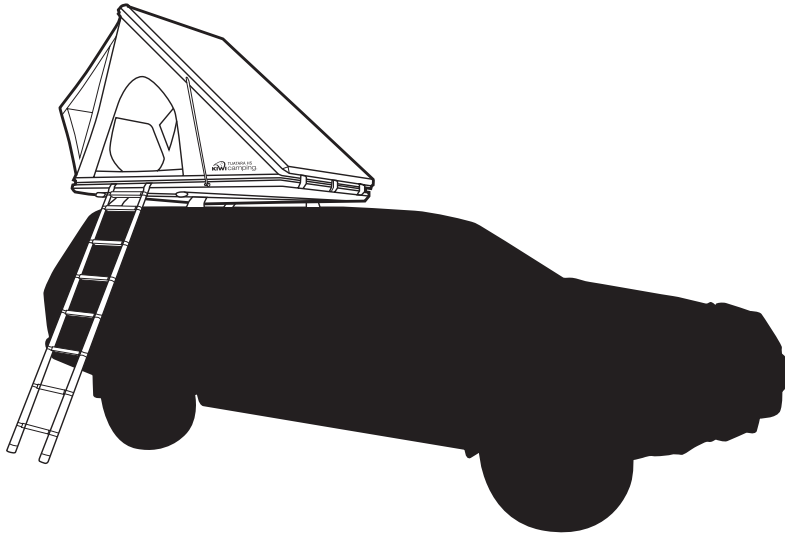




**Tuatara HS Rooftop Tent**  
Model No. KC077-039



## **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 Hardshell 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.
- If placing extra loads on top of the Hardshell, correct mounting rails must be used. Do not exceed 150kg weight on top when Hardshell is closed or 25kg when Hardshell is open.
- The load-bearing of the frame is no more than 300kg.

# ATTACHMENT INSTRUCTIONS

## Your Tuatara HS Rooftent includes:

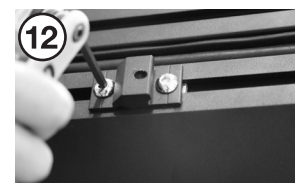
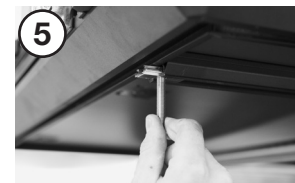
1 x pre-assembled Rooftop Tent
8 x M8x50 bolts (hexagon head)
8 x slide plates
4 x mounting plates (includes 4 x 3M adhesive stickers)
8 x M8 self-locking nuts
1 x hardshell handle
2 x storage bags (includes 2 x eyelets and 2 x hooks)
2 x lockable latches (with 8 x allen head bolts and 8 x rectangle nuts attached)
2 x latch keys
2 x ladder brackets (with 4 x allen head bolts and 4 x rectangle nuts attached)
1 x ladder
2 x spring pole mounts (with 4 x allen head bolts and 4 x rectangle nuts attached)
2 x spring poles
1 x spanner
2 x allen keys

# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Tuatara HS can be fitted to smaller vehicles as long as the fitted roof rack or crossbars support a dynamic weight load of 80kg 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 100-120cm distance apart.

1. 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 onto the roof rack. This will require two people.
3. Position the tent in the centre of your vehicle. Ensure the roof racks are evenly spread under the Rooftop Tent.
4. Insert the supplied bolts through the holes on the grooved side of the eight slide plates. Apply adhesive stickers to the four mounting plates.

5. Attach the Rooftop Tent at the four points where the roof rack and the frame meet. Slide two slide plates and bolts into both ends of each mounting rail. Position so one bolt is on either side of each roof rack.
6. Attach to the mounting plate using eight M8x50 bolts (with the adhesive sticker facing the roof rack). Attach the M8 self-locking nuts. Loosely hand tighten.
7. Check the alignment and balance of the Rooftop Tent before fully tightening all bolts using the spanner supplied.
8. Attach the handle to the centre of upper section of the Hardshell using the rectangle nuts and allen key to tighten.
9. Attach the ladder brackets to your preferred entrance side.
10. Attach the storage bags. Slide the eyelets into the T-slot in the base. Move into position, attach the hooks and the storage bags.
11. Attach the two lockable latches to the opening end of the Hardshell. Attach the large locking section to the upper lid with the allen head bolts. Then attach the lower lockable latch section to the lower lid using the rectangle nuts and allen head bolts. *The crossbar may need to be removed to gain access to the bolts.*
12. Attach the spring pole mounts to the lower section of the Hardshell using allen head bolts. Position 50-100mm from each corner of the Hardshell. Tighten.



## PITCHING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Before opening your Tuatara HS Rooftop Tent, ensure that all eight bolts are fastened tight so that the tent does not move when opening.
2. Unlock the lockable latches.
3. Extend the ladder and place on ladder brackets. 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. Adjust the ladder to ensure it is firm and that it does not bounce or move.
4. Push open the ABS hardshell and the automatic gas struts will open the lid.
5. Remove the bungee strap that compresses the tent when packing down, and place at base of the Hardshell.
6. Insert the two spring poles into the spring pole mounts at the base. Then insert the top of the spring poles into the eyelets on the awning.
7. 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.
3. Unzip the windows and doors so that the air can escape from the tent when folded.
4. Detach the spring poles and store inside the Rooftop Tent.



5. Reposition the bungee strap to compress the tent when packing down.
6. Detach the ladder. To compress the ladder, press and hold both buttons on the bottom rung to collapse it up. Secure with the hook and loop strap, store the ladder inside the vehicle.
7. Use the webbing straps to pull down the lid. When the handle can be reached use this as leverage to compress the Rooftop Tent. Tuck in any excess fabric.
8. Once the tent is fully compressed, lock the latches.



## PRE-CONDITIONING YOUR TENT

You must pre-condition your Rooftop Tent properly before using it for the first time. Here you can take your time and discover the little things, which will make the job easier when you arrive at your destination.

This early weathering process is a very important step as it sets up your Rooftop Tent for the remainder of its life.

Remember, you can never over pre-condition your tent!

### IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE TWO STEPS TO THE PRE-CONDITIONING PROCESS.

1. The entire soaking of the tent: this needs to be done to set the fabric, seams and seal the needle holes in the fabric. If this is not done, your new tent may leak and may continue to do so until conditioning has occurred. While your tent is pitched at home, leave it to weather in continuous rain or thoroughly saturate your tent with a garden hose and allow it to dry, then repeat the process several more times. Rain is the preferred option as sometimes the hose may not wet the fabric enough and you will still get some leakage.
2. Drying out in the sun: this important step swells the cotton thread and shrinks the fabric around it forming a watertight seal. This watertight seal will last the life of the tent. If it is a hot day, it will slow the weathering process so you may need to do this several times. While the tent is drying ensure that it is pitched firmly to control any initial shrinkage.

# CARE INSTRUCTIONS

**PLEASE READ ALL OF THE CARE INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED WITH THIS ROOFTOP TENT BEFORE USING IT FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE TUATARA HS IS MADE FROM POLYCOTTON RIPSTOP.**

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, polycotton 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. Polycotton 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 polycotton fabric type.
6. Polycotton 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.

# 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 Hardshell Cover should always be closed 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 bottom, extend slowly in sequence, locking each rung carefully before moving to the next.
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.
14. If the extended ladder isn't sitting flat, reduce the entire ladder first, then extend again to the correct height.
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 tent 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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