



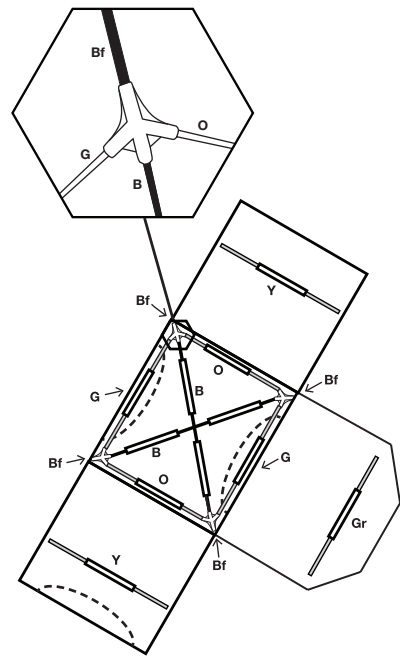
**Takahe 8 Blackout Family Tent**  
Model No. KC072-372

**PITCHING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Your tent includes:**

- 61 x pegs (6mm)
- 26 x ropes
- 2 x BLACK fibreglass poles with SILVER ferrules (2755mm x 11mm)
- 4 x BLACK steel frame poles (1790mm x 19mm)
- 2 x BLACK fibreglass poles with YELLOW ferrules (5850mm x 12.7mm/11mm)
- 1 x BLACK fibreglass pole with GREEN ferrules (5150mm x 12.7mm/11mm)
- 2 x BLACK fibreglass poles with ORANGE ferrules (2095mm x 9.5mm)
- 2 x GREY fibreglass poles with SILVER ferrules (1565mm x 9.5mm)
- 4 x Black PORCH poles (1900mm x 16mm)

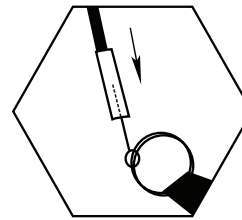
1. Select a dry, level site and clear the ground of any sharp objects. Remove the tent from its carry bag, untie fabric ties and unroll the tent.
2. Spread out the floor of the inner tent and peg out the four main corners first, then peg out the four corners of the middle room (you will pitch the middle room first). Ensure that the tent is pulled taut and square. Unzip and open the doors to make erecting the tent easier. Pitch the inner so it is in line with the wind, never side on.
3. Layout the frame, grouping all the poles by colour. Take the two longest BLACK poles with SILVER ferrules and one at a time, feed them through the pole sleeves with black trim to create an 'X' over the main room and fit the ends into the centre opening of the star-shaped knuckles.



**Key:**  
 B = Black with Silver      Gr = Green  
 Bf = Black Frame        O = Orange  
 Y = Yellow                G = Grey

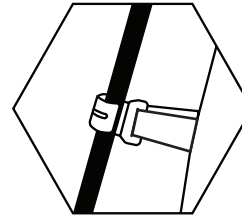
*To make sure the tent stays in place insert the pegs into the ground at a 45° angle, not straight down.*

4. Take the two GREY poles, one at a time, slide the poles through the pole sleeves, with GREY trim, that run across the front of the roof. Attach them to the outside openings of the star-shaped corner knuckles. Repeat this with the two ORANGE poles which run along the side of the roof.



*Insert the pin into the end of the steel ferrule.*

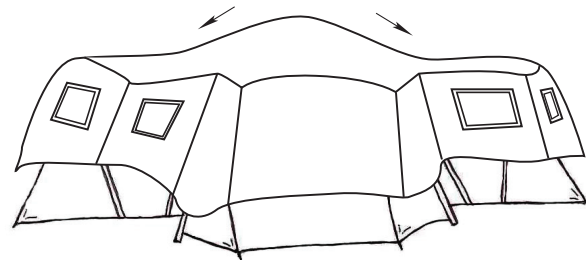
5. Take the four BLACK frame poles and insert them into the remaining openings of the star-shaped knuckles at the top of the inner. Fit the bottom of each pole onto the corresponding pin and ring fitting at the base of the inner so that the middle room now stands. This will take two people to assemble. Attach the speed-clips onto the corresponding poles.



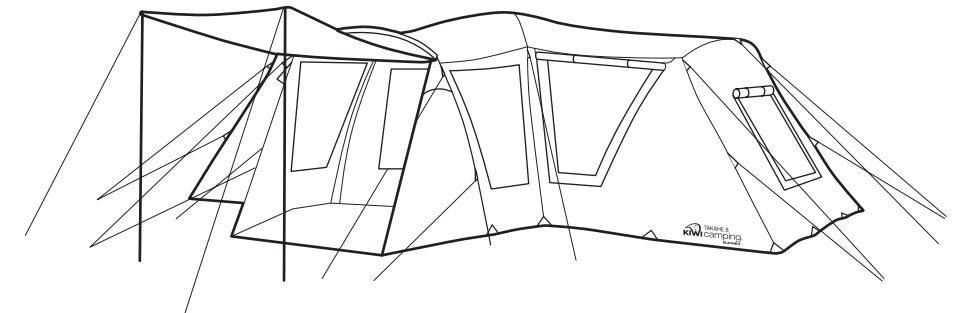
6. Take the two YELLOW poles and slide them through the YELLOW marked sleeves at each end of the tent. Fit the ends onto the pin and ring fittings. Attach the speed-clips.

7. Peg out the remaining peg points on the inner tent. The inner tent is now pitched. You should have one GREEN pole left for the sunroom.

8. Carefully pull the fly over the inner, making sure the windows and doors line up. Clip the fly to the inner at the base of the middle room with the four side release buckles. Align all rubbing strips over the knuckles and attach the ties, then wrap the remaining hook and loop ties on the underside of the fly around the corresponding fibreglass poles; this will centralise the fly and help the tent to perform better in the wind. Peg out the corners of the fly to keep it in place.



9. Pitch the front room by sliding the remaining GREEN pole through the GREEN sleeve and fit onto the pin and ring fittings. Attach the speed-clips. Peg out the front corners keeping the floor square (having the front flap closed helps).
10. Proceed to peg out the remaining pegging points on the fly, ensuring there is an adequate gap between the inner and the fly.
11. Finally, rope out the guy ropes and fine-tune the fly so it remains taut and positioned correctly over the tent.
12. When pegging out the black PORCH poles, make sure the ropes are at a 45° angle to pull the flap evenly. In light rain, you can remove the middle section to allow any water build-up to run off. In heavy rain, you may have to pull the flap down.



**REVERSE THE PROCEDURE TO LOWER THE TENT**

**PACKING INSTRUCTIONS**

Pack the poles and pegs into their bag. Evenly layout the fly inside the tent inner (this is best done when the inner is still pitched) leaving all doors and windows open. Fold the inner tent floor from each end to the centre and fold the front room over the inner from front to back. Fold again to the width of the tent bag. Roll from front to back, forcing all of the air out the back door. Roll into the tent bag provided.

## TENT CARE INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ ALL OF THE TENT CARE INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED WITH THIS TENT BEFORE USING YOUR TENT FOR THE FIRST TIME.

1. Before you use your new tent, fully unpack and pitch it at home. It is important to familiarise yourself with the set-up procedure and the various features.
2. Select a site that is level, clear of any sharp objects, is dry, will drain well if it rains and is protected from wind and other elements.
3. Keep clear of overhead power lines and trees when setting up your tent.
4. For best and easiest results, enlist the help of at least one other person to assist in pitching the tent.
5. Keep all flame and heat sources away from this tent fabric. Do not use open flame or gas appliances in or near your tent.
6. Do not use aerosol sprays or any solvent-based products in or around your tent as these could damage the fabric or special coatings. These products include but are not limited to: repellent spray, hair sprays, alcohol, detergents, fly spray, petrol, kerosene etc.
7. Please note, the warranty on this tent will be deemed void if the product is used for any purpose other than a **temporary, recreational** use shelter.
8. Handle the tent poles carefully. When unfolding and folding the tent poles, do not allow the shock cord to pull and snap the ends together. This can damage the poles ends and result in breakage when the pole is tensioned.
9. Especially in windy conditions, it is essential that you attach guy ropes and fasten them to the ground. We suggest you insert the

pegs into the ground at a 45° angle towards the tent, not straight down. Please note, your tent will not be covered under warranty if wind damage occurs.

10. Use all of the guy ropes and pegs included to ensure your tent is secure and to prevent damage to both yourself and the tent. Check guy ropes/pegs daily.
11. Ensure there is an adequate gap between the fly and inner tent to enable ventilation and to prevent condensation build-up.
12. When closing the doors, hold the flaps up to take pressure off the zips. Ensure that the tent fabric is never overstretched, especially as this may cause problems with the internal doors.
13. To clean your tent, only ever use a soft sponge and warm water. DO NOT use excessive force or other harsh cleaners to remove marks from tent.
14. Ensure the tent is completely dry and clean before storing away and ensure to store it in a dry environment.

### IMPORTANT:

1. Under certain conditions (cold weather, high humidity etc.) condensation may form on the inside of your tent fly. Condensation can occur for many reasons including vapour from your breath, perspiration, cooking nearby or wet clothing inside your tent. This does NOT mean your tent is leaking through the fabric. You can minimise condensation by opening windows and airing out your tent during the day and by removing any wet clothing/towels etc.
2. Try to avoid pitching your tent under trees as tree limbs, falling leaves, sap, bird droppings or excess water dripping from the trees can cause damage to the tent fabric and its special coatings resulting in leakage or discolouration.

3. Only remove the tent pegs by pulling on the peg itself. NEVER pull on the tent or the webbing loops to remove pegs as it could result in damage to the tent or personal injury.
4. DO NOT leave tent pitched for weeks at a time as extended exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays can damage and/or cause it to discolour. Your tent will not be covered under warranty if you leave it up for many weeks at a time.
5. STORAGE:  
NEVER store your tent wet or dirty (even for short periods of time). NEVER store your pegs or poles inside your tent. Always use the separate bags they are supplied in.
6. You may want to insure your tent against loss or damage.

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

The warranty period for this tent is found on the packaging and full details are on the Kiwi Camping website - [www.kiwicamping.co.nz](http://www.kiwicamping.co.nz).

### Key points:

The original purchaser of this product is offered a warranty if during this time period the product fails due to a fault in either materials or workmanship. Service under this warranty is available by returning the product, with your proof of purchase, to where it was purchased. If after inspection it is determined that the product is defective, we will repair or replace it (at our discretion) free of charge. This warranty does not cover misuse, damage caused by accident, storm or wind damage, mildew, neglect, UV degradation and fair wear and tear. Please note, the warranty on this tent will be deemed void if the product is used for any purpose other than a temporary shelter. If the claim is not deemed a warranty or is outside it's warranty period, we can repair the product at a nominal cost.



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