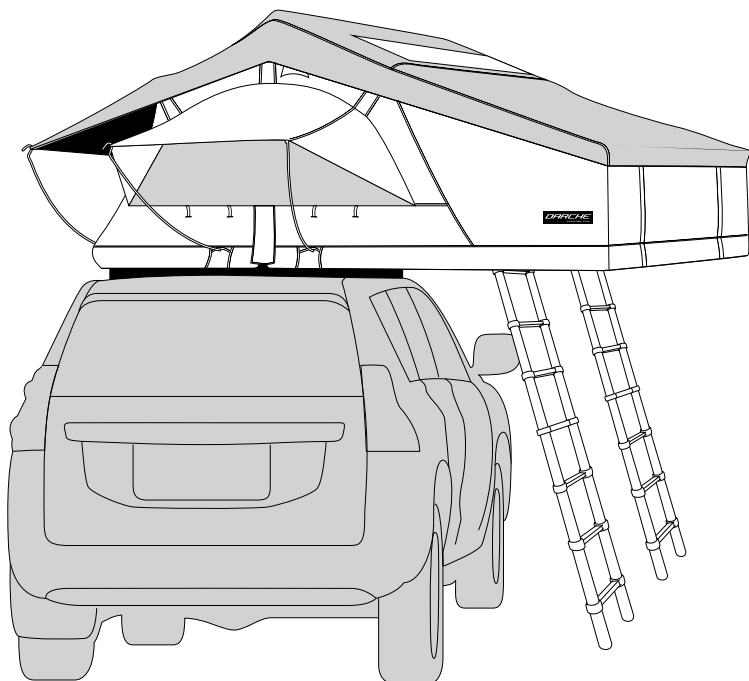


**DARCHE®**

# **BASECAMP ROOF TOP TENT**

**INSTRUCTION MANUAL**



## THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING A DARCHE ROOF TOP TENT (RTT).

We strive to provide the ultimate outdoor camping experience. Your RTT mounts directly to your roof rack or aftermarket roof bars. The tent opens and is fully set up in minutes. Your RTT is made with durable materials that provide excellent water and wind protection.

Before setting off on your adventure, your new RTT will require some basic assembly. After unboxing, read through this instruction manual, then mount the tent onto the roof rack or aftermarket vehicle roof bars utilising the mounting rails on the underside of the tent and hardware kit provided.

During set up and first use, you may find some aluminium swarf inside your RTT. We make every possible attempt to expel and vacuum all aluminium swarf, however, with vibrations in transit, some may reappear.

## BEFORE INSTALLATION AND USE PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS CAREFULLY

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please contact your DARCHE® retailer or call our customer service line: 1300 367 695

Familiarise yourself with the product. We recommend that you unpack and set up your RTT at home before use.

Damage from incorrect set up or use is not covered under general warranty.

Inspections: During trips regularly check that all nuts and bolts attaching your RTT to your vehicle are tight and in good condition.

## PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO INSTALLING

Please thoroughly read the instructions and warnings set forth in this manual. Should you have any questions, please ask your Darche retailer or call our customer service line: 1300 367 695.

## WARNING

Keep all flame and heat sources away from the Roof Top Tent.  
Avoid using this Roof Top Tent in extreme weather conditions.



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THE VIDEO

## WARNING

Ensure that you follow the installation instructions carefully. It is very important that your Roof Top Tent is installed correctly on your vehicle and you fully understand the safe use of your Roof Top Tent.

Please refer to your vehicle manufacturer or vehicle manual for roof load carrying capacity and also the manufacturer of your roof rack/rails for carrying capacities, particularly if you are planning to travel off-road. Not all vehicles or aftermarket roof rack/bars are suitable for carrying a Roof Top Tent, this may include; weight restrictions and or adhering to legal requirements, for example insurances.

Any element applied to the vehicle roof changes the normal vehicle handling. The manufacturer disclaims all responsibility in case of accidents due to improper use, improper maintenance, or failure to check the tightness of brackets, bolts and any other fasteners on your roof rack or Roof Top Tent.

Inspections: During trips regularly check that all nuts and bolts on your Roof Top Tent are tight and in good condition. This includes nuts and bolts attaching the RTT to the vehicle as well as those on all mechanical components of the RTT.

For your safety and protection, ensure correct placement and angle of ladder.

**DO NOT CLIMB ON LADDER UNTIL CORRECT ANGLE IS ACHIEVED (approx. 75 degrees).**

**DARCHE TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FITMENT OF THE RTT TO ANY VEHICLE OR ROOF RACK.**

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## SAFETY WARNING



**KEEP ALL FLAME AND HEAT SOURCES AWAY FROM THE TENT MATERIALS.**

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE SHOULD ANY NAKED FLAME SOURCES OR HEATING DEVICES BE USED INSIDE OR NEAR THE TENT.**

**KEEP EXITS CLEAR.**

## ROOF TOP TENT HARDWARE IDENTIFICATION CHART

Transit Cover	
Qty. 1	
Guy Rope	
Qty. 3	
Peg	
Qty. 3	
Fly Tension Pole	
Qty. 6	
Elastic Cord	
Qty. 4	
Mounting Channel End Caps	
Qty. 4	
Aluminium Slide Plate	
Qty. 8	
Stainless Steel Mount Plate	
Qty. 4	
55mm Steel M8 Bolt	
Qty. 8	
M8 Washer	
Qty. 8	

M8 Nyloc Nut	
Qty. 8	
Telescopic Ladder	
Qty. 2	
Ladder Mounting Bracket	
Qty. 4	
40mm Steel M6 Bolt	
Qty. 8	
20mm Steel M6 Bolt	
Qty. 4	
Stainless Steel Washer	
Qty. 24	
Nylon Washer	
Qty. 4	
M6 Nyloc Nut	
Qty. 12	
10/13mm Spanner	
Qty. 2	
13mm Ratchet Spanner	
Qty. 1	

## ATTACHING THE LADDER

### STEP 1.

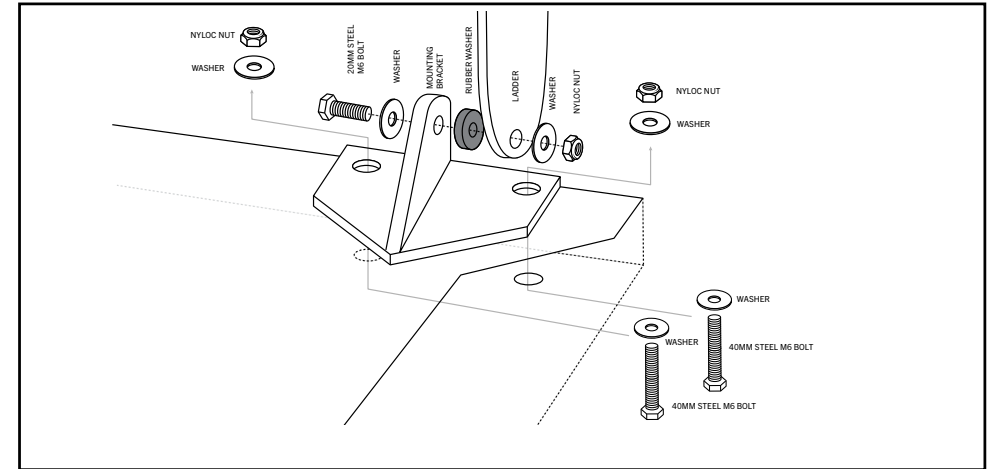
Flip the tent base over so that the side opposite the mounting channels is facing upwards.

### STEP 2.

Locate the pre-drilled holes near the edge of the base and attach the ladder bracket to the base using 40mm Steel M6 bolts, 12mm washers and Nyloc nuts.

### STEP 3.

Attach ladder to ladder bracket using 20mm Steel M6 bolts, 12mm washers and Nyloc nuts.

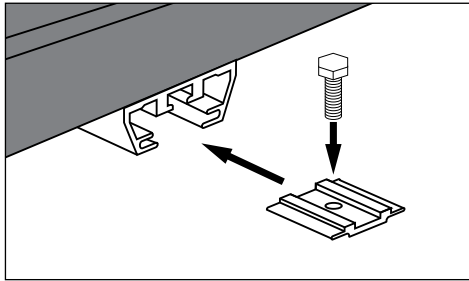


**MOUNTING THE ROOF TOP TENT TO YOUR VEHICLE.**

When mounting your RTT to a vehicle, ensure that the pre-installed vehicle mounting channels run perpendicular to the direction to the bars of your vehicle's roof rack or roof bars, and that the tent is centered on the roof bars or roof rack if possible.

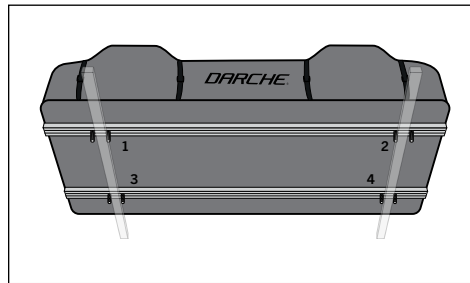
**STEP 1.**

Slide four 55mm M8 vehicle mounting bolts and slide plates into each vehicle mounting channel, and measuring off your vehicles roof bars or roof rack, space the bolts so that there is a bolt on each side of the rail to be clamped. Ensure to fit all 8 bolts, clamping your RTT to the vehicles roof rack in 4 separate locations.



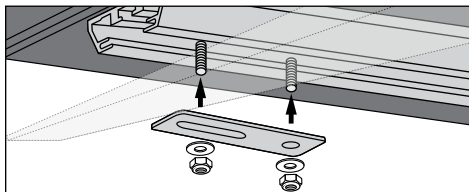
**STEP 2.**

Place the closed RTT on top of your vehicle's roof rack system. Please ensure you do not exceed safe manual handling limits. Some assistance may be required.



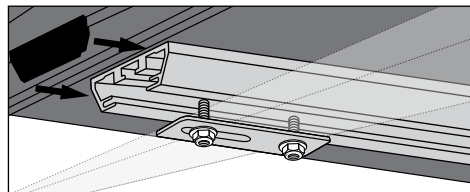
**STEP 3.**

In each clamping location, pass the two vehicle mounting bolts through the steel backing plate and fasten with 1 washer and 1 Nyloc nut per bolt. Repeat for the remaining 3 steel backing plates.



**STEP 4.**

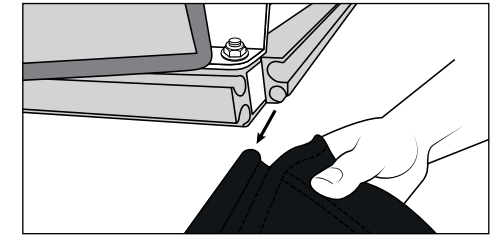
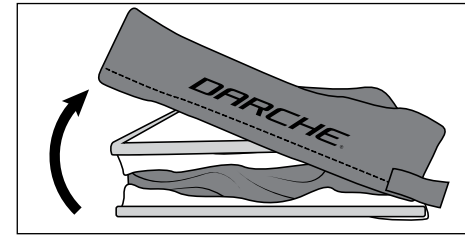
After ensuring the RTT is positioned correctly, tighten all 8 bolts securely. It is important that you check all the mounting bolts and brackets periodically to ensure they are securely fastened to your base board and the vehicles roof rack or roof bars.



**SETTING UP YOUR RTT.**

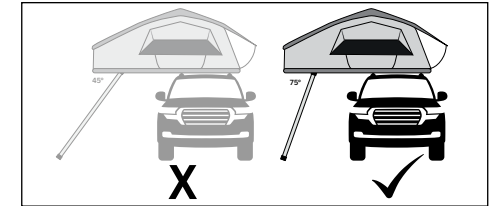
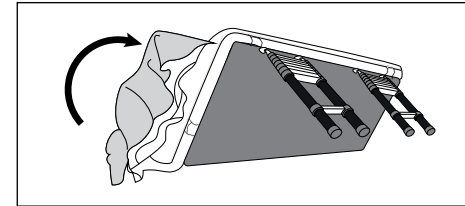
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Unstrap the transit cover then remove it by unzipping it and sliding it out of the sailtrack



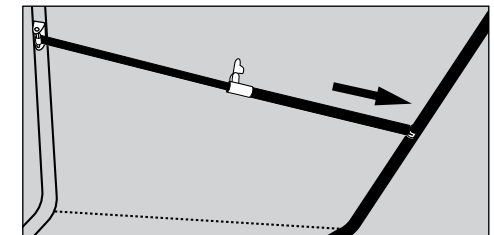
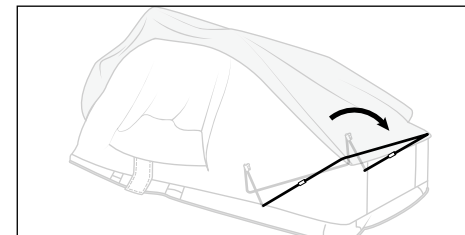
**STEP 2.**

Use the ladder to pull open the tent. For your safety, ensure that the ladder is approximately 75 degrees to the ground before climbing ladder. We recommend that the RTT is set up on flat, even ground.



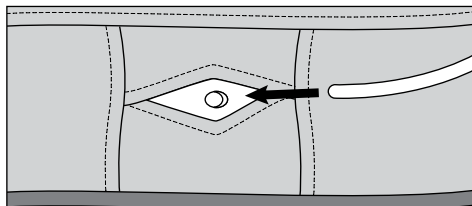
**STEP 3.**

Unfold and lock the canopy using the trigger locks on the canopy hoop and spreader bar.



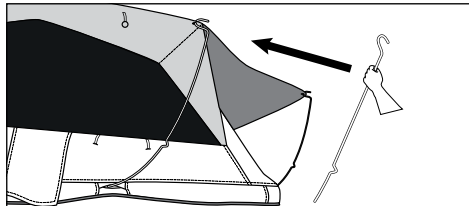
**STEP 4.**

Insert the spring pole into the mounting hole through the corresponding hole in the skirt of the tent.



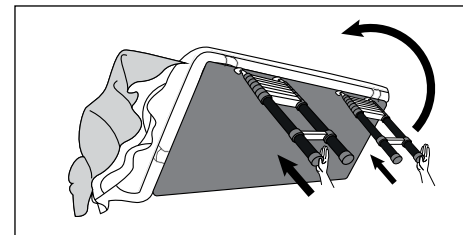
**STEP 5.**

Applying gentle force to the fly tension pole, place the eyelet on the fly and window shade over the fly tension pole hook.



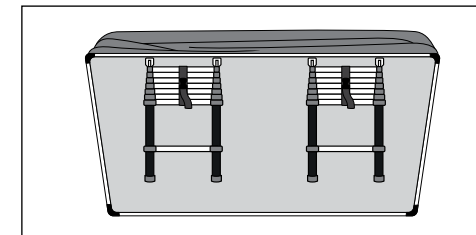
**STEP 3.**

Use a ladder as a lever to close the tent.



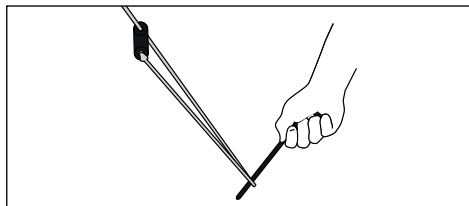
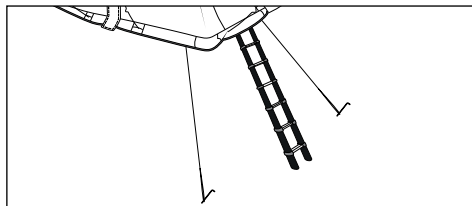
**STEP 4.**

Return ladders to the stowed position.



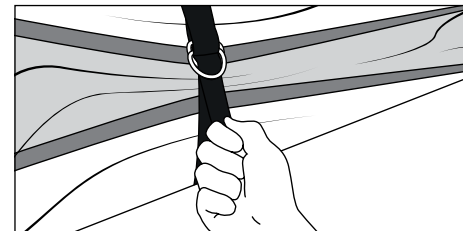
**STEP 6.**

Peg out the RTT base board with the guy ropes at the entry to the RTT. Ensure the guy ropes are tensioned by adjusting the plastic runner up and down the guy rope.



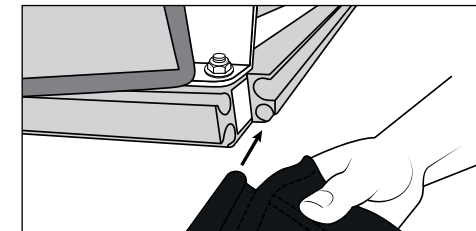
**STEP 5.**

Tuck in all draping canvas and strap the tent closed using the two side D-rings and straps.



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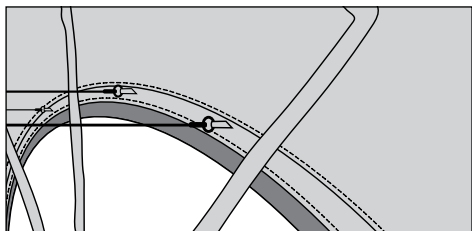
Insert sailtrack on transit cover to the track on the hinge end of the RTT



**CLOSING YOUR TENT.**

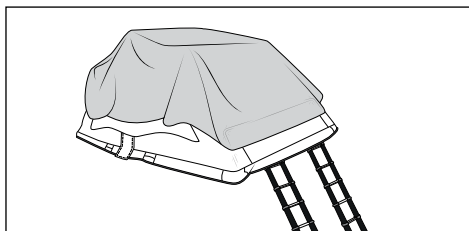
**STEP 1.**

Attach elastic cords across the interior of the tent to the rings on either side. This will help pull the tent material in as you close the tent.



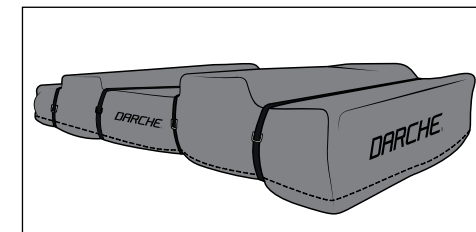
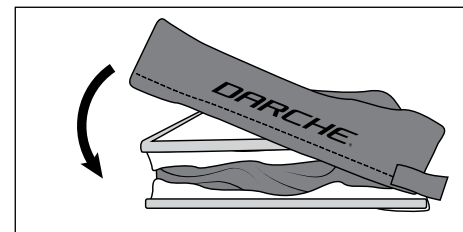
**STEP 2.**

Remove all spring poles and close all windows and entrances. Unlock and fold canopy hoop



**STEP 7.**

Pull the transit cover over the tent, attach the other three sides transit cover to the tent with the zipper, then tighten the remaining straps over the transit cover with the D-rings



**CARE & STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Remove dirt with a soft brush and cold water after use.
2. Do not clean with soap, detergent, petrol, oil or solvents.
3. Ensure RTT is completely dry before storing.
4. Correct storage is vital for the longevity of your RTT. If on occasion the RTT is required to be stowed wet, it is essential it is unpacked and dried as soon as possible. Water damage, mildew damage and incorrect storage is not covered under warranty.
5. It is recommended that you open your RTT periodically between use to inspect the material and allow it to dry out.
6. If spot mould is visible, brush it off with a stiff bristle nylon brush and vacuum the area to get rid of any residual spores.

**STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY**

This RTT has been designed for general camping in normal conditions. This RTT is designed as a temporary shelter, not a permanent structure. Do not leave up for extended periods and do not leave unattended.

To avoid the chance of personal injury and or property damage, DARCHE® recommends this RTT should not be erected or used in extreme weather conditions.

Your vehicle should not be moved while the RTT is deployed.

**NOTES:**

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