



# **Golden Roof Top Tent**

## **Instruction Manual**

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## Intro

Thank you for joining our Overland Junction family.

Our **mission is to help more people spend more time outside.**

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions on this tent – from installation to use.

**Text us** (for fastest response) or call us at **833-205-7703**, or **email** us at **support@OverlandJunction.com** with any questions. We're here to help!

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## Installation

We named this tent the Golden [Retriever] because it looks great and is guaranteed to make you smile.

But much like training a Golden Retriever puppy, you have to put in some work upfront to get the years of enjoyment down the road.

Installation itself is just one simple step: attaching the tent to your vehicle.

But we've also included tips and tricks in this instruction manual for opening and closing the tent, using its features, and caring for it.

So, let's go!

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## WARNING

**Roof top tents that are not properly installed can cause serious injury or death. Be sure to follow these installation instructions carefully to ensure proper installation on your vehicle and safe use of your tent. You must check your vehicle owner's manual or with your vehicle manufacturer to ensure your vehicle and its roof rack system can handle the weight of the tent. If you have an after-market rack or bars, you must check with that manufacturer to ensure it can handle the weight of the tent. Not all factory roof racks or after-market racks or bars can safely accommodate a roof top tent.**

**Before You Start: Make sure your vehicle is ready.**

Given its mounting brackets, this tent works with most factory or after-market racks or crossbars.

But you need to confirm 3 things before getting started:

(1) Do you have 2 or more crossbars (the ones that run from one side of the vehicle to the other)?

(2) Are your crossbars less than 3.5" wide and less than 1.75" tall?

(3) Can your crossbars and whatever they are attached to (side rails, roof, etc.) handle the weight of the tent?

**Pro tip:** Check your owner's manual or contact your vehicle manufacturer for #3 - don't just blindly trust the internet. All vehicles are different - even sometimes in the same model and year. And believe it or not, the internet is sometimes wrong.

**Pro tip #2:** Dynamic weight capacity is the number most people need to be worried about. That's the capacity of the rack when you're driving down the highway at 70 mph and the wind is trying to rip the tent off the vehicle. If the dynamic weight capacity of each component of your rack system is greater than the weight of the tent and everything you'd have in it while driving (think sleeping bags, not people), you're good to go.

If you answered **Yes** to all 3 questions above, **read on!**

If you answered **No** to any of these, reach out to us so we can help get you what you need.

**Do NOT mount the tent to your vehicle without confirming it can handle the weight. Serious injury or death could occur.**



## Attach Tent to Vehicle

1. Lay the tent box flat and unpack the tent carefully.



2. Once fully unpacked, unfasten the 4 metal latches by pushing in on the metal piece to the side of the latch and then pulling down on the top.



3. Unfasten the 4 Velcro straps, and then give the top half of the case a light upward push on each of the long sides to open the tent.

4. Locate the items inside the tent and remove them.



5. Reclose the tent by pushing down on the top on each long side until it collapses onto the bottom of the tent. Tuck in any fabric hanging out, and refasten the metal latches and Velcro straps to keep the top in place.

6. Locate the mounting hardware and remove it from its bag.



**NOTE: Do not attempt this next step alone. You must have a minimum of 2 people, and ideally 4 people, to lift the tent onto the vehicle. Do not attempt if you cannot lift heavy objects.**

7. With 2-4 people, carefully lift the tent on top of the vehicle. The logos on the shell should be toward the back of the vehicle.



8. Take each slide plate and stick two bolts through holes on opposite sides of the plate. For narrower crossbars, use the inner holes. For wider crossbars, use the outer holes.



9. Slide the slide plate (get the name?) into the mounting channel on the tent with the bolts sticking down. Do this with all 4 slide plates (1 on each end of both mounting channel).



10. Carefully lift each tent corner so you can slide one bolt over the crossbar. At all 4 locations, you should have one bolt on either side of the crossbar.

11. Once you have each slide plate in place, inspect the position of the tent to ensure it is centered on the roof. **Pro tip:** If you have a trunk that swings upward, open it to ensure the tent is not blocking the trunk from opening all the way. Adjust the tent forward if it is.

12. Place the metal mounting plate (same piece as the slide plate) onto the bottom of the two bolts on the underside of the crossbar. Then, fasten the nuts onto the bolts to lock the mounting plate in place. Here's what it should look like:



13. Using the wrench provided, tighten all 8 nuts securely to lock the 4 mounting plates in place. **NOTE: You should check these nuts regularly to ensure they remain securely fastened.**

## Using the Ladder

1. Unpack the ladder from the cardboard box.



2. Without removing the Velcro, use the two metal hooks at the top of the ladder to hook it over the two metal rings on either long side of the tent. You can use the ladder on either side any time – whichever is most convenient for your camping spot.



3. Release the Velcro strap around the ladder, and fully extend the ladder.

4. Adjust the ladder so that it's firmly on the ground and the ladder is at a roughly 60 to 75-degree angle with the ground. Shorten the ladder if necessary. **Note: Make sure all steps are securely locked into place.**

5. To close the ladder, simply push the ladder slides in on each step until it's fully collapsed, remove it from the rings in the tent, and then refasten the Velcro strap.

6. You can store the ladder inside the tent when not in use. **Pro tip:** Make sure the hooks are facing up so they don't damage the mattress.

## Opening the Tent

1. Open the metal latches and Velcro straps and push gently on both long sides of the tent. It will pop open into place.
2. Pull the skirt around the bottom of the tent into place.



3. Set up the ladder if it isn't already set up (see previous page).
4. That's it! There's no step 4. Once you get the hang of the straps and ladder, you will be able to fully set up your tent in less than 60 seconds.



## Opening the Doors and Windows

1. Each long side has a door with an outer layer and a mesh layer. Each short side has a window with an outer layer and a mesh layer. You can choose to have both layers (or just the outer layer) closed for maximum protection, both layers open for fresh air and light, or the outer layer open with the mesh layer closed for fresh air, light, AND bug protection.
2. To open any, unzip all the way around. Then, for the doors, roll up the fabric and fasten it with the orange and black bars and loops at the top. For the windows, roll down the fabric.



3. Alternatively, you can choose to keep the door outer shells open in an awning position with the included metal poles. Insert the hook end of the metal pole into the hole in the bottom of the shell, and the rod end of the metal pole into the hole in the tent base (through the opening in the fabric). **Pro tip:** Unless you're very tall, the rods are much easier to insert from inside the tent.



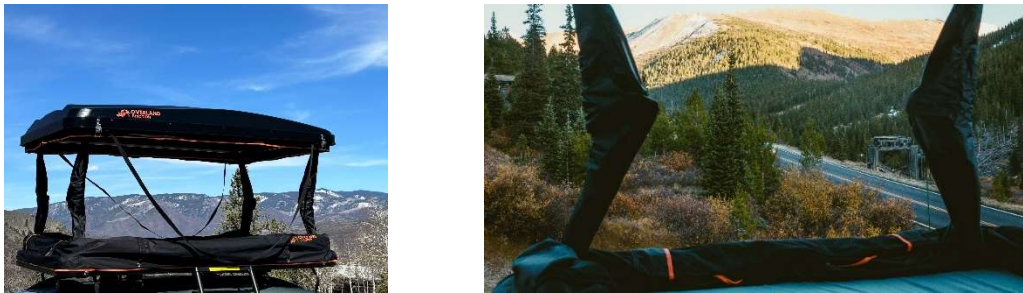
## Opening and Closing the Walls

**Note: When your tent first arrives, the fabric will be tight. We design it this way so that as the fabric stretches over time, you don't get a lot of sag. However, that also means it will be difficult to rezip the walls the first few times. Follow the pro tips below to minimize this difficulty and re-close the walls effectively.**

1. Like the doors and windows, the entire tent has the option of being fully closed, fully open, or outer shell open with mesh layer closed. Note: Most people choose to have the mesh layer down when the shell is fully closed in order to access the storage pockets on the shell's inner walls.



2. Both the outer shell and the mesh layer have a zipper on the top and the bottom. For most uses, we recommend unzipping the top zipper only and rolling the layers down on themselves at the bottom of the tent, leaving the bottom zipper zipped. This speeds up the re-zipping process.



3. Alternatively, you can also unzip the bottom zipper and fully push each layer over the bottom of the tent for even better visibility. But be forewarned: It is not especially quick to get the layers back on, so you should only do this if you know the weather and bugs are going to stay good.





4. When reattaching the walls, start with the bottom zipper if you unzipped both. And if you are re-attaching both layers, start with the outer shell since it is on the outside. Fully rezip the bottom zipper on the outer shell, all the way around.

5. Then, fully rezip the top zipper on the outer shell, all the way around. **Note: If you're struggling with the top zipper, see pro tips below.**

**Pro tip #1:** As we mentioned on the previous page, the fabric will be tight when you first start using the tent. It stretches with time, and re-zipping the walls will become easier. But that's no consolation if you're just starting out and struggling to get the top of the wall to reach the part it needs to zip to. We've got you! Read on...

**Pro tip #2:** If you have 2 people, this is easy. Simply have one person pull down on the roof at the back of the tent by a few inches. This will allow you to reach the top of the wall to the zipper on the bottom of the ceiling to start zipping. Once you've started, the person can release the roof.

**Pro tip #3:** If it's just you, it's still not bad! Simply perform step 3 of the "Closing the Tent" instructions: Pull down on the hanging rope on the passenger side of the vehicle to bring the top and bottom of the tent together on that side. Then, loosely fasten the two Velcro straps on that side to keep it in place. That will then enable you to start zipping the outer shell at the back of the tent from either the inside or outside (outside easier if you can reach). Once you've started it, you can release the Velcro straps to re-raise the tent and continue zipping the rest of the shell.



**Pro tip #4:** Once you have the zipper started, you may find it's also hard to zip when you get close to each corner. Simply use one hand to pull down on the shelf at the top of each corner by a few inches, and the other hand to zip. By pulling the tent down, zipping becomes much easier.



## Using the LED Light

1. Your tent includes a USB-powered LED light strip (USB power source not provided) with stick-on magnet attachments.



2. Use the included cord to charge the light with any USB charging device.



3. Attach the stick-on magnet attachments wherever you want to hang your light in the tent, and when the light is fully charged, fasten its magnets to the stick-on circles.





## Closing the Tent

1. Remove any metal poles and store in separate bag inside tent. **Pro tip:** You can leave the windows, doors, and walls open or closed however you like when the tent is closed. If you know you're getting into camp late next time and will want to go straight to bed, zip everything up so it's ready for you. If you know you're getting in midday and will want to hang out, keep things open.
2. Unhook the ladder, collapse it, fasten the Velcro strap, and store it inside the tent with the hooks facing up so as not to damage the mattress.
3. Pull down on the hanging rope on one side of the tent to bring the top and bottom of the tent together on that side. Loosely fasten the two Velcro straps on that side to keep it in place while leaving space to push fabric in later.



4. Go around to the other side and pull down on its rope until the tent top is fully down and flat.
5. Tuck in any hanging fabric and the two ropes between the two shell pieces so the tent is neatly enclosed.



6. Fasten all 4 metal latches and fasten/tighten all 4 Velcro straps.

## Cleaning, Storage, and Care Recommendations

1. After each camping trip, make sure your tent is completely dry before storing. Storing a tent that is not completely dry can cause mildew and mold. **Pro tip:** Open all windows and doors and prop up your mattress to ensure the bottom of the mattress gets completely dry too.
2. After each camping trip, clean your tent. Open the tent fully and brush or vacuum the inside of the tent. If fabric is dirty, use a mild detergent with warm water and a soft brush to clean it. Rinse fabric and allow tent to dry completely.
3. If zippers get dirty or stuck, do not force them. Use a zipper lubricant to clean and fix.
4. When needed, wash mattress cover and hang dry.
5. If you keep your tent on your vehicle year-round and go long periods without using it, open it up every 1-2 months to let it dry out in case any moisture has built up.
6. Avoid excessive sun exposure to your tent to prolong the life of the fabric. UV rays can degrade tent fabric and waterproofing over time.
7. Never take your tent through an automatic carwash.
8. Remember that a tent will increase your vehicle's height. Be mindful of low clearance areas like garages.
9. Use extra caution on your first few drives with the tent on top of your vehicle, and regularly check the mounting hardware to ensure it is still secure.

## **Limited Warranty**

### **What is covered:**

Overland Junction warrants to the original purchaser that its products are free from defects in material and workmanship, for 2 years from the date of purchase, except as qualified below.

### **What is NOT covered:**

Overland Junction is not responsible for the natural breakdown of materials that occurs with extended use (e.g., Ultraviolet (UV) light damage on tents, extensive use of zippers, etc.).

Overland Junction is not responsible for defects caused by accident, abuse, alteration, animal attack, storm damage, misuse, or improper care.

Overland Junction is not responsible for any defects reported more than 2 years after the original purchase date of the tent.

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If you discover a defect in material or workmanship within 2 years of your purchase date, you must immediately contact Overland Junction at [info@overlandjunction.com](mailto:info@overlandjunction.com) or (833) 205-7703.

Overland Junction will require documentation of the defect.

If, after inspection, Overland Junction finds that the product failed due to a manufacturing or material defect, Overland Junction will repair or replace the product or product component, at Overland Junction's choice, without charge.