

## SHADE STAKES:

All shades should be staked down. The stakes supplied with your shade are effective for most conditions; however, specialized stakes are recommended in certain cases:

- a. Sand Stakes: Long broad stakes designed to hold in loose sand.
- b. Steel Stakes: Most effective in hard, rocky or frozen soil. These can rust and their sharp edges could damage the shade if stored with the shade. In extremely hard soil a steel rod can be used to make the starter hole.
- c. Skewer Stakes: Lightweight, but less holding power than the standard stakes.
- d. Snow Stakes: The most common method is to bury objects with a great deal of surface area in the snow i.e. branches, aluminum pie plates, stuff sacks or shade bags filled with snow and buried: (this may be referred to as the dead man method). Shades can also be secured to snow skis or poles which are stuck into the snow.

## ZIPPERS:

If zippers stick, lubricate with silicone. Never force a zipper which has material caught in it, as this will bend the slider and prevent the zipper from closing. Continual use in a sandy environment can cause the slider to erode and fail to close the zipper.

## STORAGE:

Shades should be stored dry and loosely folded, away from heat. Keep out of reach of mice as they like to nest in shades. Never store directly on concrete, as moisture and chemicals in concrete may damage the nylon.

## WASHING:

Hand wash with a sponge, using soap such as Ivory Flakes. Never use detergent or washing machines as they may damage the coating or seams.

## HOW LONG WILL A NYLON SHADE LAST?

Various conditions will affect the length of service which you receive:

- a. A nylon shade which is left erected all summer may last only one or two seasons, as the sun's ultra-violet rays damage the nylon.
- b. Never store a shade wet or damp, as mildew may develop. It will not harm nylon, however, mildew is unsightly and may damage other parts of the shade (i.e. zipper tapes).
- c. Avoid spraying insect repellent or hair sprays, etc. on shade fabric as they may be harmful.

## REPAIR:

Adhesive-backed rip-stop tape is recommended for repairing tears.

## QUESTIONS:

If you should have any questions, problems or comments, please call our Customer Service Department at **1-800-231-1402**. This Department is open M-F from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. CST. [www.texsport.com](http://www.texsport.com)



# ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

## Item 02869 Spinnaker Auto Shade

Thank you for buying a Texsport Authentic Adventure Gear Product. We hope you enjoy your new shade and that it will serve you with many years of camping pleasure. We encourage you to read and understand each step of the set-up instructions prior to working with the shade.

**Do not apply excessive force to this product.**

### PARTS LIST:

- A - 1 Shade Skin**
- B - 2 Sets of Long Fiberglass Poles**
- C - Shade Stakes, Ropes and Clews**



**STEP 1 - Spread the shade skin on the ground next to your truck or S.U.V.**



**STEP 2 - Assemble 1 pole and push it through the sleeve - rubber end first.**



**STEP 3 - Follow the sleeve and cross the pole to the opposite corner and insert into the webbed pocket.**



**STEP 4 - Repeat step 3 for the remaining pole. At this point, your shade should look like the image above.**



**STEP 5 - Insert the pin and ring into the bottom of the poles.**

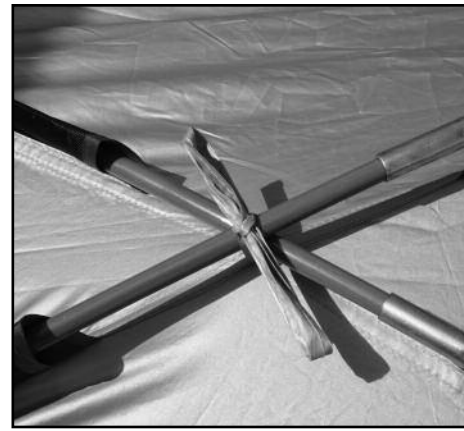


**STEP 6 - If the shade skin is too loose or tight, it may be adjusted with the webbed tension belt.**

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**STEP 7 - Snap the speed clips to the poles to secure the skin to the poles.**



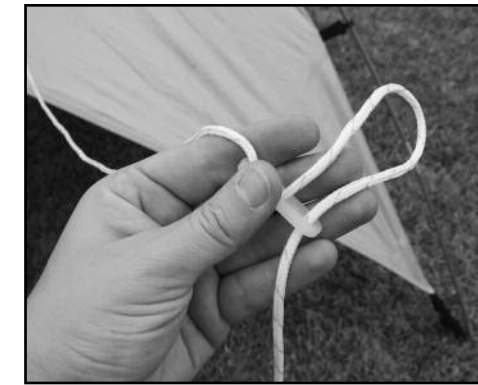
**STEP 8 - Also tie the poles to the skin with the provided ties to secure.**



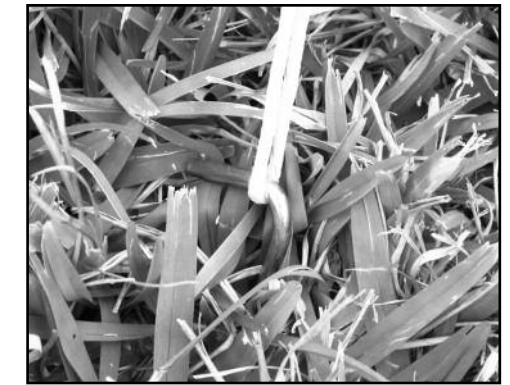
**STEP 9 - This is what your shade should look like so far.**



**STEP 16 - Tie the other end of the guy rope to the shade.**



**STEP 17 - Pull the bottom section looped in the clew out. The knot will not let the rope slip out.**



**STEP 18 - Loop this around the stake's head and push into the ground.**



**STEP 10 - Prop the shade against the roof of your truck or S.U.V.**



**STEP 11 - Tie the shade to the luggage rack with the provided ties.**



**STEP 12 - Stake down your shade at the rings.**

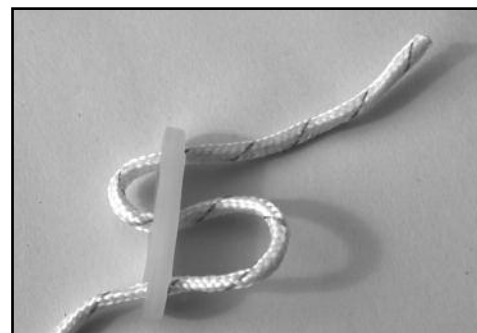


**STEP 19 - To adjust the tension, slide the clew up or down along the guy rope.**

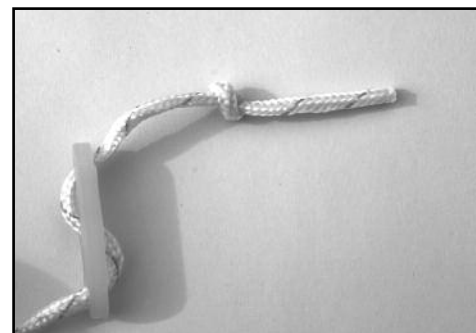


**STEP 13 - This is what your shade should look like so far.**

**NOTE - IN HIGH WINDS, IT IS NECESSARY TO GUY ROPE YOUR SHADE SO IT DOES NOT FLY AWAY. PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO GUY ROPE YOUR SHADE.**



**STEP 14 - Insert the guy rope into the clew in this order pictured above. Through the top of the bottom hole. Up through the back of the middle hole. Back down through the top top hole.**



**STEP 15 - Tie a knot at the end so the rope does not slip out.**

### **SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Make sure you stake the shade (with the shades stakes included) in windy weather, or if you anticipate afternoon winds coming up while you are away from your campsite. Stake one corner, then stake each consecutive corner in a clockwise rotation. Make sure the shade remains tight. Always place your shade a safe distance from your campfire - unstaked shades placed upwind of the fire can be blown into the fire. Shades placed downwind of the fire are often showered with tiny sparks that can burn holes into the light-weight fabrics of your shade. The frame system on this shade was designed to collapse during high winds. By collapsing in the wind, the frame will not break; thus offering you years of continued use. We recommend that you practice setting your shade at home before taking it into the wilderness.

### **WATERPROOFING YOUR SHADE:**

Texsport shades are made from coated water-repellent fabrics. However, the sewing process, necessary in all shade fabrication, can cause water leakage where the sewing needles have perforated the fabric in the seams. Without treatment the shade will leak. Every new shade needs to be seam sealed to make it water tight. We recommend using Texsport Spray Waterproofing/Seam Sealer which may be found at your local outdoor outfitter or camping store.

### **WARNING:**

Texsport shade fabrics are flame retardant treated per C.P.A.I.-84 specification. However, for your safety, we recommend that NO OPEN FLAME BE USED IN OR NEAR YOUR SHADE.