

# GOONDIE SERIES PITCHING, CARE AND STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

ONE PLANET

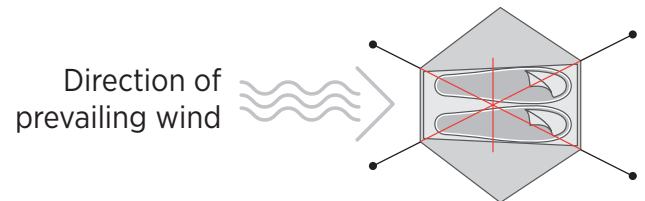
## FINDING THE IDEAL SPOT

- > 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

- > Goondies are tapered rectangular in shape – the head end is wider than the foot. The webbing on the fly and inner is colour coded for easy identification, with grey webbing at the head.
- > For the optimum pitch, position the tent so the prevailing wind hits the tent foot or corner.



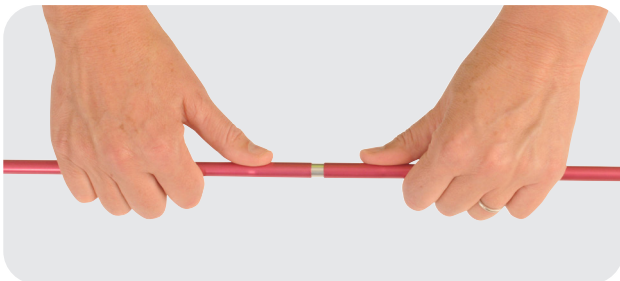
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## PITCHING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Start by pegging out one or two inner corners to stop the tent inner blowing away. 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 in pegs.



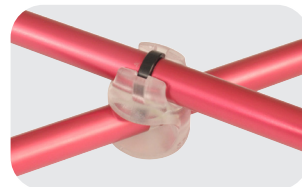
2. Put together all three tent poles carefully, making sure each section is fully inserted into the next.  
**TIP:** Do not flick or release the pole while holding the end section this can fracture the section ends.



3. Take the two long poles and cross them over the inner, placing the ends into the corner eyelets.

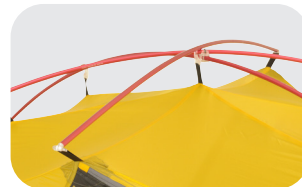


4. Clip these poles together using the top hub. There is a clear/translucent hub\* on one pole and a black ring on the other.

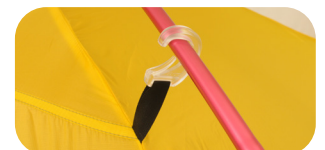


\*Non-structural hubs may differ slightly between models.

5. Place the shorter ridge pole over the top of the two long poles. Clip to the inner using the ball (on ridge pole) and socket (on inner) joint.



6. Secure inner to poles using the clips.



7. Secure the top inner hook to the higher long pole (not the top ridgepole) this maximises internal height without creating a wear/rub point on the fly.



## TO ATTACH THE FLY

1. Place the fly over the tent, making sure the webbing colour matches on fly and inner. Eg. grey on grey

2. Starting at the ridgepole, clip the DAC® SQ ring over the ball-and-socket joint. Use the finger loops to secure firmly. (The SQ ring links the inner, pole and fly for a precise pitch.)



3. Clip the fly to the inner using the side-release buckles located on the bottom corners. Adjust tension to remove any slack.



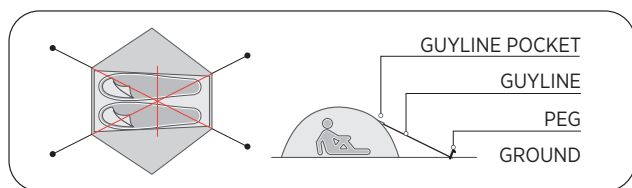
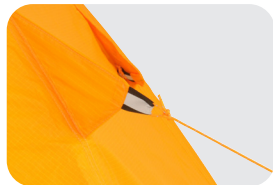
4. In windy conditions, we recommend fastening the hook-and-loop connections (behind the guy lines pockets on the inside of the tent fly) around the poles. This joins the fly to the poles and, with the use of guy lines, helps to stabilise the tent.



5. Peg out the vestibules, then peg the head and foot to increase airflow (if applicable). Next is pegging in guy lines if required.



6. 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

Empty the tent, remove your belongings and any foreign materials. Remember to empty all the pockets – side, torch, and loft! Do up all zips on the fly. Check for ants and bugs, these critters if inadvertently rolled into a tent will try to chew their way to freedom. Never spray insect repellent on any part of the tent.

There are lots of ways to pack up your tent, including the simplest – simply stuff it into the bag. The approach outlined below keeps things neat and tidy, and makes life easier next time.

### Start with the fly

1. Unpeg the fly and all guy lines. Tuck guy lines back into their storage pockets.
2. Unclip the fly connections (corners and ridgepole) and lift the fly from the tent. (If you have fastened the hook-and-loop connectors around the pole, undo them.)
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 fly bag.
5. Roll the tent fly up. Just before finishing the roll, fold the end with webbing and peg points to the inside. This creates a neat squared finish.
6. Slide and twist neatly into fly bag.

### 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. 1 and 2 person tents fold neatly three times, 3 person tents fold neatly four times
  - c. Just before finishing the roll, fold the end with webbing and peg points to the inside. This creates a neat squared finish.
6. Slide and twist neatly into fly 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.