

Assembly Instructions Forte SQ 2XT Tents

Component List: 1 Tent Body, 1 Tent Fly, 2 Ridge Pole Extensions, 4 Part Frame Assembly, 1 Carry Bag, 1 Stake Bag with Stakes, 1 Pole Bag, 1 Pole Repair Splint

NOTE: Do not drop tent bag or pole bag on its end. Do not bounce tent bag on its end to get the tent out. These actions may cut the shock cord and/or damage the pole ends.

1. Unroll and unfold the tent and lay it on the ground. In windy conditions, stake down one front corner into wind. See fig.1.



fig.1

2. Join the frame sections on the ground: Fit each pole to its mate or hub. The sections are shockcorded. Try to keep the poles from snapping together, as this can damage the ends. It is important to make sure that each section is firmly seated into the hub. Improperly fit poles may cause the hub to break.

Set the "A" frames over the tent so that the poles align to the tent corner webs. See fig. 2 & 3.

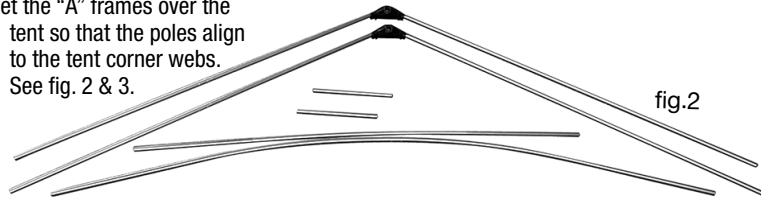


fig.2



fig.3

3. Fit the ring/pins into the poles: There are webs sewn to each corner of the tent. Start at either end and insert the pins into the bottom of the poles at that end. Repeat at the opposite end. See fig. 4.



fig.4

4. Raise the frame: Start at either end and insert the ridge pole into a hub. Walk to the opposite end and grasp both the ridge pole and the second hub. Push/curve the poles until the ridge pole fits securely into the second hub. See fig. 5. Fit both of the ridge pole extensions into the center of the hubs. See fig.6



fig.5

5. Attach the tent body to the frame: There are two types of connectors sewn to the tent body. For the first, hang the two end shockcords onto the stand-offs on the hubs. See fig. 6



fig.6

Then, work your way down and across the frame, attaching the pole clips as you go. See fig. 7.

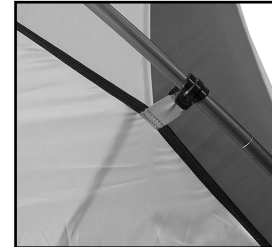


fig.7

6. Install the spreader pole: Lay the pole across the top, over and perpendicular to the ridge pole. There are two pockets sewn to the top of the tent body. One of the pockets has a Velcro® closure and the other is plain. It is easier if you slide the pole into the plain pocket first and then capture the other end with the Velcro®. See fig. 8 & 9.



fig.8

7. Stake the tent down: The tent is now freestanding. Move it to your desired location. Stake it down through the web loops. Stake opposite corners while applying tension to smooth the floor wrinkles and square the tent. See fig.9.



fig.9

8. Attach the fly to the tent: Drape the fly over the top of the tent. It only fits one way. Align the yellow web buckle from the fly to its mate on the yellow web at the front corner of the tent. Pull the fabric out and over the hubs and out and over the spreader. See fig 10.

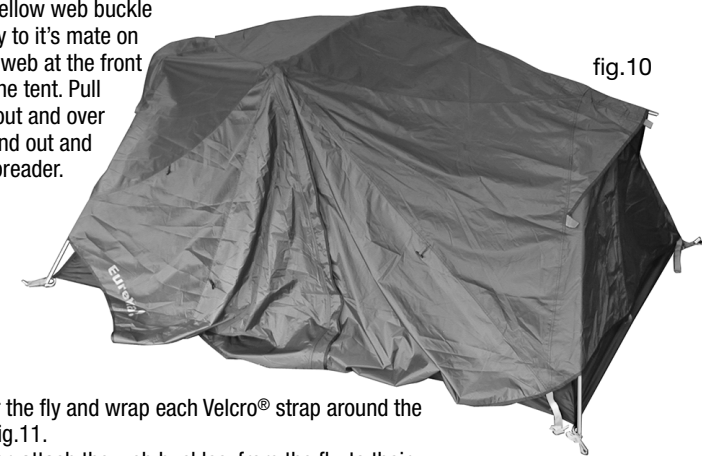


fig.10

Reach under the fly and wrap each Velcro® strap around the pole. See fig.11.

At each corner, attach the web buckles, from the fly, to their mates on the tent web. Pull the web to adjust tension as needed. See fig.12.

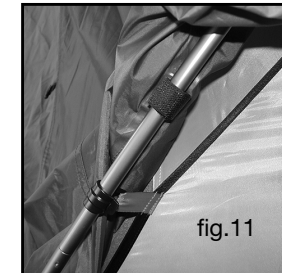


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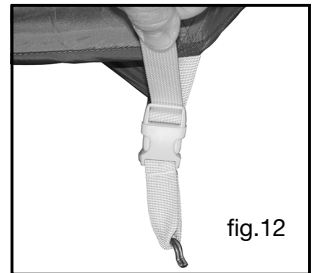


fig.12

9. Stake out the vestibule: At the front of the tent, pull the stake out loops on the vestibule taut and stake them down. See fig.13.



fig.13

Your tent is ready!

Take down: Pull up stakes and open the door. Remove the fly. Un-clip the tent from the poles. Pull poles out off the pins, collapse the poles and stow in the bag. Fold the tent and fly. Lay the fly on the folded tent along with the bag of poles. Roll up all and stow in the carry bag.

Optional: Add durability and versatility to your tent with our "Lite-Set" Footprint. It's made of the same fabric as the tent's floor: complete with web loops, grommets, and side release buckles. The Footprint, in combination with the fly and poles creates a lightweight, compact basic shelter. This option reduces the carry weight by more than 25%.

WARNING:

KEEP ALL FLAME AND HEAT SOURCES AWAY FROM THIS TENT FABRIC.

- This tent meets the flammability requirements of CPAI-84. The fabric may burn if left in continuous contact with any flame source. The application of any foreign substance to the tent fabric may render the flame-resistant properties ineffective.
- Do NOT operate any device which burns fuel inside your tent. Combustion consumes oxygen and can produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide, which could lead to serious injury or death.

SEAM SEALING:

We recommend use of a sealer such as Kenyon Seam Sealer 3 or McNett Outdoor SeamGrip®.

- Work in a fully ventilated area.
- Set the tent up or lay the tent out flat. Taut seams allow for even application and penetration of the sealer.
- Decide which seams need to be sealed. For example, seams that will be exposed to rain, runoff, or ground level water are a must for sealing, while seams on uncoated nylon or mesh panels don't need treatment. There is no need to seal the seams in the roof or the factory taped seams. We recommend sealing both floor and fly seams and reinforcements.
- Apply sealant to the inside and outside of all exposed seams. Several thin layers will work better than one thick layer. Read and follow manufacture's instructions.

STAKING:

All tents need to be staked down to keep them from blowing away. Securing the tent by placing heavy objects inside is just not adequate.

- Once the tent body is erected, stake it out before the fly is put on. This enables you to square the tent up to ensure that the fly goes on properly and that the seams align with the frame. Pull the base of the tent taut between each web stake out loop or ring & pin. Make sure that all corners are square. It is important that you don't stake the tent out too tightly. You will know it's too tight, if the door zippers can not be easily operated. Drive stakes through the web loops, or with ring & pin, drive the stake just outside the ring so that the "J" hook catches it. Tie a piece of cord or web into a loop through the ring to be used as a large stake loop if needed.

- With the tent properly staked, drape the fly over the frame, attach its tent connection points and stake down any pull outs.
- Do not attempt to remove the stakes by pulling on the tent becket loop, as this could cause the fabric to tear. The best way is to pry on the stake itself.

Staking in special conditions:

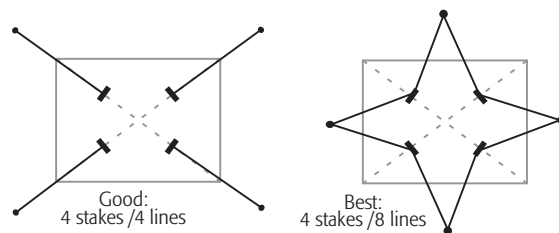
- **Sand.** Use long, broad stakes with plenty of surface area in loose soil.
- **Hard, Rocky, or Frozen Soil.** Steel stakes work best. Store steel stakes separately. Their sharp edges can cut fabric and leave rust stains, which might damage your tent.
- **Snow.** Use "dead man" anchors. Tie tent to buried objects (branches, tent bags, or stuff sacks filled with snow; or tie tents to snow shoes, skis, or ski poles, which are stuck in the snow.

GUY LINES:

Do not depend upon staking alone to keep your tent secure during high winds. Most tent models have built-in loops or rings at optimal guy out locations. It's important to put in the extra time guying out your tent. Correctly done, it can save your tent during exceptional weather.

- Make sure that the top fly is securely attached to the tent frame. Ties, hook and loop, or dog-bones and elastic loops are sewn to the underside of the fly for this purpose.
- Attach parachute cord to the loops/rings and stake them in the ground three or four feet from the edge of the tent. If staked too close to the tent, wind can cause an upward pull that could dislodge the stakes.

- If your tent does not have loops or rings for guy outs, attach guy lines 1/3 to 1/2 of the way up the framework on the main sidewalls. This enables the guy line to support the lower section of the pole, while the upper pole can flex and deflect wind gusts. It is best to run two cords at an angle from the side of the guy out. This prevents all movement, except toward the anchor. The guy lines will work together through opposition. See illustrations below:



CONDENSATION & VENTING:

Through perspiration and breathing, an adult gives off about a pint of water overnight. If it cannot escape, the water vapor condenses to liquid. Most often, water found in the tent is a result of this condensation rather than from the tent leaking. Condensation often forms where the sleeping bag touches the side of the tent, under the sleeping pad, or on coated surfaces such as the door flaps. A tent's double wall construction allows the vapor to escape through the roof to the outside, keeping the inside of the tent dry.

Leave the windows partially open at night to provide cross ventilation and further reduce condensation. Cross ventilation becomes more important in very humid or extremely cold conditions when the permeable roof is less effective. The features that enhance ventilation are windows, short-sheeted flys (bottom venting), roof vents, and High/Low venting doors. These are specific to each tent model.

Given the importance of proper ventilation, We use High/Low venting in most of our tents. This allows cooler air in through the low vents and warmer, moist air up and out through the high vents. High/Low venting is accomplished within the inner tent via roof vents, doors and windows. It is important to vent the vestibule. Unvented, it can inhibit airflow into the tent. Our tent vestibules profit from the ability to "short sheet" by means of zippers & toggles and staked vestibule pull outs create a bellowing effect.

Most of our tents are equipped with a High/Low venting door. This design allows increased airflow into the tent from the bottom. Open the low vent/window to admit cool air, allowing the warmer air out through the high roof vents. When rain and wind prevent the low vent from being opened, the high door vent can still be used. Fly overhangs or vestibules protect it.

ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT:

Ultraviolet light damage to tent fabric is caused by excessive exposure to sunlight. While our fabrics are UV resistant, any synthetic fabric is susceptible to UV degradation. UV damage will cause nylon and polyester to become brittle and tear easily. We recommend that you use the rain fly even on clear days. It acts as a sunscreen to the tent. A rain fly is both easier and less expensive to replace if damaged. UV damage can be minimized by erecting tents on shaded sites with low exposure to direct sunlight.

GENERAL POLE CARE:

- Never let tent poles snap together as this can damage the pole end.
- Do not drop tent or pole bags on their ends and do not bounce a tent bag on its end to get the tent out. These actions may cut the shock cord and damage the pole ends.
- The aluminum frame may bend slightly and take a "set" through usage; this normally does not affect the performance of the frame.

GENERAL TENT CARE:

- Sweep the tent floor daily to prevent damage from stones.
- Try not to wear shoes inside your tent.
- Use a ground cloth whenever possible.
- Do not keep food inside a tent. Hungry critters will chew through tent fabric in search of food.

STORAGE:

- Make sure the tent is completely dry, then store loosely rolled, in a dry, cool place. To prevent dust from collecting on the tent, cover it with a cloth. This allows the nylon/polyester fabric to breathe.
- Ideally, the tent poles should be stored in their fully assembled state. This reduces the tension on the shock cord, prolonging its life.
- The tent bag should be used only as a carry sack and not for storage.

COLOR TRANSFER:

- Do to the nature of tent fabrics, color can transfer from darker to lighter fabrics when the two fabrics are in contact over time when wet, damp or exposed to the combination of moisture and high heat. This does not effect the tent's performance. To prevent / minimize color transfer, always make sure your tent is completely dry prior to packing and storage.

CLEANING:

- Clean the tent by setting it up and wiping it down with a mild soap (liquid hand soap) and lukewarm water solution. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely. Never use detergent, washing machines or dryers because they can damage the tent's protective coating and seams. After cleaning, be sure the tent is completely dry, especially the heavier, double-stitched areas such as the seams, before storing or mold / mildew are likely to grow.
- Clean the tent poles with a cloth and lubricate them with silicone spray. This is especially necessary after ocean side camping to remove salt spray so the poles don't corrode or stay gritty.
- Clean the zippers with a quick dip in water and then dry them off. This is especially important if you've been camping in a location with sand/dirt. If you don't clean the zippers, the sliders will wear out and eventually the teeth will become inoperable.

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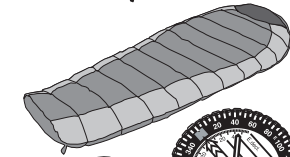
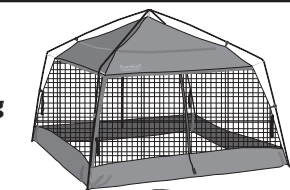
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