



TOPSTITCH

# TENT CARE INSTRUCTIONS



**MADE IN AMERICA**

## FOR YOUR RECORDS:

Date of Purchase \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_

**\*NOTE\* ALWAYS VENTILATE AND DRY TENT WITH TENT IN SET-UP POSITION AFTER EXPOSURE TO MOISTURE TO AVOID MOLD/MILDEW GROWTH AND SHRINKAGE OF YOUR TENT. MOLD, MILDEW AND SHRINKAGE ARE NOT COVERED BY WARRANTY AND ARE ALWAYS A RESULT OF NEGLIGENCE.**

**\*\* DO NOT USE  
POWER WASHER  
ON TENT, AS IT  
WILL VOID YOUR  
WARRANTY \*\***

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### GENERAL TENT INFORMATION

Your tent is manufactured with the finest material available.

The fabric portion of the tent has been treated with a special finish that cost several dollars more than the standard finishes, but pays big dividends in increased mildew resistance, better water repellency and prolonged fabric life.

Most tent models have a vinyl coated fabric to aid in cleaning the tent exterior. Vinyl coated fabric cannot breathe; therefore, you will notice that at times, condensation will form on the inside of the tent and would appear to be leaking. This is actually condensation, not leakage and can be corrected by opening the zippered windows (made from canvas that does breathe) slightly to ventilate the interior of your camper.

The sewing thread used in the construction of your tent is engineered to repel average continuous rainfall for 5-6 hours. It is not uncommon to find a seam leakage in an unusually heavy rain.

### PRECONDITION YOUR TENT BEFORE CAMPING

- To prevent your new tent from leaking, your tent must be pre-conditioned.
- Set up your unit at home to become familiar with parts and set-up method.
- Spray tent (in set-up position) with water until all threads are thoroughly wet (thirty minutes per side) and allow to dry completely. This causes the cotton fibers on the thread to swell and close up holes and seams that may cause leakage.
- Repeat complete wet and dry process twice more with all bows and braces in place.

### PREVENT LEAKING DURING USE

- Do not rub against canvas windows when raining. (This will allow water to wick through and give the appearance of leakage.)
- Do not put objects up against tent walls.
- Do not over-stretch your tent.
- Keep all holes, tears, etc. repaired.
- Top Stitch does not recommend spraying seam sealer or any other chemical on tent. To do so would coat the threads and keep them from swelling to close up fibers and seams, resulting in permanent damage that is non-warrantable.

### CLEANING YOUR TENT

- To clean your tent canvas windows, brush while dry with a soft bristle brush. Use tap water with brush or spray with hose (especially if exposed to salt water).
- Do not use solvents, soaps or detergents.
- Do not use aerosol cleaners.
- Do not spray insect repellent directly on canvas windows, as a chemical agent used in most repellents will damage the water repellent finish.
- A mild bleach/water solution can be used to kill the growth of mold and mildew on your canvas windows; however, the stain will remain in most cases.
- Clean only the vinyl exterior of your tent with mild soapy water or automotive vinyl cleaner.
- If you have any water issues, please call your dealer for a solution before trouble shooting yourself and potentially damaging the unit.

### OTHER CARE TIPS

- To prevent damage, do not open your tent in extremely cold weather. You must bring the unit into a warmer area and allow it to warm throughout before opening.