



## **Seam Sealing Information and Tips for Repair**

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### **What is Seam Sealing Tape?**

- Seam sealing tape is an adhesive waterproof tape that is applied to the seams (underside) of most modern synthetic tents/tent flies.
- It is designed to minimise rainwater coming inside through the stitch holes, and stitching itself, of the outer fabric.
- Seam sealing tape is less often applied to canvas tents as many canvas materials will not allow a tape to stick for any period of time.
- The canvas material used for most Oztent tents has a Polyurethane (PU) coating on the underside of the fabric. This ensures that we can secure the tape to the underside and it will remain secure during extended use.

### **What can go wrong?**

With ALL tents and tent flies, it is possible that the Seam Sealing Tape may come loose over time. The causes of this relate to the age of the tent/fly, weather exposure, salt or other chemical exposure (e.g. insect spray, etc). If you notice the Seam Sealing Tape coming away from the seams of your tent/fly, the following method will fix the problem:

### **How to fix the issue:**

- Firstly, determine the extent to which the tape is coming away.
- If it is only coming away in a small location, simply use scissors to cut away the loose tape and apply Seam Sealer to the exposed area as described below.
- Always cut the tape with a rounded (convex) edge, as this minimises the risk of the tape lifting off in the future.
- If it can be avoided, do not remove the portion of the tape that is still secured to the fabric.
- Using any commercially available Seam Sealer gel, apply a layer of the gel to the exposed area of the seam. Simply smear or brush the gel to cover the same area as the, removed, tape.
- Also apply the gel under and around the loose end of any remaining tape.
- Allow to fully dry and cure before packing away the tent/fly.



### Where do I get this Seam Sealer?

- There are many, many brands available
- Your local Camping Store will provide the best advice for your area.
- Do not use any Cyanoacrylate adhesives ('Super Glue', 'Instant glue' or similar) as these may adversely affect the tent/fly fabric itself.

### Examples of Seam Sealer:

