



## **SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

- Regularly check nuts and bolts attaching the Rooftop Tent to your vehicle to make sure fastenings are tight and in good condition.
- Remove the Rooftop Tent before using a commercial car wash.
- Do not use Rooftop Tent or storage bag to hoist, lift or support yourself.
- It is important when mounting to a vehicle, that all the mounting brackets supplied are adequately spaced to support the weight of the Rooftop Tent.
- Products applied to a vehicle roof will alter vehicle handling. The manufacturer disclaims all responsibility in relation to accidents due to improper use, incorrect maintenance, or negligence in maintaining fastening hardware. It is recommended to not exceed 100km/h.
- This Rooftop Tent will increase the height of your vehicle. Measure the overall height and be aware of height restrictions in car park buildings etc.
- If pitching in windy conditions it is advised to find a less exposed location. Park with the back of the tent facing into the wind. Be aware of dropping branches and other potential hazards. Collapse the tent in strong winds.
- Never drive with roof tent erected.
- Do not put anything on the top of the tent when it is installed.
- The load-bearing of the frame is no more than 250kg.

# PARTS INCLUDED

## YOUR TUATARA CREST ROOFTOP TENT INCLUDES:

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1 x pre-assembled Rooftop Tent with ladder attached

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1 x travel cover

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4 x mounting brackets

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8 x M8 x 50 bolt sets (hexagon head bolt, washer, spring washer)

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8 x M8 x 30 bolts (hexagon head bolt, washer, spring washer)

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4 x rubber buffers

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4 x spring ball inserts

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8 x M8 self-locking nuts

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4 x plastic end caps

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4 x spring washers (spare part for frame hinge)

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1 x 13mm ratchet spanner

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1 x 6mm allen key

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## TRAVEL COVER INSTALLATION

1. Locate the Travel Cover inside the Rooftop Tent.
2. Install the Travel Cover onto the Rooftop Tent by sliding the sail track fixing into the sail track on the front side of the Rooftop Tent.
3. Place the Travel Cover over the top of the packed tent. Ensure all tension straps are tightened and poles and fabric are secured inside the tent.

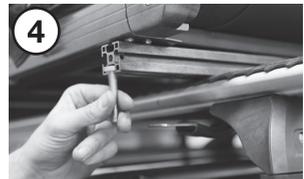
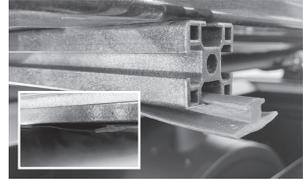
# ROOFTOP TENT INSTALLATION

The Tuatara Crest can be fitted to smaller vehicles as long as the fitted roof rack or crossbars support a dynamic weight load of 75kg or higher. We recommend using only permanent roof racks and crossbars. The distance between the car roof and the bottom of the roof rack should be no less than 3cm. The roof rack or crossbars must be between 80-100cm distance apart.

1. Decide on the orientation of your Rooftop Tent. Ensure the two mounting rails attached to the Rooftop Tent are fixed to the correct position and allow for even weight distribution. If the mounting rails need adjusting, access the mounting rails located underneath the Rooftop Tent mattress. Remove the bolts, adjust the distance or orientation of the rails and then re-tighten the bolts.
2. Carefully lift the Rooftop Tent on to the roof rack. This will require two people. Position the tent in the centre of your vehicle. Ensure the roof racks are evenly spread under the Rooftop Tent. We recommend keeping the Rooftop Tent facing the sides of the vehicle for maximum frame strength. Insert the rubber buffers between the mounting rail and the roof rack for extra protection if desired.
3. Remove the Travel Cover to access the mounting rails.
4. Attach the Rooftop Tent at the four points where the roof rack and the frame meet. Slide two M8 x 50 bolts into both ends of each mounting rail. Position so one bolt is on either side of each roof rack.

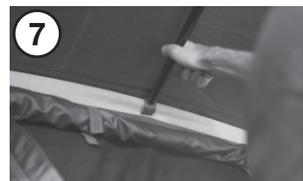
*Note: Use the shorter M8 x 40 bolts if the distance between the car roof and the roof rack is under 4cm. Alternatively, the included spring ball inserts can be inserted into the mounting rail instead of the bolts. Fix these from underneath with the bolts provided.*

5. Feed the mounting brackets over the bolts. Slide the flat washer on next, followed by a spring washer and finally an M8 self-locking nut. Loosely hand tighten.
6. Check the alignment and balance of the Rooftop Tent before fully tightening all bolts using the 13mm spanner.
7. Insert the plastic end caps into each end of the mounting rails to prevent wind noise.



# PITCHING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Before opening your Tuatara Crest Rooftop Tent, ensure that all eight bolts are fastened tight so that the tent does not move when opening.
2. To remove the travel cover, remove the two straps over the top of the tent. Unclip all corners and side hooks from the frame. Uncover the Rooftop Tent and roll the travel cover toward the base of the Rooftop tent. Fasten the travel cover in place using the webbing straps .
3. Undo the compression straps. Unclip the ladder's travel strap and fully extend the ladder until the telescopic rungs click into place.
4. Once the ladder is fully extended, use the ladder as leverage to fold out the extension section on the Rooftop Tent.
5. Once unfolded, adjust the height of your ladder starting at the top by pushing both black buttons at the same time. Shorten the ladder rungs to the desired length so that it is at a 75° angle and the extension is sitting level with your vehicle. Adjust the ladder to ensure it is firm and that it does not bounce or move.
6. Position the two front poles into the pole slots on the front corners.
7. Attach the porch pole to the front frame to stretch out the front porch.
8. Attach the two hooks on each side of the porch and tighten them with the webbing straps. When tightening, ensure the porch is supported so that the fabric does not get damaged.
9. Once inside the Rooftop Tent, undo the internal bungees that help to pull in the inner when packing down.
10. Partly open the windows to allow for airflow, this will help to reduce condensation build-up.



# PACKING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Ensure the Rooftop Tent is dry and clean inside and out before packing down so that mildew or mould does not build up.
2. Make sure nothing heavy or bulky is left inside the Rooftop Tent before folding. If leaving lightweight bedding inside the Rooftop Tent, ensure it is in the back section.
3. Unzip the windows and doors so that the air can escape from the tent when folded.
4. Reattach the internal bungees that will pull in the inner when packing down.
5. Unhook and release the webbing straps. Detach the porch pole and remove the two front poles from the pole slots on the tent corners. The roof will collapse down.
6. Use the extended ladder as leverage to fold the Rooftop Tent in half. To compress the ladder, press and hold both buttons on the bottom rung to collapse it up. Secure with the buckle. Tuck in any excess fabric. The ends of the porch pole can sit outside the edges of the frame.
7. Compress the tent by pushing down from the top before securing compression straps.
8. Pull the Travel Cover over the Rooftop Tent. Ensure the reinforced areas of the travel cover cover the ladder feet and hinges. Reattach the corner clips. Attach the hooks to the frame to tightly secure.



# CARE INSTRUCTIONS

**PLEASE READ ALL OF THE CARE INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED WITH THIS ROOFTOP TENT BEFORE USING IT FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE BODY OF THE TUATARA CREST IS RIPSTOP POLYESTER CANVAS AND THE FLY IS RIPSTOP POLYESTER.**

1. Never store your Rooftop Tent away damp. Should mildew spots appear, brush them off before they become attached. Mildew damage of any kind is not covered by our warranty. DO NOT use excessive force or other harsh tools to remove soilage from your Rooftop Tent.
2. Like all assets, polyester fabric requires regular care and attention to give the life and service expected. Regular cleaning with an abundance of clean water and a soft brush, especially after exposure to saltwater will preserve your Rooftop Tents life. Do not allow bird droppings, earth or vegetable matter to remain in contact with the fabric. NEVER USE SOAPS OR DETERGENTS.
3. Polyester fabric is not fireproof, if exposed to flame or high heat sources it can ignite and burn. Always take care when using spirit or gas appliances such as stoves and lanterns near your Rooftop Tent.
4. Some products contain chemicals, which can destroy your Rooftop Tent proofing and cause it to leak. Avoid using aerosol sprays and keep petrol, oil, solvents and other similar fluids away from the fabric. Do not use these inside or around your Rooftop Tent as any damage caused by these is not covered by our warranty.
5. Always remember that your Rooftop Tent is made from cloth, and should not be compared with a house. It is waterproof under normal conditions but in severe weather conditions, some water may penetrate. If you apply waterproofing to your Rooftop Tent, check that you are applying the right one for the polyester fabric type.
6. Polyester fabric is not 100% colourfast and some fading will occur naturally, however; this does not affect the performance of the fabric. Do not leave your Rooftop Tent up and unattended for extended periods of time. Rooftop Tents are not designed as permanent dwellings. Rooftop Tents are guaranteed for normal camping use only.
7. Check all fixtures regularly and tighten them when necessary.
8. Always wash tent and frame if the Rooftop Tent is exposed to coastal or salty conditions.
9. Remove the mattress before storing for long periods. Air the tent and mattress regularly to prevent dampness in bedding.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Ensure the Rooftop Tent is clean and dry before it is packed away.
2. Store in a clean, dry space when the Rooftop tent is not attached to your vehicle.
3. Do not clean with harsh chemicals, only use water and a soft cloth.
4. The Travel Cover should always be used when driving.
5. Before using the ladder, ensure that all parts are locked. Check regularly to ensure all parts are in good condition and in working order.
6. Do not use the ladder if only supported by one leg. If on ice or unstable ground, use an anti-skid device under the ladder.
7. When climbing the ladder, face the ladder while climbing and hold firmly. Step in the centre of the rungs. Do not jump off the ladder.
8. Do not adjust the ladder while on the ladder.
9. Before contracting the ladder, ensure it is clean from dirt, dust and grease.
10. The frame and ladder are metal and will conduct electricity, keep away from live electrical currents.
11. The ladder should be at an angle of 75° to the ground when in use.
12. When extending the ladder. Start at the top, extend slowly in sequence, locking each rung carefully before moving to the next. Grip from the bottom.
13. When contracting the ladder. Start at the bottom, click the buttons on the underside of the rungs and collapse slowly in sequence, working to the top of the ladder. Fasten the travel strap.
14. If the extended ladder isn't sitting flat, reduce the entire ladder first, then extend again to the correct height, starting from the top.
15. Do not use the tent and ladder in extremely high winds.
16. The ladder is designed for one person only, maximum load 150kg.
17. Do not jump inside Rooftop Tent.
18. Do not leave children unattended in or around this Rooftop Tent.

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

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

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 Rooftop 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 its warranty period, we can repair the product at a nominal cost.



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