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TentBox Classic Roof Tent Installation Manual

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Our user guide for the TentBox Classic

The TentBox Classic is ready to mount to your vehicle straight out of the box.

If you have any questions regarding the installation or use of your TentBox, please [get in touch with our support team](#). **Do not install your TentBox if you do not understand these instructions.**

Warning

Key safety information ⚠

You must ensure that:

- You have purchased roof bars that: are made by a reputable manufacturer; are authorised for usage in conjunction with your vehicle; have been tested (e.g. GS-tested); and have an adequate load limit for the TentBox model you are installing.
- You have installed your roof bars safely and securely as per the manufacturer's instructions.

- Your TentBox is installed safely and securely as per our fitting instructions.
- Your TentBox is closed fully and securely with the closing straps when driving.

- You regularly check that your roof bars are securely fixed to your vehicle as per the manufacturer's instructions and that none of the components are damaged.
- You regularly check that your TentBox is securely fixed to your roof bars and that none of the components are damaged.
- You never drive faster than 70mph when you have a TentBox installed on your car.
- You give due consideration to the change in your vehicle's drive behaviour when a TentBox is installed on your car, taking into account side-wind sensitivity and corner and breaking behaviour.
- You give due consideration to the change in your vehicle's height when a TentBox is installed on your car. The height of your vehicle can increase by up to 90cm (depending on your roof bars), so beware of low entrances and low-hanging branches.

Unboxing your TentBox Classic

Please be careful when unboxing your TentBox, and take extra care with children around. It's a large and heavy product, with a number of moving parts and mechanisms that could cause injury if care isn't taken.

It's important to check your TentBox thoroughly when first opening them, to ensure any metal shards that may be present from the manufacturing process are removed before use. Although we clean these out before packaging the TentBox, in some cases more trapped shards can fall out during transit and the final delivery. Please make sure to double check and use a Hoover to remove any more shards you do find.

Mounting your TentBox Classic to your vehicle

Warning

You must ensure that the fixing clamps are adequately tightened, so that your TentBox is securely fixed to your roof bars.

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The friction of the fixing clamps against your roof bars holds your TentBox securely to your car, so you must make sure the nuts are adequately tightened to prevent any movement.

We recommend that you give the TentBox a hard shove in each direction, especially from the front and back in the direction of the fixing rails, to ensure there is no movement.

- 1 With the help of at least one other person, carefully lift your TentBox onto your roof bars and position centrally.
- 2 Clamp the TentBox to your roof bars at 4 points using the fixing clamps provided:
 - First, drop a bolt through one of the small metal fixing plates and slide the plate along the rail on the underside of the TentBox, so that the thread of the bolt drops down next to your roof bar.
 - Repeat the previous step until you have two bolts dropping down on either side of each roof bar at each of the four clamping points.
 - Using the nuts provided, tighten one of the U-shaped fixing clamps onto two of the hanging bolts until it is securely fastened to your roof bar. Repeat this step for all four clamping points. **You must ensure that the nuts are adequately tightened, and that the fixing clamps are securely fastened against your roof bars at all four clamping points.**





Warning

In order to avoid generating excessive lifting forces, your TentBox should be mounted parallel to the line of the road and not at an angle.

Using your TentBox Classic

Opening your TentBox Classic

Release the buckles at one end of your TentBox, gently push on the upper shell and repeat... it really is that simple!

Note

Ensure that you only unbuckle and open one end at a time.



Opening the porch on your TentBox Classic

The porch poles are located inside a separate bag within your Tentbox so keep an eye out.

- 1 Hook one end of a porch pole into the eyelet.
- 2 Slot the other end of the pole into the hole at the base of the TentBox.
- 3 Repeat with the other pole, and your porch setup is complete!



Using the ladder on your TentBox Classic

- 1 Pull the ladder outside to extend it.
- 2 Push the black buttons inwards to collapse it.

Warning

- Please be careful of your fingers as the ladder can drop suddenly.
- Do not let children use the ladder while unsupervised.
- Ensure the ladder is as vertical as possible for your vehicle's height.

Note

When stowing the ladder inside the TentBox before closing, make sure it is positioned centrally so that it does not get trapped in the support struts.

Closing your TentBox Classic

- 1 Pull the TentBox closed at one end using the long closing strap, then gently tighten the closing buckles.
- 2 Pull the other end closed and ensure all side fabric has been tucked away inside, before tightening the straps securely.
- 3 Pulling upwards on the closing straps makes tightening a little easier.



Note

You must leave the end windows of your TentBox slightly open before pulling your TentBox closed. If you do not do this the air can't escape and it will become very difficult to close.

Caring for your TentBox Lite

Like any large investment, we understand the importance of protecting your TentBox and keeping it looking and feeling new for as long as possible!

Condensation and Mould

As with all enclosed spaces, condensation and resulting dampness can occur. To reduce condensation and prevent mould, we advise following these steps:

- 1 While sleeping, leave a couple of windows open slightly to improve ventilation and reduce condensation build up.
- 2 If there has been some condensation build up, air your TentBox out thoroughly before closing it down.

Warning

Do not use bleach, alcohol or ammonia based cleaning liquids on your TentBox, otherwise the surface materials may get damaged.

For more information about managing condensation and mould, please follow this [link](#).

Re-waterproofing

To maintain 100% waterproofness, the exterior of your TentBox canvas material can be reproofed with any standard canvas reproofer. We would suggest doing this once a year.

Note

You do not need to re-proof your exterior rainfly.

Check out this [article](#) for further information on weather durability and re-waterproofing.

Storage

You can keep your TentBox on your vehicle all year round, as it is designed to withstand all weather conditions.

If you would prefer to remove your TentBox from your vehicle when you are not using it, or over the winter seasons, it is best to store it inside, in a dry place.

Note

To save space, you can store it on its side if you would like, but it is a good idea to put some protective matting down to stop it getting scratched.

Warranty

To view our full warranty policy, please see this [page](#).

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