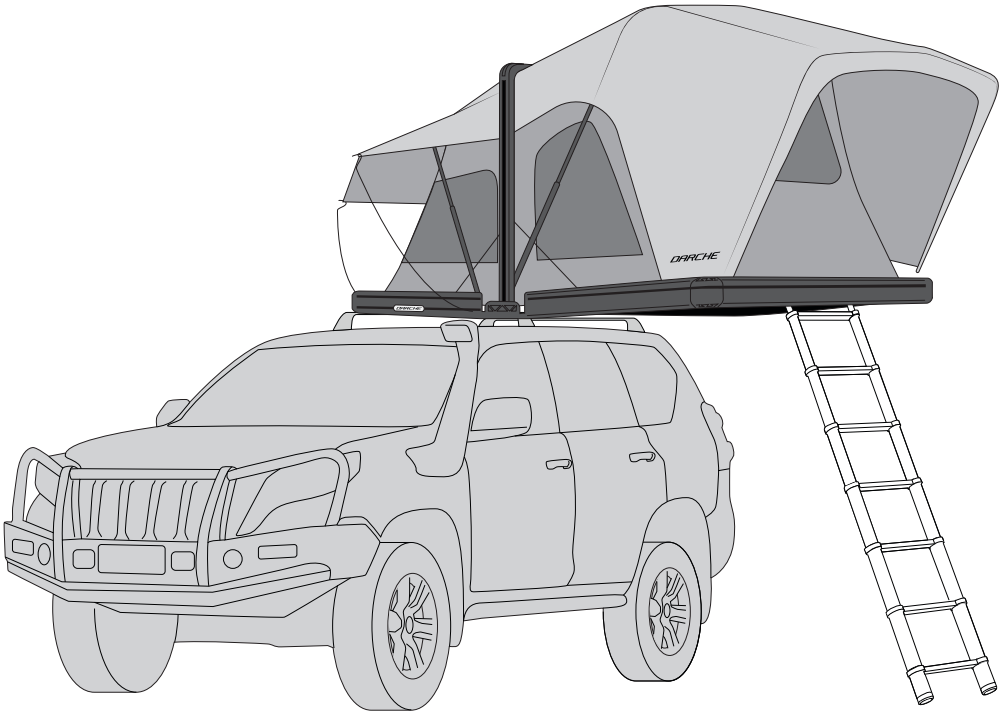
DARCHE®

STRATOS RTT

INSTRUCTION MANUAL



T050801586 - STRATOS 1440 RTT
T050801587 - STRATOS 2000 RTT

THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING A DARCHE ROOF TOP TENT (RTT).

We strive to provide the ultimate outdoor camping experience. Your Roof Top Tent mounts directly to your vehicles roof rack or roof bars. The tent opens and is fully set up in under a minute. Your Roof Top Tent is made with durable materials that provide excellent water and wind protection.

Before setting off on your adventure, your new Roof Top Tent will require some basic assembly. After unboxing, read through this instruction manual, install the roof rails if applicable (sold separately), then mount your tent onto the roof rack or aftermarket roof bars utilising the pre-installed rails on the underside of the tent and hardware kit provided.

During set up and first use, you may find some aluminium swarf inside your Roof Top Tent. We make every possible attempt to expel and vacuum all aluminium swarf, however, with vibrations in transit, some may reappear.

BEFORE INSTALLATION AND USE PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS CAREFULLY

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please contact your DARCHE® retailer or call our customer service line: 1300 367 695

Familiarise yourself with the product. We recommend that you unpack and set up your RTT at home before use.

Damage from incorrect set up or use is not covered under general warranty.

Inspections: During trips regularly check that all nuts and bolts attaching your RTT to your vehicle are tight and in good condition.

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO INSTALLING

Please thoroughly read the instructions and warnings set forth in this manual. Should you have any questions, please ask your Darche retailer or call our customer service line: 1300 367 695.

WARNING

Keep all flame and heat sources away from the Roof Top Tent.

Avoid using this Roof Top Tent in extreme weather conditions.

WARNING

Ensure that you follow the installation instructions carefully. It is very important that your Roof Top Tent is installed correctly on your vehicle and you fully understand the safe use of your Roof Top Tent.

Please refer to your vehicle manufacturer or vehicle manual for roof load carrying capacity and also the manufacturer of your roof rack/rails for carrying capacities, particularly if you are planning to travel off-road. Not all vehicles or aftermarket roof rack/bars are suitable for carrying a Roof Top Tent, this may include; weight restrictions and or adhering to legal requirements, for example insurances.

Any element applied to the vehicle roof changes the normal vehicle handling.
The manufacturer disclaims all responsibility in case of accidents due to improper use, improper maintenance, or failure to check the tightness of brackets, bolts and any other fasteners on your roof rack or Roof Top Tent.

Inspections: During trips regularly check that all nuts and bolts on your Roof Top Tent are tight and in good condition. This includes nuts and bolts attaching the RTT to the vehicle as well as those on all mechanical components of the RTT.

For your safety and protection, ensure correct placement and angle of ladder.
DO NOT CLIMB ON LADDER UNTIL CORRECT ANGLE IS ACHIEVED (approx. 75 degrees).

DARCHE TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FITMENT OF THE RTT TO ANY VEHICLE OR ROOF RACK.

Darche Outdoor Gear - The wholesaler / manufacturer shall not be liable for special, indirect incidental or consequential damages.

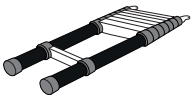
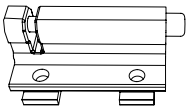
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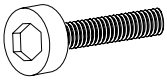
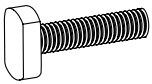
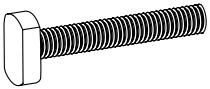
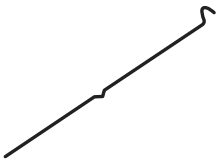
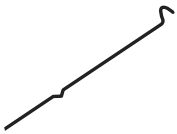
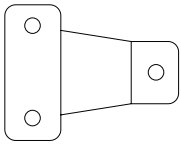
KEEP ALL FLAME AND HEAT SOURCES AWAY FROM THE TENT MATERIALS.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE SHOULD ANY NAKED FLAME SOURCES OR HEATING DEVICES BE USED INSIDE OR NEAR THE TENT.

KEEP EXIT CLEAR.

ROOF TOP TENT HARDWARE IDENTIFICATION CHART

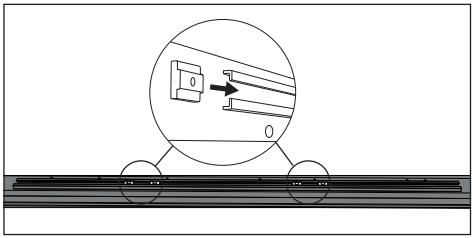
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Channel Nut Qty. 16	
Mounting Bracket Qty. 4	
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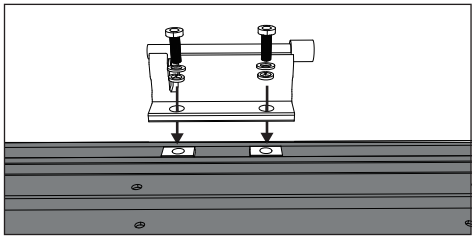
M8 Socket Head Bolt Qty. 16	
M8x50mm T Bolt Qty. 8	
M8x70mm T Bolt Qty. 8	
Long Fly Tension Pole Qty. 2	
Short Fly Tension Pole Qty. 2	
Roof Rail Qty. 2	
Roof Rail Bracket Qty. 4	

BEFORE MOUNTING YOUR ROOF TOP TENT

STEP 1.

Attach the quick-release ladder mounts to the T channel on the top of the tent using channel nuts, socket head bolts, flat washers, and spring washers. Ensure the ladder mounts are spaced 395mm apart to match the ladder.

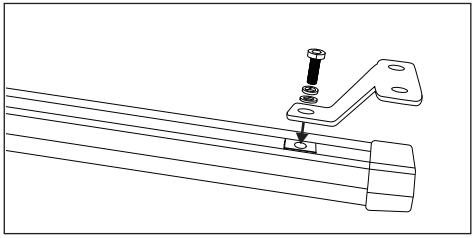




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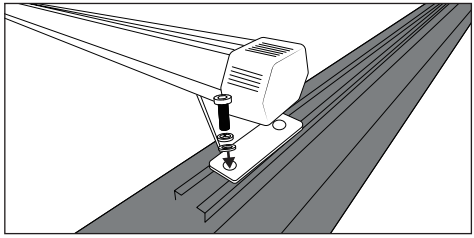
STEP 2.

Loosely attach two brackets to each roof rail using channel nuts, socket head bolts, flat washers, and spring washers.



STEP 3.

Slide 4 channel nuts into each T channel on the top of the tent, then attach the roof rail brackets to the T channels using channel nuts, socket head bolts, flat washers, and spring washers. Tighten all bolts once in position.

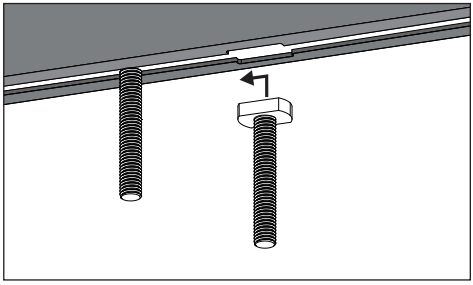


MOUNTING THE ROOF TOP TENT TO YOUR VEHICLE.

When mounting your RTT to a vehicle, ensure that the pre-installed vehicle mounting channels run perpendicular to the direction to the bars of your vehicle's roof rack or roof bars, and that the tent is centered on the roof bars or roof rack if possible.

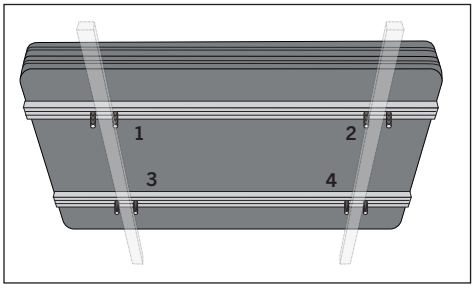
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Slide four T bolts into each mounting channel and space the bolts so that there is a bolt on each side of the rail to be clamped. Either the 50mm or 70mm T bolts can be used depending on your setup.



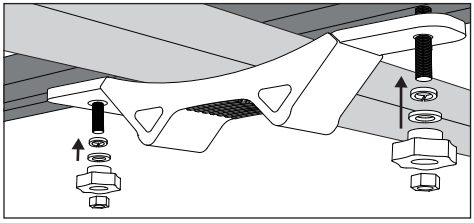
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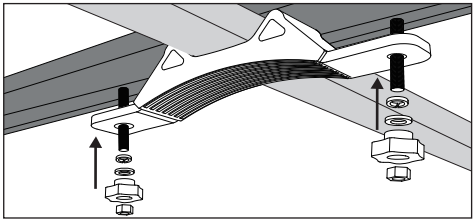
Place the closed RTT on top of your vehicle's roof rack system. Please ensure you do not exceed safe manual handling limits. Some assistance may be required.



STEP 3.

In each clamping location, pass the two T bolts through the mounting bracket and fasten with 1 flat washer, 1 spring washer, and 1 nyloc nut per bolt. The mounting bracket can be used in either orientation to suit your setup. A hand nut can also be added between the spring washer and nyloc nut for further security. Repeat for the other three clamping locations.





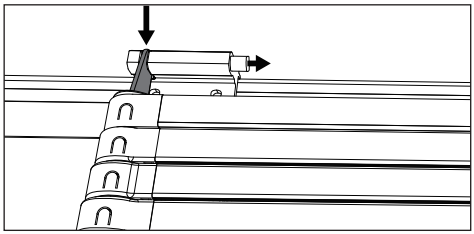
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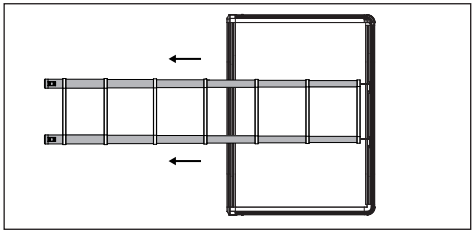
After ensuring the RTT is positioned, tighten all 8 bolts securely. It is important that you check all the mounting bolts and brackets periodically to ensure they are securely fastened to your base and then vehicle's roof rack or roof bars.

OPENING YOUR ROOF TOP TENT

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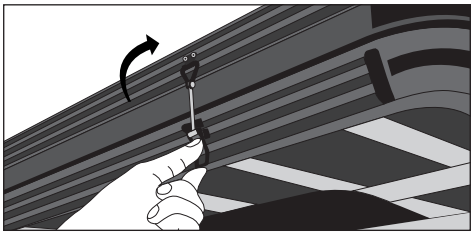
Attach the ladder to the tent using the quick-release ladder mounts.

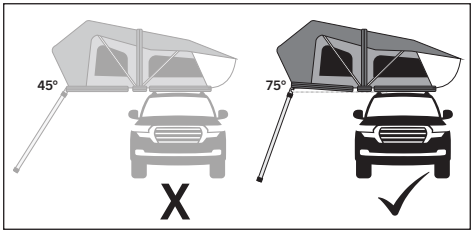




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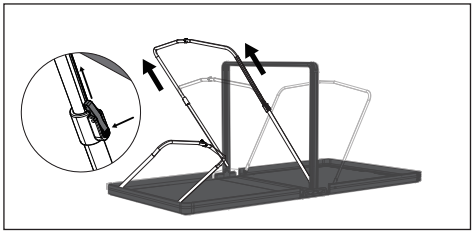
Undo all latches, then fully extend the ladder and use it to lever open the tent. For your safety, ensure that the ladder is approximately 75 degrees to the ground before climbing ladder. We recommend that the RTT is set up on flat, even ground. Note that the ladder end of the tent will have a slight tilt upwards.





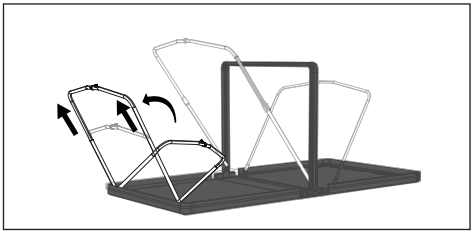
STEP 3.

Extend the inner fly support hoop. Do not overextend this hoop to avoid applying excessive tension to the zippered windows.



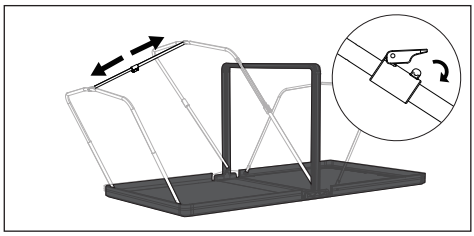
STEP 4.

Extend the outer fly support hoop into its locked position.



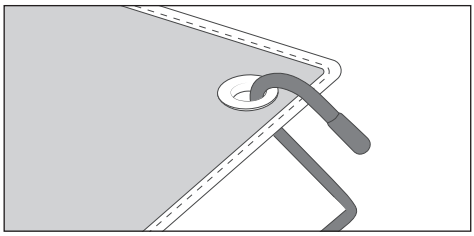
STEP 5.

Using the trigger lock spreader bar attached to the outer fly support hoop, tension the fly by attaching the bar to the inner fly support hoop and extending it until the fly is taut.



STEP 6.

Attach the four fly tension poles, with the short ones at the sides and the long ones at the rear.



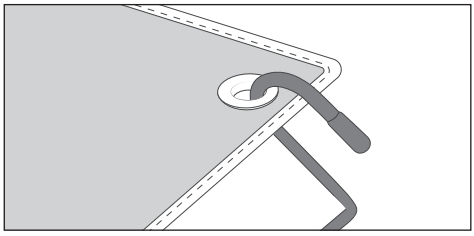
STEP 7.

OPTIONAL: In case of rain, unplug the water outlet ports at the ladder end of the tent to avoid water pooling inside the tent shell.

CLOSING YOUR TENT.

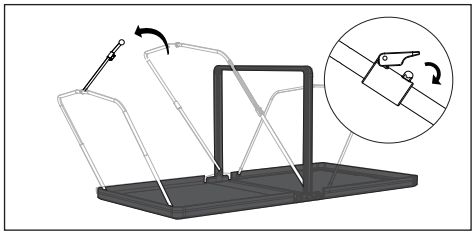
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Remove all fly tension poles.



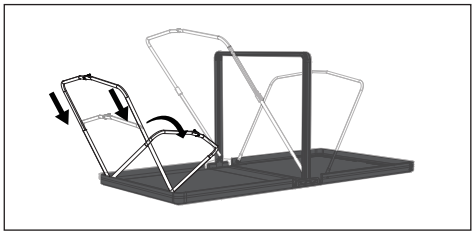
STEP 2.

Unlock the spreader bar and detach it from the inner fly support hoop, then stow it in the pocket near the corner of the outer fly support hoop.



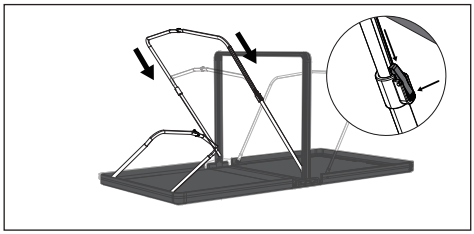
STEP 3.

Unlock the outer fly support hoop and lower it into its retracted position.



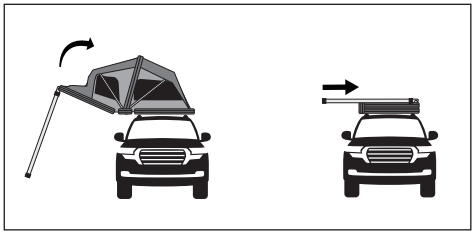
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Disengage the locking levers on either side of the inner fly support hoop and lower it into its retracted position.



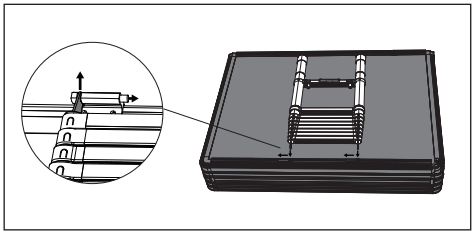
STEP 5.

Exit the tent, tuck in the shoe bags, fully extend the ladder, then use it to lever the tent into the closed position.

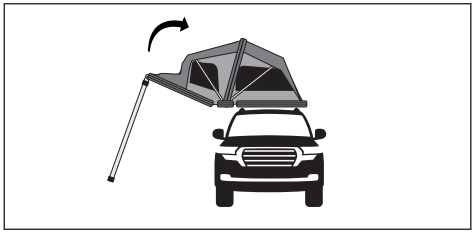


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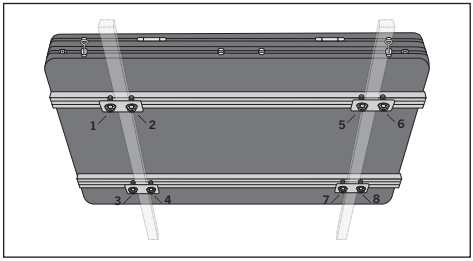
Tuck any protruding fabric into the tent shell, engage all latches, then remove the ladder.

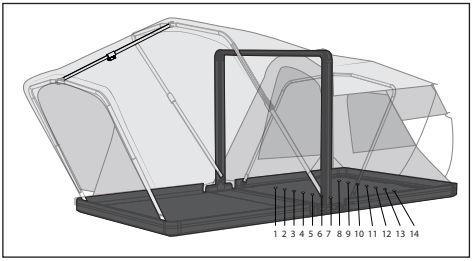


TIP: minor water pooling in the tent shell may occur after heavy rain. In such cases, prop the ladder end of the tent upwards with the ladder for a few minutes to evacuate as much water as possible before closing the tent.



TO ENSURE SAFETY, CHECK ALL MOUNTING BOLTS AND RAILS EVERY TWO MONTHS OR AFTER EXPERIENCING ROUGH TERRAIN. REALIGN AND TIGHTEN IF NECESSARY.





CARE & STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Remove dirt with a soft brush and cold water after use.
2. Do not clean with soap, detergent, petrol, oil or solvents.
3. Ensure RTT is completely dry before storing.
4. Correct storage is vital for the longevity of your RTT. If on occasion the RTT is required to be stowed wet, it is essential it is unpacked and dried as soon as possible. Water damage, mildew damage and incorrect storage is not covered under warranty.
5. It is recommended that you open your RTT periodically between use to inspect the material and allow it to dry out.
6. If spot mould is visible, brush it off with a stiff bristle nylon brush and vacuum the area to get rid of any residual spores.
7. When drying the tent, lift the bottom of the tent body off the base to facilitate airflow underneath the tent body.

STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

This RTT has been designed for general camping in normal conditions. This RTT is designed as a temporary shelter, not a permanent structure. Do not leave up for extended periods and do not leave unattended.

To avoid the chance of personal injury and or property damage, DARCHE® recommends this RTT should not be erected or used in extreme weather conditions.

Your vehicle should not be moved while the RTT is deployed.

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