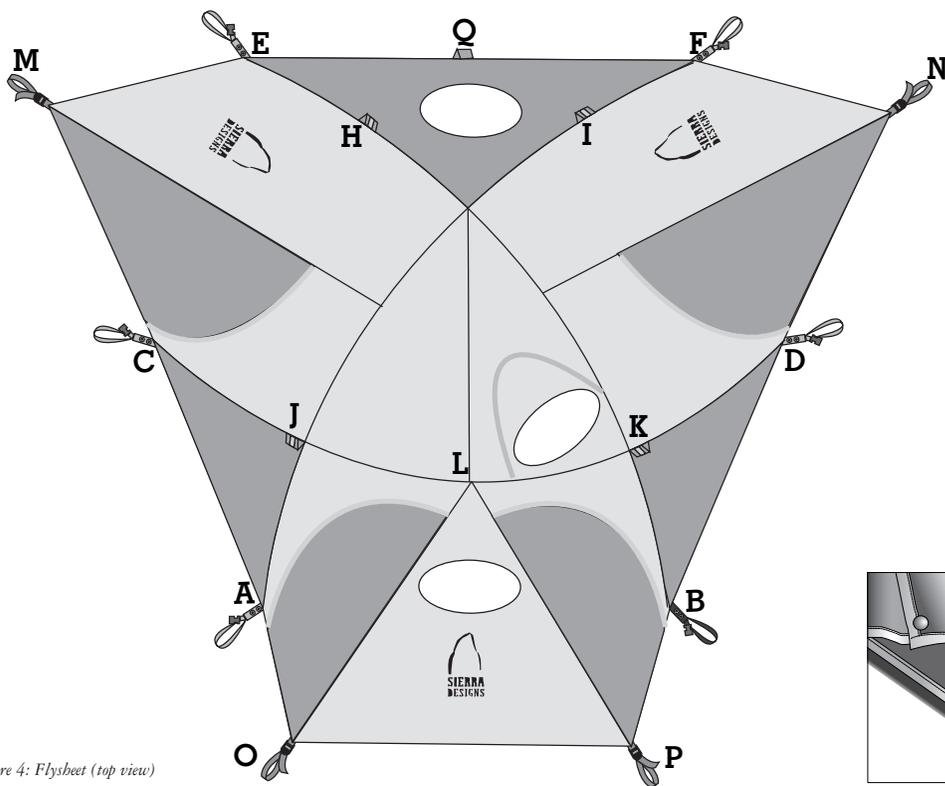


Figure 4: Flysheet (top view)

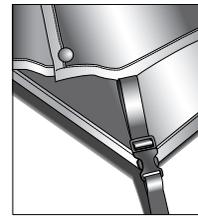


Figure 5: Fly Clip

desired firmness, then, slide the cord into the groove on the backside of the clip to keep it taut (Figure 3).

### Flysheet

Drape the fly over the tent and position the zippers over the tent doors and so that the navy blue fly attachment is aligned with the navy blue stake loop on the tent (point B, Figure 4). By clipping 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. Attach the fly to the tent poles via the Velcro located on the underside of the fly, points H, I, J, K, & L, (Figure 4). At each pole end, points A, B, C, D, E, & F, there are 1" side-release "Fly Clip" buckles (Figure 5). Clip these buckles into their corresponding mates on the tent stake loops and adjust the straps until the fly is semi-taut. Now pull out points M, N, O, & P away from the tent and stake them out. To finish set-up work your way around the tent and adjust the straps so that the rainfly is taut. Guying out point Q is optional but can increase the ventilation. You can also guy out points H, I, J, & K for maximum stability in high winds.

### Sol-Air Ceiling™

The Sol-Air ceiling offers the quickest and most efficient ventilation of your tent. The ceiling panel on the tent body is made of a mesh panel that can be completely unzipped. This allows you access to the window panel on the rainfly. The window panel on the rainfly is taped to be completely waterproof. To open the panel from the inside the tent, unzip the 2 zippers and push the panel out so it lies on the outside of the tent. Do not let the panel fall inside the tent, especially if there are water droplets on the outside of the panel. There are two rainflaps, connected by Velcro, which protect the zipper. After opening and closing this panel, the Velcro should be reattached.

### Ventilation

In addition to your Sol-Air ceiling your *Parallax* has four vestibule doors that can be folded back and clipped open and used as wind scoops. Guying out your rainfly away from the tent wall also increases airflow and better ventilation.