



**Authentic Adventure Gear®**

# INSTRUCTIONS

## Item 02903 Silver Dining Canopy

Thank you for purchasing this Texsport dining canopy. Please read and understand each step of the set-up instructions. We encourage you to set-up this dining canopy at least once prior to your camping trip, ensuring that you have a satisfactory understanding of the set-up process. We hope you enjoy your new dining canopy and that it will give you many years of camping pleasure.

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

### PARTS LIST:

- A .....1 Dining canopy skin**
- B .....4 Chain-corded legs**
- C .....2 Shock-corded roof poles**
- D .....Guy ropes, clews and stakes**



### NOTE:

Prepare your camp site by removing all sharp stones, twigs, etc. The site should be flat and have no depressions that could collect rain water.



**STEP 1 - Spread out dining canopy skin.**



**STEP 2 - Assemble the 2 long dining canopy poles (C), and insert into the small molded pole joints**



**STEP 3 - Your poles should form an X as shown above.**



**STEP 4 - Velcro poles to secure to dining canopy skin.**



**STEP 5 - This is what your canopy roof looks like at this point.**



**STEP 6 - Carefully flip the roof over.**



**STEP 7 - Assemble the 4 chain-corded legs (B) and insert into the large molded pole joint.**



**STEP 8 - Attach the roof hooks on the roof panel to the leg tabs.**



**STEP 9 - Velcro roof panel to the legs to secure.**



**STEP 10 - It is recommended in windy weather to secure your dining canopy with guy ropes. Insert the guy rope into clew as shown above.**



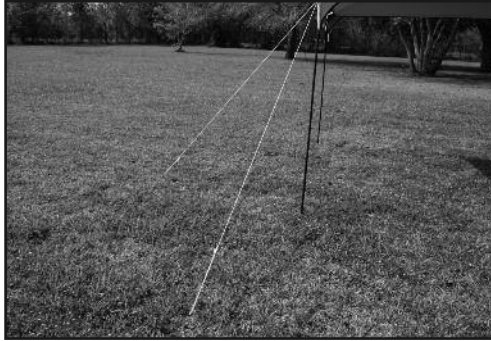
**STEP 11 - Tie 2 guy ropes to the tabs on the dining canopy**



**STEP 12 - Loosen the guy rope as shown to wrap around a stake.**



**STEP 17 - Stake down the guy ropes at 2 different angles.**



**STEP 13 - This is how you should guy rope your canopy.**



**STEP 14 - Adjust the tension on the guy rope by sliding the clew up or down.**

**WARNING:**

Texsport dining canopy 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 DINING CANOPY.

**SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Make sure you stake the dining canopy (with the dining canopy 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 dining canopy remains tight. Always place your dining canopy a safe distance from your campfire - unstaked dining canopy placed upwind of the fire can be blown into the fire. Dining canopy placed downwind of the fire are often showered with tiny sparks that can burn holes into the lightweight fabrics of your dining canopy.

**WATERPROOFING YOUR DINING CANOPY:**

Texsport dining canopies are made from coated water-repellent fabrics. However, the sewing process, necessary in all dining canopy fabrication, can cause water leakage where the sewing needles have perforated the fabric in the seams. Without treatment the dining canopy will leak. Every new dining canopy 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.

**DINING CANOPY STAKES:**

All dining canopies should be staked down. The stakes supplied with your dining canopy 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 dining canopy if stored with the dining .....canopy. 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 dining canopy bags filled with snow and buried: (this may be referred to as the dead man method). Dining canopies can also be se .....cured 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:**

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

**WASHING:**

Hand wash with a sponge, using a mild soap. Never use detergents or washing machines as they may damage the coating or seams. remember to use seam sealer once dining canopy had been washed to insure waterproofing.

**HOW LONG WILL A NYLON DINING CANOPY LAST?**

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

- a. A nylon dining canopy 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 dining canopy wet or damp, as mildew may develop. It will not harm nylon, however, mildew is unsightly and may damage other parts of the dining canopy (i.e. zipper tapes).
- c. Avoid spraying insect repellent or hair sprays, etc. on dining canopy fabric as they may be harmful.

**REPAIR:**

For small tears use a adhesive backed rip-stop nylon patch. We recommend Texsport Nylon Dining canopy Repair Kit which may be found at your local outdoor outfitter or camping store.

**QUESTIONS:**

If you should have any questions, problems or comments, please call our Customer Service Department at **1-800-231-1402** or e-mail **info@texsport.com**. This Department is open M-F from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. CST.