

Swag Tent and Sleeping Pad Owner's Manual

For Model 8101



Important! For safe and proper assembly, use, and care read and follow all instructions. Everyone who uses this tent should first read this manual.

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# **No Fire**

This tent is flammable. Keep all flame and heat sources away from the tent fabric. Never place a stove, campfire, or any other flame source in or near your tent. Never use, light, or refuel a stove, lantern, heater, or any other heat source inside your tent. Death by carbon monoxide poisoning and/or serious burns are possible.

# **Ventilation**

Maintain adequate ventilation inside your tent at all times. Death by suffocation is possible.

# **Anchor**

This tent is not free-standing. If not properly anchored it will collapse. Anchor your tent properly at all times to reduce the risk of loss or injury to the tent or occupants.

# **Campsite Choice**

Carefully consider the possibility of falling rocks or tree limbs, lightning strikes, flash floods, avalanches, strong winds, and other objective hazards when choosing a campsite to reduce the risk of loss or injury to the tent or occupants.

### **Children**

Do not leave children unattended inside a tent or camp. Do not allow children to assemble or disassemble the tent. Do not allow children to remain closed-up in a tent on hot days. Failure to follow these warnings may result in injury and/or death.

# Kodiak Canvas Limited Lifetime Warranty

This product is warranted, to the original purchaser, to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for as long as you own the product. This product is made with quality materials and expert workmanship, but is not indestructible. This warranty does not cover damage attributed to or resulting from normal wear and tear (e.g. exhausted zippers), natural hazards (e.g. weather, animals), abuse (e.g. mold, mildew, burns, ultraviolet), or alterations or modifications of any kind. If your product is found defective, we will repair or replace it free of charge. Charges for shipping your product to Kodiak Canvas will be your responsibility. We reserve the right to make substitutions if parts are unavailable or obsolete. If your product needs repair beyond what is covered under warranty, we will provide parts and service at a reasonable charge.

This warranty gives you, the original purchaser, specific legal rights. You may also have other rights which vary from state to state. **Do not return your product until you have received authorization and instruction to do so.** 

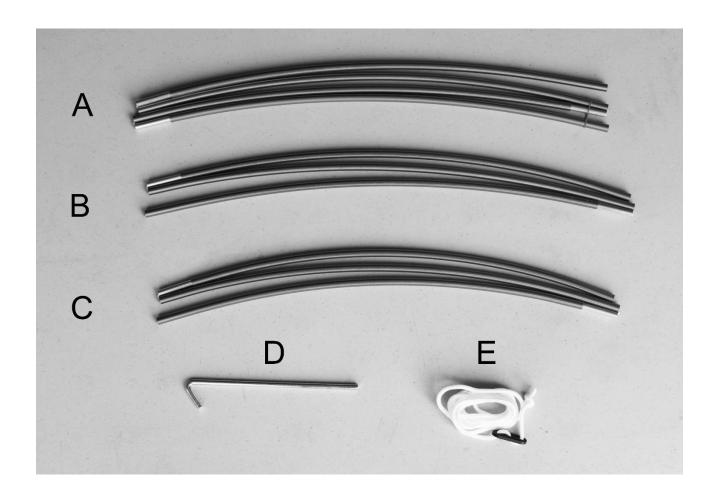
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# Component Checklist

• Identify all components and make sure they are in good condition and working order.

Qty	Item
1	Tent Body
1	Foam Mattress Pad w/ fabric cover
1	Large Support Pole (A)
1	Medium Support Pole (B)
1	Small Support Pole (C)
7	Tent Stakes (D)
1	Zippered Storage Bag
1	Doormat
3	Guy Ropes (E)



# Before You Set Out

- It is recommended that you assemble this tent at home at least once before your trip to familiarize yourself with the process, and make sure your tent is in good order.
- After initial set-up it is recommended that you spray the tent lightly with water and allow it to dry completely. This seasons the canvas. The water causes the canvas to shrink slightly, closing needle holes where the canvas was stitched. This process is only required once. Before you do this, first remove the mattress pad.

# Waterproofing

Kodiak Canvas tents are made with Hydra-Shied™ canvas that features superb water repellency. However, not all tents are completely waterproof out of the box. On occasion a new tent will experience some leaking. Over the life of the tent, occasional, waterproofing maintenance will be required. If leaking occurs, it is an easy fix. Treat the affected area with a *SILICONE* based waterproofing such as Kiwi Camp Dry®. This should absolutely take care of any leaks, and you should seldom have to re-treat. Caution: Do not use other types of waterproofing such as Canvak® on this Hydra-Shield™ canvas, as it could affect the breathability of the canvas. When properly sealed, your expectation should be that a Kodiak Canvas tent will be completely dry inside, even during drenching rains.

# Assembly

Caution: The use of protective eyewear is recommended during assembly.

#### STEP 1: Stake the Tent

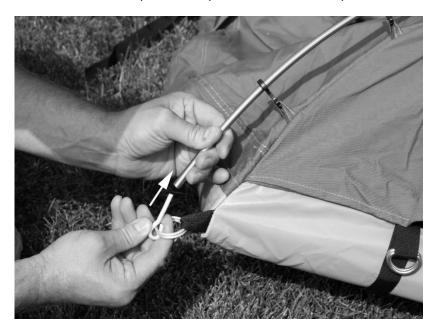
Stake each of the tent's four corners, making sure that the tent is taut and square.

### Tips:

 Drive in stakes with the tip angling toward the tent. Secure hooks on the end of the stakes over the corner rings.

### STEP 2: Assemble the Frame

- 1) Join the Aluminum support poles. The large pole is for the head of the tent. The medium pole is for the middle. The small support pole is for the foot of the tent.
- 2) Pass the small support pole through the sleeve at the foot of the tent. Insert the ends of the pole into the lock pins on each of the corners. Clip the black plastic hooks onto the pole.



- 3) Repeat 2 above with the large support pole at the head of the tent.
- 4) The middle support pole is secured on the inside. Locate the lock pins on the inside middle of the tent on the floor. Caution: Grasp pole firmly as it is placed under tension. It could spring loose.





Insert the ends of the middle support poles into the lock pins. Use the Velcro-like tabs on the lower sides of the tent, and also on the screen mesh cover, to secure the middle support pole into place.

5) Securely tie a guy rope to the grommets at the head and foot of the tent. Stake out these guy ropes and adjust until taut. Do not over tighten or this could make it difficult to open and close zippers.



- 6) Optional: The third guy rope can be used to hold a side of the top cover out for added air flow. To do this tie the guy rope to the small loop in the corner (see image above).
- 7) The doormat is handy to step onto, or sit on while taking off your shoes. If rain is expected tuck your shoes underneath to keep them dry. Attach it by inserting the T-buttons on the mat into the small loops on the side of the tent.

# **Special Features**

- Small storage pocket at the head corner. Great place to keep keys or small flashlight.
- Zippered windows at head and foot. Use to regulate airflow.
- Removable mattress pad cover. Can be removed to hand wash and hang dry.

# **Taking Down and Storing the Tent**

# STEP 1: Clean and Dry

- 1) Sweep out any dirt.
- 2) Empty all storage pockets.
- 3) Allow tent and mattress pad to dry completely! Remove the mattress pad. Zip open and allow tent to air out and dry inside and out. Replace the mattress pad when completely dry.



### **CAUTION**

VERY IMPORTANT—Your tent must be completely dry, inside and out, before storage! Your tent may be damp from condensation even if there has been no rain. Storing a wet or damp tent, even for a short time, can ruin it and void the warranty. This causes mold that will cause a bad odor, stain and deteriorate the canvas and its water repellency.

If you must take the tent down while still wet or damp, loosely roll it for transport. After transport, immediately unroll and set up or hang out to dry thoroughly before long-term storage.

# STEP 2: Collapse Tent

- 1) Remove the tent stakes by pulling the stakes, not the tent. Pulling the tent could cause damage to your tent.
- 2) Remove all poles and collapse tent. Caution: Grasp poles firmly they are under tension and could spring loose. Insert the poles in the storage sleeve at the inside head of the tent.



3) Roll the tent from head to foot. Use the cinch straps at the foot to secure the rolled swag. Tip: No need to remove your blanket or sleeping bag. Just roll it up inside the swag. The straps are oversized for this purpose. For long term storage, don't leave the cinch straps too tight or you may get some permanent compression on the mattress pad.



**Tip for zippered storage bag:** Rather than lifting the rolled tent into the storage bag, place the storage bag over the rolled tent, and then flip it over so zipper is upright, then zip.

# Care

- VERY IMPORTANT—Your tent must be completely dry before storage! STORING A WET OR DAMP TENT, EVEN FOR A SHORT TIME, CAN RUIN IT AND WILL VOID THE WARRANTY.
- To clean tent, hose down with water and wipe with a cloth. Soaps and detergents can damage the water-repellant treatment of the canvas.
- Do not spray insecticides or bug repellant directly on the canvas. This may damage the water-repellant treatment.
- For long-term storage, store in a cool dry location that is not exposed to direct sunlight.
- This tent is equipped with quality zippers. To prolong zipper life, do not grind the zippers around corners. If needed pull the canvas, windows or doors to help zippers glide smoothly. Keep them clean from dirt.
- The canvas on your tent has a special Hydra-Shield™ treatment that is watertight yet breathable. You should rarely, if ever have to retreat the canvas. If you do need to spot treat the canvas for water repellency, use a silicone based repellent such as Kiwi Camp Dry®. Other treatments will clog the tiny holes in the canvas eliminating its breathability.
- For extended use situations (more than three consecutive weeks) see Extended Use Care instructions at www.KodiakCanvas.com.

# Other Notes

- Condensation inside the tent is affected by the difference between inside and outside temperatures, and humidity. Condensation can be reduced by venting your tent. Condensation between the floor and a sleeping mat can be reduced by placing a ground cloth underneath the tent.
- Some slight irregularities are normal with 100% cotton canvas and will not affect the performance of your tent.

• Use your Kodiak Canvas Swag tent on the ground, in the bed of a pickup, or on a compatible 85x40 inch cot. When using with a cot, secure the corners of the tent to the cot with tie cord, or Velcro straps (sold separately).





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