## **USER MANUAL**



# THE VAGABOND ROOFTOP TENT



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### WHAT'S IN THE BOX!?

- 1) Start by cutting open one end of the box. **Be careful not to cut the tent fabric!** Fold back the box flaps and flip the box so the open side is pointed down. You should be able to slide the box straight up and off the tent.
- 2) Lay the tent so the side with four holes in the base is facing up (not the side with the velcro tie-down.)
- 3) Locate the mounting rails and set them aside.
- 4) Undo the 4 straps keeping the tent closed, unfold the tent, unzip one of the doors, and remove the following items and set them aside:
  - a. PVC cover (1)
  - b. Ladder (1)
  - c. Boot bags (2)
  - d. Gear hammock (1)
  - e. Hardware bag (1)

The long bag containing the window poles can remain in the tent.

5) Clear a space to empty the hardware bag and find these items inside:



- A. Hardware/stake bag (1)
- B. Stakes (8)
- C. Sandwich plates (4)
- D. Mounting rail hardware (4)
- E. Box wrenches (3)
- F. Ladder awning tie downs (3)
- G. Vehicle mounting slide brackets (8)
- H. Ladder mounting brackets (2)



### SOME ASSEMBLY REQU'D

#### Installing the mounting rails:

- 1) You'll need to remove the black stickers covering both sides of the 4 bolt holes, 8 total. To reach the ones inside, reach through one of the tent doors/windows and under the mattress.
- 2) Take the mounting rails and align them with the holes.
- 3) Grab the mounting rail hardware and remove the nylock nuts. Slide the nuts into the central channel on the mounting rails and align them with the holes.
- 4) Now take the bolts with washers and slide them up through the holes from inside the tent and tighten.

### Installing the ladder:

1) Flip the tent over so the side with the velcro tie-down is facing up. Again, start by removing the black stickers covering both sides of the 2 bolt holes, 4 total.



2) Remove the bolts from the ladder mounting brackets and align the brackets with the holes.



- 3) Feed the 4 longer bolts with washers through the top and screw on the nylock nuts by reaching inside the tent. **Do not tighten yet!**
- 4) Lay the ladder with the buttons facing up and align with the brackets. Use the shorter bolts and remaining hardware to attach the ladder and tighten. Note: the order of the hardware should be:
  - Bolt -> Metal washer -> Bracket -> Plastic washer -> Ladder -> Nylock nut
- 5) Tighten the nuts attaching the ladder brackets to the tent frame.
- 6) Use the velcro tie-down on the base of the tent to secure the bottom rung of the ladder.



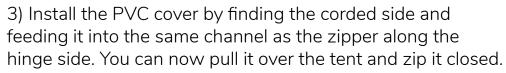
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#### Installing the boot bags and gear hammock:

- 1) Install the boot bags by sliding the top end into the frame on the side where the ladder is mounted.
- 2) Install the gear hammock by clipping to the D-rings around the base of the tent.

#### Installing the cover:

- 1) Unfold the cover and you'll see that both sides of the zipper are attached to it. Start by unzipping it so you have the long corded side completely separated.
- 2) With the ladder facing up and the hinge side closest to you, begin by the left hinge on the lower corner (nearest the ground.) Find the end of the corded side of the zipper with the starting guide. Feed it into the channel in the frame and pull it around clockwise. It will cover 3 sides (not the hinge side) so the starting guide should end up by the right hinge.



4) There are 8 buckles attached to the cover. Both ends are clipped together but the webbing is not attached to the bottom side. For each buckle, find the webbing attached to the frame and feed it through the bottom side of the buckle.











### **VEHICLE INSTALL**

- 1) Lift the tent onto you rack and get it roughly centered.
- 2) Grab the eight sliding brackets. If the bolts are not installed, insert them through the hole in the bracket so that the head sits flush inside the channel.
- 3) Slide 2 brackets into each corner of the mounting rails ensuring that they are in the thin channel along the bottom of the rail.
- 4) The goal is the sandwich the bars of your roof rack, so lift each corner and slide 1 of the brackets to the inside of the bar you will sandwich.
- 5) Now is a good time to double-check the position and get things nice and centered.
- 6) Take the sandwich plates, slide them onto the bottom of the bolts, and secure with the nylock nuts.

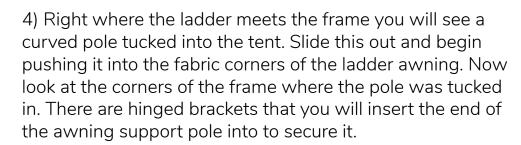
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### SETTING UP CAMP

#### Setting up the tent:

- 1) To remove the cover, unclip the 8 buckles securing it. Find the end of the zipper, completely unzip the cover, and fold it back. The cover can be removed by sliding it to one side out of the channel in the frame.
- 2) Undo the 4 straps keeping the tent closed.
- 3) Undo the strap securing the ladder and completely extend it toward the side with the hinges. Pull down on the ladder to lever the tent open. Use the buttons to adjust the ladder to the correct height so that it is supporting the overhanging side of the tent.



5) At this point, you can climb inside the tent and locate the window awning poles. These can be installed from inside or outside the tent. For all 3 windows, there are 2 holes drilled into the frame to insert the end of the window poles. These can be accessed through slits in the tent skirt. Insert the straight end into the hole in the frame at about a 45° angle, bend it back, and insert the curved end through the eyelet in the window awning.













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#### Setting up the annex:

- 1) To start, you'll need to remove the tent cover if you have not already. Do so by sliding it to one side and out of the channel in the frame.
- 2) You'll also want to get the ladder out of the way by collapsing it and securing it with the velcro tie-down on the base of the tent.
- 3) Grab the fabric walls of the annex and locate the corded edge. Insert this edge into the same channel you just removed the cover from and feed it through.
- 4) Locate zipper on the ladder awning and bring it all the way to the left (if facing the vehicle.) Insert the end of the zipper on the annex walls and zip the walls to the ladder awning.
- 5) Locate the zipper on the base of the annex walls and bring it to the starting point. Unfold the PVC floor, locate the starting point on the zipper, and orient it with the base of the annex walls so the ends of the zippers meet up. Zip the floor to the walls.
- 6) Now you can lower the ladder back down and your annex is ready to use.









