

## 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. Before using the ladder, ensure that all parts are locked. Check regularly to ensure all parts are in good condition and in working order.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Do not adjust the ladder while on the ladder.
8. Before contracting the ladder, ensure it is clean from dirt, dust and grease.
9. The frame and ladder are metal and will conduct electricity, keep away from live electrical currents.
10. The ladder should be at an angle of 75° to the ground when in use.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. If the extended ladder isn't sitting flat, reduce the entire ladder first, then extend again to the correct height, starting from the top.
14. Do not use the tent and ladder in extremely high winds.
15. The ladder is designed for one person only, maximum load 150kg.
16. Do not jump inside Rooftop Tent.
17. 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.



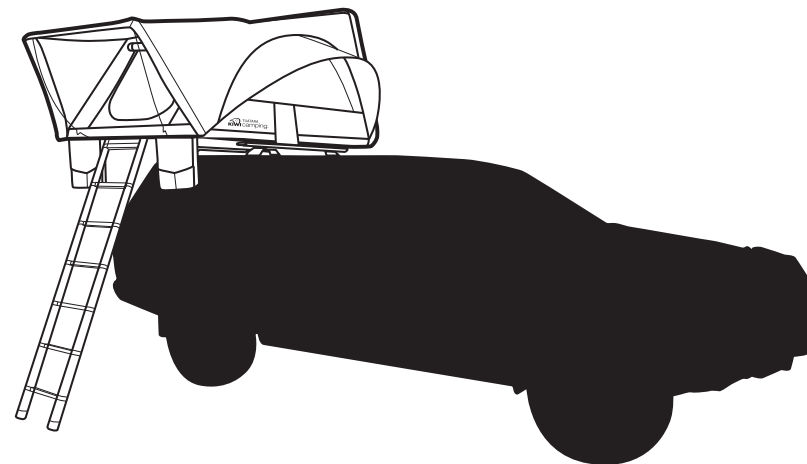
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## TUATARA PLATEAU ROOFTOP TENT

Model No. KC077-056



## 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 300kg.

## PARTS INCLUDED

### YOUR TUATARA PLATEAU ROOFTOP TENT INCLUDES:

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1 x pre-assembled Rooftop Tent with ladder attached

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4 x spacers

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2 x storage bags

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8 x M8 x 60mm bolt sets (hexagon head bolt, nut and washer)

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8 x M8 x 40mm bolt sets (hexagon head bolt, nut and washer)

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4 x mounting brackets

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8 x slide plates

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8 x M8 self-locking nuts

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8 x M8 washers

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4 x plastic end caps

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2 x spring poles

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2 x fibreglass window poles

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2 x fibreglass window tensioners

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1 x 13mm ratchet spanner

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2 x 10mm spanners

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### You will also need:

1 x person to help attach the Rooftop Tent to the vehicle

## 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 PLATEAU 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.

## 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 a small amount of bedding in the Rooftop Tent, store it at the top.
3. Zip up the window mesh but only zip half of the window so that the air can escape from the tent when folded.
4. Remove the side window fibreglass poles and the two front spring poles and place them back into the bag. Place the poles under the mattress of the tent. Reattach the bungee that will compress the body when packing down.
5. Use the extended ladder as leverage to fold the Rooftop Tent in half.
6. To compress the ladder, press and hold both buttons on the bottom rung to collapse it up. Secure with the strap.
7. Pull the hardshell down using the attached strap. When pulling the cover down ensure all the fabric is tucked inside the hard shell.
8. Insert the compression straps starting in the middle and working towards the outside. Push down on the top of the Rooftop tent to ensure that the tent is fully compressed.



## ROOFTOP TENT INSTALLATION

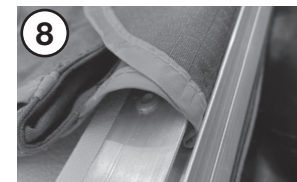
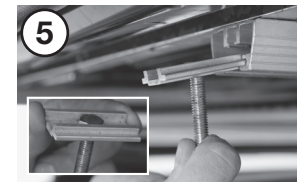
The Tuatara Plateau can be fitted to smaller vehicles as long as the fitted roof rack or crossbars support a dynamic weight load of 75kg or higher. We recommend using only permanent roof racks and crossbars. The distance between the car roof and the bottom of the roof rack should be no less than 3cm. 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.
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. The three latches indicate the opening side of the Rooftop Tent. We recommend keeping the hardshell facing front to rear of the vehicle for maximum frame strength.
3. To help fit the mounting brackets onto thinner roof racks, we supply roof rack mounting spacers. Use these to make your Rooftop Tent more secure.
4. Insert the supplied M8 x 60mm bolts through the holes on the grooved side of the eight slide plates.
5. Attach the Rooftop Tent at the four points where the roof rack and the frame meet. Slide two slide plates and M8 x 60mm bolts into both ends of each mounting rail. Position so one bolt is on either side of each roof rack. Loosely hand tighten.

*Use the shorter M8 x 40mm bolts if the distance between the car roof and the roof rack is under 4cm.*

6. Check the alignment and balance of the Rooftop Tent before fully tightening all bolts. Ensure all eight points are tightened evenly using the M8 nut and washers using the 13mm spanner.
7. Place the plastic end caps over each end of the mounting rails to prevent wind noise.
8. Attach the storage bags by sliding into the track on each side of the ladder.

*Remember to remove the scratch-resistant film from the shell and base before taking the tent out for its first use.*



## PITCHING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Before opening your Tuatara Plateau Rooftop Tent, ensure that all eight bolts are fastened tight so that the tent does not move when opening.
2. Unlock the three latches on the side of the hardshell. Holding down the button on the side of the latch, pull the latch forward and unhook the strap from under the body of the tent.
3. Press down on the top of the hardshell, above the compression straps to make it easier to open the Rooftop Tent. Undo all three compression straps by pressing the button under the strap.
4. Push up the hardshell, the automatic gas struts will open it fully.
5. Unclip the ladder's travel strap and fully extend the ladder until you hear all the telescopic rungs click into place.
6. Once the ladder is fully extended, use the ladder as leverage to fold out the extension section on the Rooftop Tent.
7. 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. Excess ladder rungs should be stored at the top. Adjust the ladder to ensure it is firm and that it does not bounce or move. Undo the internal bungee that pulls the body in when packing down.



8. Locate the two pole mounts on the front side of the frame. Insert the two spring poles through the canvas slits and into the holes. Angle the poles toward the inside edge of the pole mounts. Insert the top of the poles into the eyelets at the top corners of the porch. Ensure the hook ends face outward. Fold the fly back over the ends of the spring poles.
9. To pitch the side windows, assemble the fibreglass poles. Feed the longer poles through the window power mesh sleeves and secure each end by placing the pole into the pole connector.
10. Tension out the side windows by inserting each end of the shorter fibreglass poles into the corresponding pockets on the middle of the fly and window extension.
11. Once inside the Rooftop Tent, partly open the windows to allow for airflow, this will help to reduce condensation build-up. The side windows can be rolled up for faster pitching.
12. Attach the awning or annex if required (sold separately).

