

## Tarptent Cloudburst 3 Basic Setup

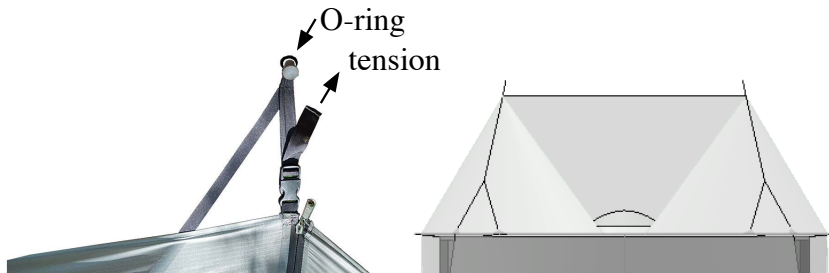


Basic setup is very easy. It will take about 2 minutes once you get the hang of it. For additional photos, see the Cloudburst 3 product page on [tarptent.com](http://tarptent.com)

1. Spread canopy on ground, black floor side down. Remove stakes from stake bag and have ready.
2. Assemble arch poles. Pole lengths are 120in / 3.05 m.
3. Locate a yellow pole sleeve and thread a pole where the sleeve opens. Push the pole through the sleeve and insert the pole tip into the pole tip pocket. Pull the fabric to slide the sleeve across the pole and insert the pole tip into the other pole tip pocket. Tighten strap. Repeat at other pole sleeve.



4. Now lift an arch and align it vertically. Stake through O-ring at bottom of vestibule edge as shown below. Be sure to relax the tension strap to allow plenty of room for tightening. Repeat at other O-ring. Now repeat at other arch. Be sure both arches are vertical and parallel to each other.



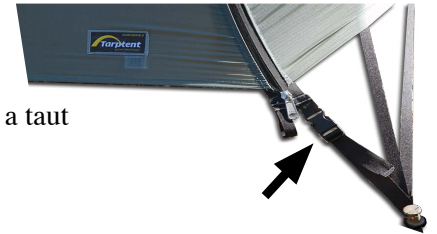
5. Use the buckle tighteners to achieve high tension. Adjust the arch positioning and restake as necessary to ensure ridgeline and sidewalls are taut. Floor tension is also controlled using strap tighteners.

### Entry/Exit

Entry and exit are through the zippered vestibule door and interior mesh zippered door. Use the tiebacks to open and secure the vestibule door. The mesh door unzips and secures via a tieback loop and clip



The vestibule also detaches from the stakes. Unclip the buckle, roll the fabric back, and tie back against the sleeve. Use the interior arch tension straps to maintain a taut pitch when the vestibule is detached.



For full end-to-end ventilation, open and roll back both vestibules.



### Other features

There are interior pockets at each floor corner. Mesh load lifters ensure protection from splash and keep sleeping bag feet from touching a wall.



### Liner support

Use the optional liner for condensation separation, keeping the interior cooler in direct sun, and/or for additional warmth. Attach the elastic loops at liner ends to the corresponding clips that line the inside of each arch sleeve.



### Third pole support

For high winds or snow, we recommend using a third pole. The pole feeds through small openings in the sidewall and is secured at ground level by grommeted straps. Interior velcro tie-ups secure the pole to the canopy.



### Seam-sealing

If you did not order the seam-sealing kit or service, you can make your own seam-sealing solution. Please refer to the seam-sealing instructional video: <https://www.tarptent.com/seam-sealing/>

SEAMS MUST BE SEALED with a silicone-based sealer such as GE Silicone II clear sealer. In a well-ventilated location, mix about three tablespoons into a tuna can with about 3 tablespoons mineral spirits (paint thinner) or Coleman fuel/white gas. Stir to dissolve and form a semi-viscous solution. Set up the tent and seal the outside/topside seams over your living space. Paint the solution on with a small foam brush for easy, smooth application. Paint thicker swaths of silicone on the compartment floor in the area of your sleeping pad to help reduce sliding, especially if you use an inflatable pad. Small fabric tears can be patched with pure silicone and scrap fabric (free on request).

### Condensation and Sag

Please watch our how-to-minimize condensation video here: <https://vimeo.com/157512798>

Ventilation and fabric warmth are your best defenses against condensation. Keep the netting and doors open if at all possible and try to set up where it's breezy. Camp under trees where it's warmer and set up away from water.

Nylon stretches (and sags) when the humidity goes up. This happens as night is falling and/or when it starts to rain. Use the line tighteners to tighten the fabric.

### Key points to consider

- It's a good idea to paint lines of silicone on the floor—slightly thicker mixture than for the roof—to form an anti-skid mat.
- Push, rather than pull, the poles through the sleeves to prevent separation.
- The tent is made of strong, lightweight, and flammable fabric. Treat it accordingly. It will resist much stress but neither flame nor abrasion.

Thank you for your purchase and we sincerely hope that you enjoy your Tarptent. Feedback is always welcome.

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