# TENTB

## **Safety and Fitting Instructions**

## You <u>must</u> read this guide before attempting to mount or use your TentBox





#### **Roof Bar Requirements**



You must consult your vehicle and roof bar manufacturers manual to ensure that your TentBox is compatible with your vehicle set-up before mounting or using it.

#### Mounting your TentBox Requires two people

**STEP 1:** With the help of another person, lift your TentBox onto the top of your Cross Bars so that it sits straight and well centred on top of your car. Make sure you don't leave too much overhang at either the front or back.



**STEP 2:** Drop the 8 bolts into 4 of the fixing plates, making sure the square under the bolt head fits snugly into the square hole. If your roof bars are narrow enough, use the two inside holes. If they are wider, use the two outside holes.

**STEP 3**: Slide two of these fixing plates onto one of rails underneath your TentBox. You want to push them along so that you have a bolt hanging down on either side of each cross bar, as shown below. You then repeat this process on the other rail. You should now have 4 fixing points like the diagram below.



**STEP 4:** Starting with one of the **fixing points** you have just created, push another one of the fixing plates onto the hanging bolts - use the inner two holes of the fixing plate if possible, or if your cross bars are too thick you must use the outer two holes.

Now secure the fixing plate to the cross bar using the spanner and nuts provided. **Ensure** that the flat side of the nut is facing towards the fixing plate. Make sure you tighten the nuts on evenly on each side so that the fixing plate is flat against the cross bar.

The nuts should be tightened evenly on each side until the fixing plate starts to bend ever so slightly. At this point you must stop tightening.



### **Opening your TentBox**

**OPENING:** To open your TentBox simply unbuckle the straps on each of the four corners.

Then, starting from the either the front or back of your TentBox, push the upper shell gently upwards until it self-erects. Do the same on the opposite side.

You are now set-up and ready to go!

## **Closing your TentBox**

**CLOSING:** To close your TentBox, first make sure that the front and back internal windows are at least half open. This allows air to escape for a smoother and easier close.

Now, position yourself towards the front of your TentBox and pull evenly downwards on the strap provided. Once the front side is down, use the 'ski boot-style' straps to keep it in place. Now do the same on the rear side. You will usually have to walk around and tuck the canvas material in before you can fully close the TentBox.

Once you have the TentBox in a closed position, you can use the 'webbing and buckle' strap to securely fasten your TentBox on each corner. It is these straps that provide the most security, so make sure these are done up tightly and properly. You can then go round and gently tighten the 'ski boot-style' straps, do not over tighten the 'ski boot-style' straps, as it will put too much strain on the rubber.





#### **Using the ladder**



When extending the ladder, make sure that you have securely locked it in place with the metal locking catches. Also, use the Velcro straps provided to further secure the two ladder sections.

Then simply hook the ladder onto the edge of either doorway, check that it is stable and that the locking mechanism is still correctly applied, and climb in!

#### Caring for your TentBox

#### **Condensation and Dampness**

As with all enclosed spaces, condensation and dampness can occur. Following these three steps will massively reduce any issues.

- 1. Whist sleeping, if it's not too cold, leave the front and rear windows open slightly to improve ventilation and reduce condensation build up.
- 2. If you have time, we always recommend airing out your TentBox for at least 30 minutes with all the windows and doors open before closing it.
- 3. Before storing your TentBox for a long period of time, it is imperative that you open it up and give it a sustained airing out to make sure that the insides are completely dry.

#### Reproofing

To maintain 100% waterproofness, the exterior of your TentBox canvas material can be reproofed with any standard canvas re-proofer, such as Fabsil. We would suggest doing this once a year, or when necessary.

### **Safety Information**

- We recommend that you **DO NOT** drive over 70mph (110kmh) whilst using your TentBox and that you always adhere to speed limits.
- **DO** at the start of every journey and at regular intervals during every journey check that your TentBox is firmly fixed to your roof bars and that all of the locking straps are securely fastened. Only ever check your TentBox in a safe and suitable location.
- **DO NOT** use your TentBox if there is any visible damage to any part of it *or* its components, instead contact us to see how we can help. This is especially applicable to the locking straps and buckles.
- Understand that secured loads and incorrectly mounted roof bars can come lose during journeys and can cause serious accidents.
- Make sure that you give due consideration to the change in your vehicle height and drive behaviour (side-wind sensitivity, corner and braking behaviour).
- You must always consult your vehicle and roof bar manuals to ensure you are following their advice, these must be always be carried in your vehicle along with your TentBox safety and fitting instructions.
- Do not use bleach, alcohol or ammonia based cleaning liquids on your TentBox otherwise the surface of your TentBox may get damaged
- Please note the following when using your TentBox: The height of your vehicle can increase by up to 90cm (dependant on your roof bars).

-Beware of low entrances, low hanging branches, etc.

-Wind noise may be generated when travelling with a TentBox -When using an automatic car-wash facility your TentBox and must first be removed.

-In addition to these usage instructions, due consideration should also be given to mounting instructions for your roof bars and the operating instructions of your vehicle.

-For reasons of fuel economy and the safety of other road users, your TentBox and roof bars should be removed when not in use.

-For your safety, you should only use tested (e.g. GS-tested) roof bars that are authorised for usage in conjunction with your vehicle.

-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

- When climbing in and out of your TentBox always use the ladder with due caution and never allow children to use it alone. Make sure the ladder hooks are in good condition, contact us if you need replacements.
- You **MUST NOT** allow any naked flames in or near your TentBox

#### **Important Information**

The manufacturer is not liable for any damage or accident that may occur as a result of noncompliance with these usage instructions, modifications made to parts or the usage of any parts other than the manufacturer's original parts. The warnings, cautions and instructions in this document can't cover every possible situation, so it is understood by the operator that common sense and caution must be applied. It is your responsibility to pass these instructions on to any third party who uses this TentBox, including second hand sales.

#### Warranty

This document extends the warranty of the TentBox for a period of 12 months from the date of purchase. This warranty covers the repair or the replacement of the faulty unit at our discretion. The warranty cover is limited to manufacturing faults and is only valid if the instructions and recommendations in this document have been adhered to. Second hand sales are not covered, however we will always strive to help all TentBox owners to repair a damaged TentBox, and will always supply spare parts.

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