

# VAGABOND SERIES PITCHING, CARE AND STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

ONE PLANET

## FINDING THE IDEAL SPOT

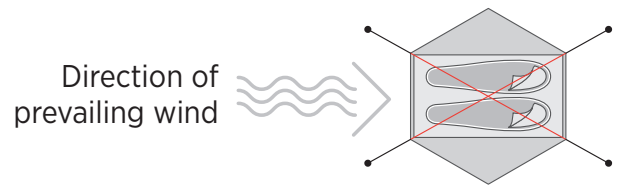
- Look around! Select a site that is flat, clear of rocks, twigs and other hard or sharp objects.
- Look down! Find a position that will drain well if it rains.
- Look up! Check that nothing can fall on your tent. (Stay away from tree limbs, especially Australian gums)

**TIP:** if you arrive to camp early and the sun is shining bright, consider pitching your tent closer to dusk. UV exposure deteriorates all fabrics and keeping your fly out of the blazing sun will maximise its useable life.



## POSITIONING THE TENT

- The Vagabond tent is a rectangle, so can be pitched in any direction. The design is very stable, able to handle the cyclic winds so common in Australia.
- For the optimum pitch, position the tent so the prevailing wind hits the tent foot or corner.



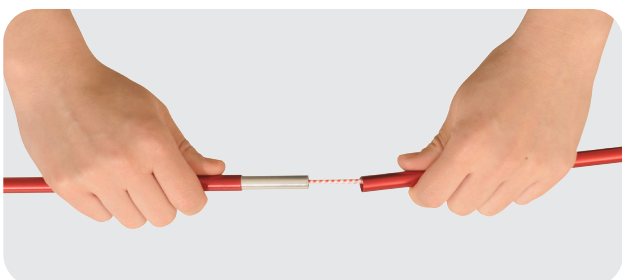
## PITCHING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Start by pegging out the four corners of the inner. Put the tent bags in your pocket so they don't fly away! Insert pegs into the ground on a 45° angle, pushing them all the way in, don't use your foot to push or stamp in pegs.



2. Put together all tent poles carefully, making sure each section is fully inserted into the next.

**TIP:** Do not flick or release the pole while holding the end section this can fracture the section ends.



3. Insert the pole ends into the corner eyelets.



4. Clip the inner to the poles.



## TO ATTACH THE FLY

1. Place the fly over the tent. Connect the corners using the side-release buckles.



2. In windy conditions, we recommend fastening the hook-and-loop connections (behind the guy lines pockets on the inside of the tent fly) around the poles. This joins the fly to the poles and, with the use of guy lines, helps to stabilise the tent.

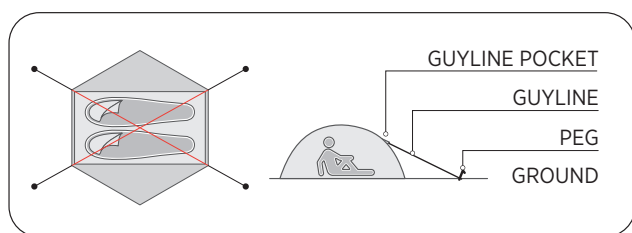


3. Peg out the vestibule, then peg the head and foot to increase airflow.



4. In windy conditions, we recommend using the guy lines.

Pitch guy lines directly out from the tent corners on an angle. Follow the angle of the guy line pocket and the pole crossover.



## PACK-DOWN INSTRUCTIONS

**TIP:** Don't wake you mates (or students) by tapping on the tent with walking poles, you're likely to damage the tent!

Empty the tent, remove your belongings and any foreign materials. Check for ants and bugs, these critters if inadvertently rolled into a tent will try to chew their way to freedom. Never use insect repellent on any part of the tent.



### Start with the fly

1. Unpeg the fly and all guy lines. Tuck guy lines back into their storage pockets.
2. Unclip the fly at all the corners and lift the fly from the tent. (If you have fastened the hook-and-loop connectors around the pole, you will need to undo them too.)
3. Grab the two vents and fold in half.
4. Continue to fold, keeping it neat and creating a large rectangle the width of the folded poles.
5. Put to the side while packing the inner – make sure it won't blow away!

### Inner and poles

1. Close the doors and windows, leaving the door zip slightly open. This allows air to escape quickly when rolling – especially helpful with Nylon inners!
2. Unclip the inner from the poles, starting with the ridge pole and working down.
3. Then remove the poles ends from the eyelets. Fold poles carefully and place them in the pole/peg bag.  
**TIP:** When folding the poles, split first in the centre. This will create a more even tension on the interior elastic, maximising its useable lifespan.
4. Unpeg all corners and place all pegs into the pole/peg bag. Keeping it pegged in until this stage ensures it won't blow away, remember to count your pegs, so none are left behind.
5. Fold into a neat rectangle the width of the folded poles
  - a. Brush off mud and dirt as you fold
  - b. 3 folds is usually best

### Roll together

1. Place the fly on top of the inner.
2. Roll the inner and fly around the pole/peg bag.
3. Just before finishing the roll, fold the end with webbing and peg points to the inside. This creates a neat finish and makes it easier to slide into the storage bag.

## STORAGE AND AFTER TRIP MAINTENANCE

After each trip, spend a few minutes looking after your tent: it will help it last longer and be in better shape for the next trip.

- › Never put your tent away damp
- › Clean poles and pegs by washing them in warm water using a soft cloth. If you've been in a salty location, soak and then wash thoroughly, ensuring you run fresh water through the pole ends.
- › Clean zips and sliders, checking for grime and grit. Brush and lubricate.
- › Remove debris from the inside of the tent by turning the inner inside out and brushing.
- › Wipe down the inside and outside of both inner and fly with a soft cloth to remove visible dirt.
- › Hang your tent up (or pitch it – your call) in a warm, dry and preferably shady area until it is completely dry.
- › Store in a cool dry place. We recommend storing the fly and inner in a loose bag rather than tightly rolled.
- › During long-term storage remember to air your tent regularly (every 4-6 months) or more often in humid environments.