

## Roof Top Tent Care and Maintenance

Your Roof Top Tent is designed to be a durable companion on your adventures. In order to keep it performing at its best, we recommend some simple care and maintenance steps that will help prolong the life of your Roof Top Tent.

- Prior to each use, inspect your Roof Top Tent mounting hardware. If necessary, clean with a solution of mild detergent and water. Periodically lubricate the threads on your hardware with a light synthetic bicycle lubricant to maintain performance.
- Dry your Roof Top Tent thoroughly before you close it. If unable to properly dry your Roof Top Tent prior to closing, open it up and air dry it at your next opportunity. Failure to properly dry your tent out can lead to the growth of mold and mildew which can degrade the tent material, cause discoloration, and foul odor. Mold and mildew growth is not covered under your Roof Top Tent warranty.
- Proper storage of your Roof Top Tent when not in use will prolong the life of your tent. Ensure it is fully dry prior to storage and store in a cool dry location free from direct sunlight.
- Zippers should be pulled with even force and in gentle fashion. Never force a zipper open or closed as it may damage your zipper. Keep your zippers free from dust and dirt and periodically apply non-scented bees wax to the zipper teeth as lubrication. This will prolong the life of your zippers.
- Ladder should be wiped free of any dirt or dust prior to collapsing the tent. Periodically wipe down the aluminum telescoping side rails of the ladder with silicone spray and a cloth. **DO NOT** spray silicone spray directly on the ladder tread surfaces.
- Keep your mattress dry and free from dirt. Prior to closing your Roof Top Tent lift your mattress and ensure the underside is dry. Remove mattress and air dry if necessary. To clean mattress cover, remove cover and machine wash gentle cycle with *Woolite™* detergent. Hang dry, **DO NOT TUMBLE DRY**.
- To clean your Roof Top Tent use a mild detergent and warm water gently applied with a sponge. Rinse with a clean wet sponge and allow to thoroughly dry.
- If mildew and or mold have begun to grow on your tent, we recommend cleaning the affected tent fabric by sponging on a solution of 1 cup *Lysol™* mixed in 1 gallon of hot water and allow to dry. Next, prepare a solution of 1 cup lemon juice concentrate and 1 cup salt in 1 gallon of hot water. Sponge this solution directly into the affected areas to rinse out the Lysol solution. Allow to air dry completely. Taking these steps will stop the growth of the mildew and help eliminate odor, however it may not completely remove the stains.
- Avoid excessive sun exposure to your tent to prolong the life of the fabric. Over time, UV rays can degrade tent fabric and water proof coatings. If your rain fly material begins to break down due to exposure and use, we suggest washing the fabric with mild detergent and water followed by a treatment of water repellent such as *Nikwax Tent & Gear Solarproof Spray™*. Consult your local outdoor store for other tent fabric care products and use as directed.



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