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**TENTS**

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WILD COUNTRY  1994

## ENERGY IN THE MOUNTAIN VILLAGES

# SUMMER ON THE



*The essence of high living – Julie-Ann Clyma on top of a 'water tower'.*

The 1993 British K2 Expedition was the culmination of a two year project which, apart from climbing, had as its aim making a positive impact on the mountain environment and local people. With support from Eastern Electricity the expedition oversaw the installation of micro hydro-electricity systems in two mountain villages. These systems were requested by the villages who are working with the Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP) development charity.

The technology is simple and is manufactured locally. In Hoto and Mango (total population 500), it is being used for lighting and water heating. This reduces dependence on firewood, which reduces smoky living conditions (chest and eye infections are endemic), saves labour time and has a beneficial impact on the environment.

The expedition arrived at base camp on June 30th and made very rapid progress on K2.



*Success! The Karakoram 8000 project micro-hydro brings heat and light to Mango.*

The mountain environment and native people are not just an interesting ethnic backdrop to our adventures. Mountains are literally the world's water towers, and like rain forests and oceans, we cannot afford to ignore our impact on these fragile ecosystems.

On the very first foray on to the south east (or Abruzzi) ridge, Victor Saunders and Alan Hinkes carried a tent to around 6500m. This progress was continued with Julie-Ann Clyma and Roger Payne establishing camps at 6180m and then 6740m.

Despite a prolonged period of bad weather, several forays were made on the lower part of the mountain. Because of very strong winds it was not possible to climb above camp 2 until July 30th, when a snow cave was established at 7350m. The team also carried tents, and sufficient food and fuel, to establish the final camp at around 8000m.



*Camp 2, K2, – high Summer*

Strong winds and daily snowfall kept the team in base camp until August 13th, when the weather seemed to be clearing. After setting off from the base the fine weather lasted less than 18 hours and the team became trapped in very high winds at camp 2. On August 19th and in very strong winds the team set off for camp 3. Arriving there they found extreme avalanche conditions and their snow cave buried under at least six feet of fresh snow. Lucky to retrieve their equipment, they descended in



*Room at the top, with a spectacular view of the glacier.*

darkness to camp 2 and cleared the mountain on the 20th.

The performance of the Wild Country tents on K2 was exceptional in every respect. Camp 2 on the Abruzzi spur was frequently battered by enormous winds, and reduced to a tent graveyard with torn remains and broken poles everywhere. Only the Quasars we had pitched stood firm for the six weeks we had them at Camp 2.

The excellent design of the tents meant that we did not only survive the worst weather K2 could throw at us, but we were able to do so comfortably. At the end of the trip despite being heavily iced into the tent platforms, we took great care to dig the tents out and, along with all our other equipment, carry them off the mountain.

ROGER PAYNE  
*Expedition Leader*  
British K2 Expedition 1993

# SAVAGE MOUNTAIN

“Hit by an avalanche – I was sure the poles were broken but once Julie-Ann and I dug it out the tent just sprang back into shape.”



“Mountain travellers can try to ensure a positive impact on the destination area. It is our gift to care for our most beautiful places and bring to the people who share them with us, our help in return for theirs.”

# essential knowl

**A**ll Wild Country tents are designed according to geodesic principles. Geodesic designs rely on the geometry created by intersecting curved support poles to achieve the maximum internal volume with the strongest frame structure.

## INNER PITCHING FIRST

To maximise the strength inherent in a geodesic structure it is necessary to tension both the inner and outer fabric of the tent. It is because of this that all Wild Country tents pitch 'inner first'. The benefits are enormous; the flysheet is stretched over a tensioned frame for greater strength and stability; it offers quick and effective pitching; the self-supporting structure requires minimum guy lines; it eliminates virtually all fabric flapping; the inner tent can be pitched by itself in warm dry conditions.

At Wild Country we recognise that the three constituent parts of a tent, groundsheet, inner and flysheet, have separate

performance criteria and we design and develop each accordingly.

## "BATH-TUB" GROUND SHEET DESIGN

All our groundsheets are strong, durable and extremely water resistant and are attached to the inner tent fabric in a "bath-tub" design. This means that the groundsheet, in conjunction with hot-air taping on all floor seams, provides a watertight floor.

We use two different types of groundsheet material in order to maintain the right balance between function and

weight. The High Performance and Mountain tent ranges use 140gsm neoprene, while the Ultra tents, in the drive for maximum performance with minimum weight, use new 80gsm 3 layer polymer coated nylon.

## BREATHABLE INNER TENT FABRICS

Wild Country inner tents are constructed from lightweight, breathable nylon 6 - 6 ripstop fabrics which are fluorocarbon treated to provide a degree of showerproofing. The showerproof treatment is useful when pitching tents in the rain or when using the inner by itself.

## WATERPROOF FLYSHEETS - GUARANTEED

Flysheet fabrics, in addition to being strong and light, must be both completely waterproof and have a high degree of resistance

### POLE SLEEVES

The continuous mesh sleeves provide quick, easy and smooth pitching. Made from durable resin coated Terylene mesh they optimise air circulation across the inner tent, minimise the overall weight and provide a flexible but strong frame for the outer tent.

### INSECT PROOF NETTING

All tents have crescent-shaped zipped mesh doors of super-lightweight "No-see-um" netting, which also allow for excellent ventilation.

(No-see-um refers to a minute American sandfly with a wicked bite).

### INTERNAL HANGERS AND POCKETS

Internal hangers are provided for lamps and drying lines, while side wall mounted mesh pockets provide safe storage for small items. The bound internal seams also provide a hanging place for a Wild Country Loft.

### POLES

Made to our specification by Easton Aluminium, our poles are made of 7075-E9 aluminium alloy, the lightest and strongest available, and are fully anodised for strength and corrosion protection.



### PEGS

Very strong but light 7075-T6 aircraft-grade aluminium alloy pegs are supplied with all tents. They are polished to reduce corrosion and to allow them to slide smoothly through all guying loops.

### TENSION ADJUSTERS

Three brass eyelets provide flexibility in pole tensioning to adjust for temperature and weather conditions.

### ZIPS

Strong but lightweight continuous chain zips with double sliders for maximum convenience are mounted in polyester/acrylic for

smoothness of operation. The double zip doors offer versatility of ventilation and ease of access.

### PORCHES/ ENTRANCES

Larger models offer porches at both ends plus an additional porch pole for added space, while lighter

weight tents have a single large porch. All porches can be entered from the front or side to allow for variations in wind/rain direction.



# edge

to UV light. We use a Nylon 6 - 6 substrate and a series of coatings on the inside and outside of the fabric to provide total water repellancy. Most importantly, we hot air seam-seal all stitching on our flysheets so that they leave the factory guaranteed waterproof. We believe that this is the only way to achieve completely waterproof flysheets.

## CUSTOM-MADE POLES

Geodesic designs require curved support poles. Because a tent is only as strong as its support structure we have 7075-E9 aluminium alloy poles built to our specification by Easton Aluminium of America. Even our pegs are made from 7075-T6 aircraft-grade aluminium alloy, which is virtually indestructible.



### FLYSHEET

All flysheets utilise a Nylon 6 - 6 ripstop base fabric because it combines the best strength to weight characteristics. All flysheets are guaranteed waterproof and come fully seam-sealed.

### SHOCK-CORD GUY POINTS

Made from 5mm multi-core rubber shock-cord and braided with a high tenacity nylon sheath.

### RIPSTOP NYLON INNER TENT

"Inner first" pitching tents require strong but lightweight and breathable inner tent fabrics. All inners are made from Nylon 6 - 6 ripstop fabric, which is fluorocarbon treated to provide a showerproof finish.

### FULL "BATH-TUB" FLOOR

All tent floors are fully seam-sealed and made from either neoprene coated nylon or 3 layer polymer coated nylon to provide a durable waterproof base.

"Bath-tub" floor refers to the fact that the floor fabric extends up the side wall of the tent.

## elemental decisions

Choosing a tent is sometimes a harder task than at first it might appear. The critical decision is usually weight – how much of it you can afford to carry – but fitness for purpose is also vital. That's why we make three different categories of tents; High Performance, Ultra and Mountain.

## HIGH PERFORMANCE TENTS

The High Performance range comprises the Trisar, Quasar, Hyperspace, Super Nova and Terra Nova. Widely regarded as the best tents currently available this range caters to a wide variety of requirements, from lightweight two person trekking tents through to four person Everest base camp tents.

All these models have been tested over the years in the most punishing environments in the world, and have always proved their worth. The Quasar, Hyperspace, Super Nova and

Terra Nova are all fully fledged four season mountain tents, capable of withstanding storm-force winds, torrential rain and substantial snowfall. The Trisar belying its three season rating, is one of the strongest backpacking tents available and is often used as a lightweight base camp tent.

	SLEEPS
TRISAR	2
QUASAR	2
HYPERSPACE	3
SUPER NOVA	3
TERRA NOVA	4

## ULTRA TENTS

Some time ago Wild Country saw the need for a series of dynamic developments regarding fabric specification. After much research and development we have come up with Watershed, a fabric that has allowed us to introduce the Ultra range of tents for 1994 comprising the Ultra Quasar, Ultra Trisar and the New Voyager.

These tents are both stronger and lighter than their equivalents in the High Performance range, the Ultra Quasar weighing nearly half a

kilo less than the Quasar, and are designed for mountaineers and travellers for whom weight is the critical issue. The New Voyager is the lightest tent in the range, weighing only 2.5kg, but is capable of use in conditions that would destroy others in its class. A New Voyager was recently tested at 20,000 feet on K2 and came back with a glowing report.

	SLEEPS
NEW VOYAGER	2
ULTRA TRISAR	2
ULTRA QUASAR	2

## MOUNTAIN TENTS

Simply the strongest tents available the Mountain Quasar, Mountain Super Nova and Mountain Hyperspace all benefit from additional specialist features. Each of these tents can be double poled in severe weather and all have snow valances, extra reinforced guying points and externally covered zips. They also feature the new Watershed flysheet and durable neoprene groundsheet.

Specifically designed for the highest altitude use are the

Gemini and Mountain Gemini. These single skin, three layer Gore-tex tents represent the pinnacle of lightweight mountain design and are common sights on the world's highest peaks. It should be noted that these tents are unsuitable for lowland use.

	SLEEPS
MOUNTAIN QUASAR	2
MOUNTAIN HYPERSPACE	3
MOUNTAIN SUPER NOVA	3
GEMINI	2
MOUNTAIN GEMINI	2



Photographer: Chris Bouington

# GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

**T**o ensure that you get the best from your tent we recommend that you spend some time reading the instruction book and that you learn to pitch the tent before you take it away for the first time.

## PITCHING YOUR TENT

Try to remove all sharp stones and/or vegetation from your chosen site. Groundsheets are very abrasion resistant but can be pierced if carelessly pitched. On harsh terrain we recommend the use of Wild Country groundsheet protectors.

Pitch your tent tail to the wind for maximum strength and stability. In windy weather or on high or exposed ground always use all the guying points. In snow conditions use extra guying points and stake them out using ice axes, ski/walking poles or "dead men". In severe weather conditions make sure that the tent is well anchored before trying to erect it.

Always ensure that all the pole sleeves are fully inserted before flexing the poles. Failure to do so will result in damaged or broken poles.



## MAINTAINING YOUR TENT

A little time spent on after-use care can add years to the life of a tent. We recommend that after each use you remove any loose dirt and sponge down the tent with a damp cloth. If necessary you can handwash the tent using soap and warm water, then rinse and air dry it.

Always dry both the poles and the tent before storage and do not store your tent in damp conditions. Mildew fungus can occur if the tent is stored away when damp and, if not dealt with early enough, can cause permanent damage.

Occasionally lubricate the poles and zips with Wild Country Zip Lube. This will help the pole sections fit together better, especially in the cold, and help to prevent them freezing together. Lubricating the zips will help to keep them in good working order and will also prevent damage to the sliders caused by dirt and dust.

All tents will suffer from UV light degradation. The

rays enter the fabric, which then fades, and destroys the fibres. Whenever possible pitch the tent out of direct sunlight to minimise the UV intensity.

Fire is a considerable risk when cooking in a confined space. Do not cook in the inner tent. Wherever possible cook outside the tent but, when it is necessary to cook under cover use the porch and allow as much ventilation as possible.

## CUSTOMER REPAIR SERVICE

As outdoor enthusiasts ourselves, we understand the frustration that can be caused by absent gear. As a result we quote the price of any work necessary and then we endeavour to despatch your product within a maximum of 15 working days of your approval to proceed. Please note that we accept Visa and Access credit card payments in order to speed up the process.

Should you require further information please contact us:

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**A UNIQUE INNOVATION FOR 1994**

# WATERSHED

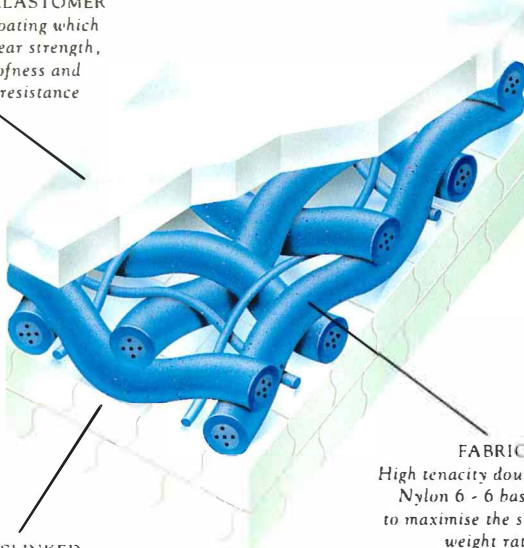
One of the constant challenges in tent development is to produce lighter yet stronger tents. As a result of our ongoing research and development process we have produced, in conjunction with Carrington Novare, a unique and revolutionary flysheet fabric.

Watershed combines a high performance fabric with a unique blend of waterproof coating technologies to give improved strength, a higher hydrostatic head and improved ultra violet light resistance.

## A LIGHTER BASE FABRIC

We use Nylon 6 - 6 for the substrate of both our standard and Watershed flysheets. Nylon 6 - 6 offers superior strength to weight ratios and

**SILICONE ELASTOMER**  
A flexible coating which maximises tear strength, waterproofness and UV light resistance



**CROSSLINKED POLYURETHANE**  
A rigid structure which gives maximum water repellency and is receptive to seam sealing tape

**FABRIC**  
High tenacity double ripstop Nylon 6 - 6 base fabric to maximise the strength to weight ratio

## A UNIQUE BLEND OF COATINGS

Watershed is a revolutionary blend of two different coatings. The reverse of the fabric is coated with polyurethane, while the surface is coated with silicone elastomer. This combination maximises the performance of the substrate producing a fabric that is both lighter and stronger than standard flysheets.

durability versus other nylons and polyesters. The new Watershed flysheet utilises a lighter weight Nylon 6 - 6 than our standard flysheet, but is stronger because of the characteristics of the coating technology.

## COATING ADHESION

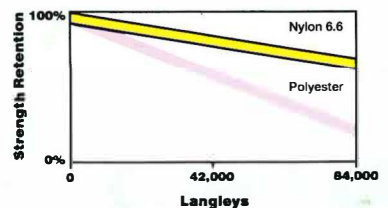
Coating adhesion is a measurement of how well the waterproof treatment bonds to the base fabric. Nylon 6 - 6 is superior to other fabrics in

both wet and dry conditions because the coating bonds both mechanically and chemically to the substrate. This means that a Watershed flysheet will remain waterproof for longer.

## FACTORY TAPED SEAMS

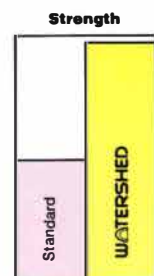
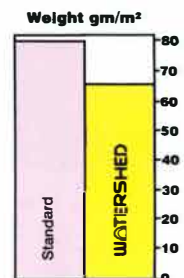
While some fabrics are able to match some of these qualities, none can match all of them. In addition, Watershed is fully compatible with our hot air seam sealing process which means that all our tents have the advantage of being fully taped and require no further work to make them storm-proof.

## RESISTANCE TO ULTRA VIOLET LIGHT



This graph shows the strength loss of Nylon 6 - 6 and polyester after exposure to weathering and Ultra Violet Light. It clearly demonstrates the advantages of high tenacity Nylon 6 - 6 over polyester. 84,000 Langley's is the equivalent to 6 months exposure to foul weather conditions.

## STRENGTH TO WEIGHT RATIOS



Nylon 6 - 6 has a superior strength to weight ratio than Nylon 6 and polyester, allowing a lighter weight fabric to be used without compromising on strength.



HIGH PERFORMANCE

ULTRA

The High Performance and Ultra ranges are designed for three and four season use . . . anywhere. These are highly versatile tents which can be used for summer camping just as easily as for difficult mountain ascents.

And when you do use them in summer, think of the four season rating as a guarantee of peace of mind!

*Chris Bonington, Graham Little, Jim Lowther and Rob Ferguson spent three weeks on the previously unexplored Chisel glacier on the East coast of Greenland in the Lemon Mountain range making between them five demanding first ascents. The most elegant route was under the South West pillar of the Needle, which was climbed by Bonington and Little in July 1993. The team used two Mountain Quasars which were ideal, being both robust and roomy yet light in weight for their size. They sleep two comfortably but three can squeeze in at a pinch. They could also house a bridge four which was the main leisure activity of the expedition.*

Photographer: Chris Bonington

HIGH PERFORMANCE

ULTRA



## QUASAR / ULTRA QUASAR

The Quasar is recognised as *the* mountain tent. Requisitioned by an exhaustive list of expeditions, it has proved itself time and time again in the harshest conditions.

The introduction of subtle design changes, and the use of our new Watershed flysheet mean that the Ultra Quasar is both lighter and stronger than the Quasar. Weighing nearly half a kilo less, the Ultra Quasar is aimed at mountaineers and travellers for whom minimum weight, without compromising on strength and performance, is the critical issue.

For 1994 both tents have a "retractor" inner, which means that the inner tent can be drawn back to increase the porch size to facilitate cooking and storage on tent bound days. The flysheet doors have also been re-designed to improve ventilation across the inner.

### FEATURES

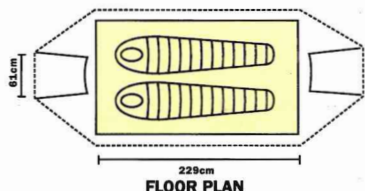
- New Watershed fully seam-sealed flysheet (Ultra Quasar only)
- New lightweight 3 layer polymer coated nylon "bath-tub" groundsheet (Ultra Quasar only)
- New lightweight ripstop nylon inner tent fabric
- New larger door vents on flysheet for improved ventilation
- New "retractor" feature on inner tent to increase porch space
- Frame of 4, 9.65 mm Easton 7075-E9 aluminium alloy shock-corded poles
- Custom-made 7075-T6 aircraft aluminium alloy pegs
- Fully seam-sealed "bath-tub" groundsheet
- Continuous mesh pole sleeves for easy and rapid pitching
- Full front and rear entrances
- Large double zipped door on inner tent:  
Inner door - ripstop nylon  
Outer door - "No-see-um" mesh
- Heavy duty YKK coil zips with double sliders

Colour options: INNER - Yellow  
FLYSHEET - Violet\*, Yellow/Grey, Green

Functional weight: QUASAR 4.0kg  
ULTRA QUASAR 3.6kg

Packed size: 18 cm x 56 cm

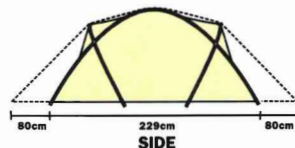
\*Ultra Quasar only.



FLOOR PLAN



FRONT



SIDE

**ULTRA**



## NEW VOYAGER

Designed for three season trekking/backpacking the New Voyager is our lightest Ultra tent. With our new Watershed flysheet it weighs only 2.5kg, nearly half a kilo lighter than the old version. The 3 pole geodesic structure provides stability, strength and space. Clever design means that the floor and ceiling taper to the rear, shaving important ounces off the overall weight, as well as providing a wind and rain shedding profile. The high entrance pole allows room for storage, while the curved side poles provide lateral strength in high winds.

For cooking in poor weather the New Voyager now incorporates a "retractor" inner so that the porch can be extended by unclipping the inner from the poles and pulling it back, leaving the flysheet tensioned across the poles.



On trek in the Spiti Valley, India  
Photographer: Patrick Sutherland

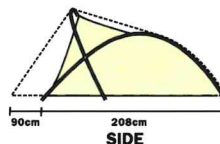
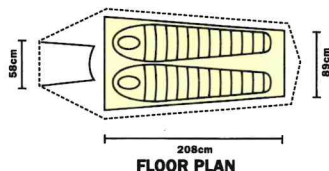
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- New pole sleeve configuration for increased ventilation
- New lightweight ripstop nylon inner tent fabric
- New larger mesh rear panel for inner tent ventilation
- New larger door vent on flysheet
- New "retractor" facility on inner tent to increase porch space
- Frame of 3, 8.5 mm Easton 7075-E9 aluminium alloy shock-corded poles
- Custom-made 7075-T6 aircraft aluminium alloy pegs
- Large double zipped door on inner tent:  
Inner door – ripstop nylon  
Outer door – "No-see-um" mesh
- Mesh storage pocket and hang loop in inner tent
- Continuous coil zips with double sliders

Colour options: INNER – Yellow  
FLYSHEET – Violet, Yellow/Grey, Green

Functional weight: 2.5kg

Packed size: 14cm x 56cm



**HIGH PERFORMANCE**

**ULTRA**



## TRISAR / ULTRA TRISAR

The Ultra Trisar, with its new Watershed flysheet, is a perfect blend of high strength, low weight and all round versatility. Based on the classic Quasar design, its 3 pole geodesic structure offers a lighter alternative for serious three season use. More spacious than the New Voyager, it functions perfectly as a base camp tent because of its greater headroom but is also light enough to work as a backpacking tent.

The aerodynamic pole structure of the Trisar allows it to cope with snow, wind and rain that would destroy others in its class. The tent tapers slightly to the rear, providing the most efficient use of space. The front porch is large enough to provide space for two large packs and can be enlarged by unclipping the inner tent from the poles.



The Trisar with a standard flysheet will also continue to be available.

*En route for Makalu*  
Photographer: Rob Collister

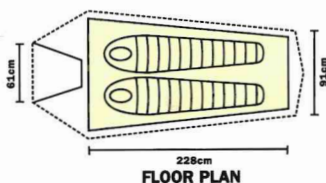
### FEATURES

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- New "retractor" inner feature for increasing porch space
- New larger door vent on flysheet
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- Custom-made 7075-T6 aircraft aluminium alloy pegs
- Lightweight breathable ripstop nylon inner fabric
- Lightweight 3 layer polymer coated nylon "bath-tub" groundsheet
- Continuous mesh pole sleeves for rapid pitching
- Mesh storage pocket and hang loop on inner tent
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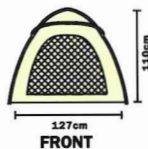
Colour options: INNER - Yellow  
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Functional weight: ULTRA TRISAR 2.7 kg  
TRISAR 2.8 kg

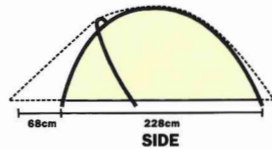
Packed size: 15 cm x 56 cm



FLOOR PLAN



FRONT



SIDE

## HIMALAYAN KINGDOMS' EVEREST EXPEDITION 1993

In 1993 Himalayan Kingdoms guided a party of climbers to Everest, in the first expedition of its type from the U.K. It was outstandingly successful. During a long settled spell of weather in early October, a total of 16 people reached the summit – 9 members and 7 Sherpas.

Camp 1 Himalayan Kingdoms  
Everest Expedition 1993  
Photographer: Steve Bell

*“Our success on Everest exceeded my highest expectations. We succeeded because we had a great team, unstoppable Sherpas and the very best equipment.”*

STEVE BELL  
Expedition Leader





**HYPERSPACE**

The Hyperspace is a truly innovative geodesic design and is fast becoming the outstanding high mountain tent of the 1990s.

Developed along the lines of the Quasar, it has an extra pole crossover point on the side wall of the tent. This has the effect of reducing and equalising the average panel size, maintaining the strength inherent in the design, despite the increased volume, and resulting in outstanding stability and strength in high winds and under heavy snow loading. The main benefit of this design is the very efficient rectangular floorspace that it produces. The steep side walls, which maximise internal usable space, mean it can easily accommodate three people.

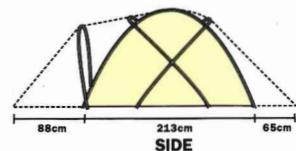
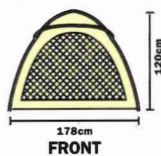
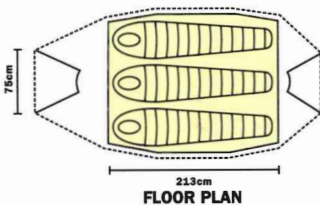
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- Fully seam-sealed neoprene "bath-tub" groundsheet
- Continuous mesh pole sleeves for rapid pitching
- Front and rear entrances – one with additional volume
- Interior mesh pockets and hang loops
- Large double zipped door on inner tent:  
Inner door – ripstop nylon  
Outer door – "No-see-um" mesh
- Heavy duty YKK coil zips with double sliders

Colour options: INNER – Yellow  
FLYSHEET – Yellow/Grey, Green

Functional weight: 5.0kg

Packed size: 18cm x 73cm





**SUPER NOVA**

Mountaineers and travellers around the world consider the Super Nova to be the standard of excellence in three person four season domes. A familiar sight in the high mountains it has withstood the test of the world's worst weather, from Denali to K2, from the Arctic to Patagonia.

The Super Nova's classic 4 pole geodesic design provides exceptional strength and stability. The spacious interior will sleep three adults and provides good head clearance for those tent-bound days. The front and rear entrances provide multiple entry options and the front porch has an extra pole to increase storage and cooking space.

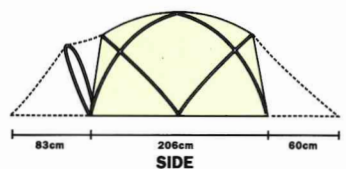
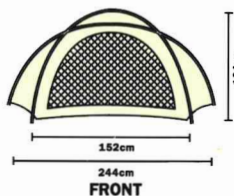
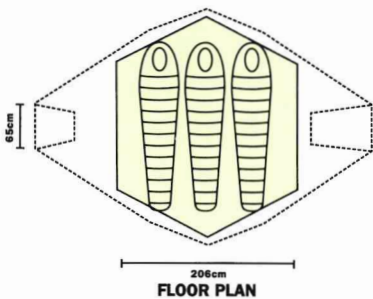
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FLYSHEET – Yellow/Grey, Green

Functional weight: 5.0kg

Packed size: 18cm x 74cm





## TERRA NOVA

The Terra Nova, our biggest tent, is designed to sleep four adults in mountain conditions. The proven geodesic design uses equalised panel sizes and a reinforced frame of 11mm Easton aluminium poles to ensure stability and strength in high winds. Tested in a storm at 23,000 feet on Broad Peak, it is a true high mountain performer.

The Terra Nova is ideal as a base camp tent and because of its vast size and ease of pitching, is equally suitable for family and car camping. The extra front porch pole increases the storage and cooking space, a particularly important point when you are sitting out a storm, whether it be in the Karakoram or in the Peak District.



### FEATURES

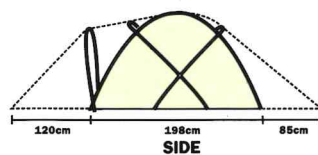
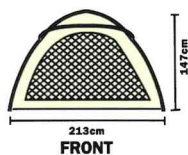
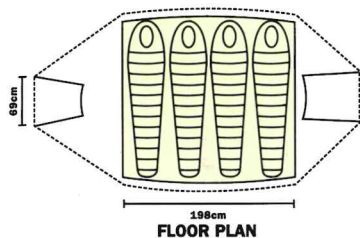
- Frame of 4, 11mm Easton 7075-E9 aluminium alloy shock-corded poles plus 1, 9.65mm Easton 7075-E9 porch pole
- Fully seam-sealed ripstop nylon flysheet
- Fully seam-sealed neoprene "bath-tub" groundsheet
- Front and rear entrances – one with additional volume
- Interior mesh pockets and hang loops
- Large double zipped door on inner tent:  
Inner door – ripstop nylon  
Outer door – "No-see-um" mesh
- Heavy duty YKK coil zips with double sliders

Colour options: INNER – Yellow  
FLYSHEET – Yellow/Grey, Green

Functional weight: 6.9kg

Packed size: 22cm x 74cm

Ski mountaineering  
near Tasi Lapcha Pass, Nepal  
Photographer: Rob Collister



## MOUNTAIN

The Mountain Tent range is designed specifically for use on expeditions, on high mountains and in extreme weather conditions. With this range, while minimum weight is always critical, the emphasis is on increased strength and protection. In severe weather conditions, when other tents have been blown away, these are the tents that will still be standing.



Graham Little and Chris Bonington recently made the first ascent of the challenging West ridge of Panch Chuli 2 (6904m) using alpine style tactics with two bivouacs.

Photographer: Graham Little

# MOUNTAIN

Gemini

Mountain Gemini



Constructed from a single skin of 3 layer Stowaway/Nexus Gore-tex, the Geminis require a heat differential to drive moisture through the fabric. In very wet conditions this differential becomes critical. We recommend these tents only for cold, high, mountain use. Should you need further advice, please call us.

## GEMINI / MOUNTAIN GEMINI

The Gemini and Mountain Gemini are specialist high altitude shelters for use on mountains where humidity is not a problem.

### MOUNTAIN GEMINI

The lighter and smaller of the two tents the Mountain Gemini is probably the most trusted two person single skin tent for alpine and expedition use. Its simple two pole crossover design and Gore-tex fabric construction guarantee protection when it matters most.

### GEMINI

The Gemini also sleeps two but includes a third pole, providing both a porch space and extra stability, although inevitably at a cost to the overall weight.

### FEATURES

(for both tents)

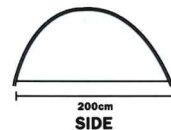
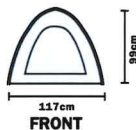
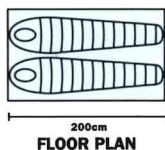
- Fully seam-sealed Gore-tex Stowaway/Nexus 3 layer fabric for guaranteed waterproofness
- Single skin design for minimum weight and pack size
- Fully seam-sealed neoprene "bath tub" groundsheet
- Frame of 9.65 mm Easton 7075-E9 aluminium alloy shock-corded poles
- Ventilation panel in roof with velcro closure
- Interior hang loop
- Multiple guying points

Colour options: Medium Blue

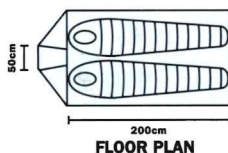
Functional weight: GEMINI 2.5 kg  
MOUNTAIN GEMINI 2.3 kg

Packed size: GEMINI 16 cm x 56 cm  
MOUNTAIN GEMINI 16 cm x 56 cm

MOUNTAIN GEMINI



GEMINI



# MOUNTAIN



## MOUNTAIN SUPER NOVA

The Mountain Super Nova has been designed for use where only the strongest will survive. Based on the high performance model, the Mountain version incorporates a full length ridge pole for maximum support under heavy snow loading. For 1994 the flysheet will be made using Watershed fabric and will continue to be equipped with all-round snow valances, extra reinforced guying points and externally covered flysheet zips.

FOR MAIN FEATURES SEE SUPER NOVA

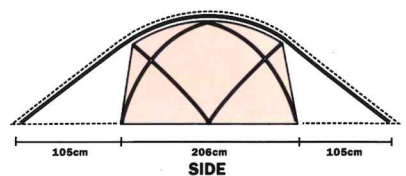
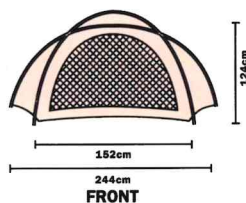
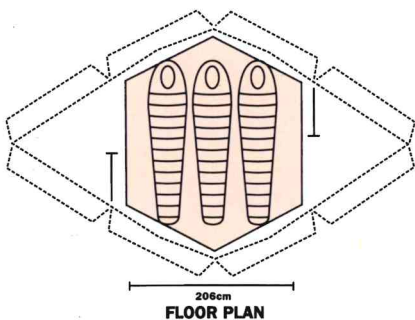
### ADDITIONAL FEATURES

- Fully seam-sealed Watershed flysheet with snow valances
- Extra 9.65 mm Easton 7075-E9 aluminium alloy ridge pole
- Extra reinforced guying points and guy lines
- Extra 7075-T6 aluminium alloy pegs
- Covered flysheet zips

Colour options: INNER - Yellow  
FLYSHEET - Red

Functional weight: 6.1kg

Packed size: 27 cm x 74 cm



Photographer: Ian Frearson



*"If we want things to stay as they are, things will have to change."*

**I**an Frearson, of the Arctic Research Group, underlines the responsibility we all share to conserve the world's remaining wildernesses.



“Have you ever read “The Ice Cart” by W. W. Gibson? When five years old it had me wondering about the great Polar deserts. Since then I have come to see them littered by rubbish generated under one name, man. We are all unwitting guardians of the Earth and the ability to see more of it demands that we look after it. It is up to us to protect what we have left for future generations to enjoy what we are enjoying right now.

The Arctic Research Group is undertaking a long

term research project on pollution caused by mineral workings in the high Arctic. This project has highlighted to us certain attitudes towards the environment. A veneer of respectability is easily drawn over the uncaring reality of commerce. This has been passed on to expeditioners, with progressively more rubbish and equipment abandoned at both camp sites and on routes. We have now even started to find tents left to rot (which they will not do) on glaciers. Let's hope we see the rubbish getting home along with the message in future.”

IAN FREARSON  
Group Leader  
Arctic Research Group

## MOUNTAIN



## MOUNTAIN QUASAR

The Mountain Quasar shares the same design and inner tent as the high performance version but has an upgraded Watershed flysheet. The flysheet has all-round snow valances, extra reinforced guying points and externally covered zips.

FOR MAIN FEATURES SEE QUASAR

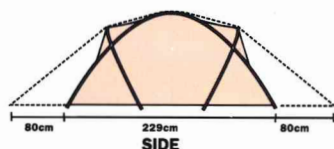
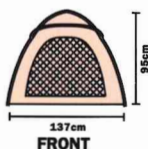
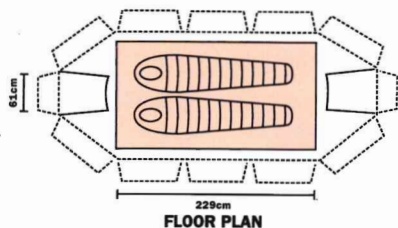
### ADDITIONAL FEATURES

- Fully seam-sealed Watershed flysheet with snow valances
- Extra reinforced guying points and guy lines
- Extra 7075-T6 aluminium alloy pegs
- Externally covered flysheet zips

Colour options: INNER - Yellow  
FLYSHEET - Red

Functional weight: 4.6kg

Packed size: 20cm x 58cm



# MOUNTAIN



## MOUNTAIN HYPERSPACE

The Mountain Hyperspace shares the same inner tent design as the high performance model but has an upgraded Watershed flysheet. The flysheet has all-round snow valances, extra reinforced guying points and externally covered zips.

FOR MAIN FEATURES SEE HYPERSPACE

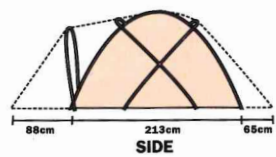
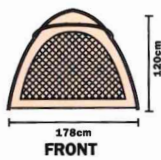
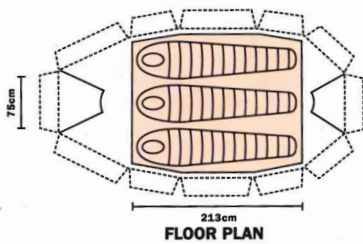
### ADDITIONAL FEATURES

- Fully seam-sealed Watershed flysheet with snow valances
- Extra reinforced guying points and guy lines
- Extra 7075-T6 aluminium alloy pegs
- Externally covered flysheet zips

Colour options: INNER - Yellow  
FLYSHEET - Red

Functional weight: 5.8kg

Packed size: 19 cm x 74 cm




# EXTREMITIES

*Many of the staff at Wild Country are active walkers, climbers and mountaineers and we use this experience to continually test, develop and improve the Extremities range.*

It is the extremities of the body that feel the effects of the cold first, and most insidiously. And it is only when you are struggling to use gear in such conditions that the benefits of innovative and thoughtful designs make themselves known. The Extremities clothing range has been designed to provide the best protection available for hands and feet exposed to extreme conditions.

Designed originally to serve the minimalist equipment needs of Alpinists and Mountaineers, Extremities Bivi Bags, and our one person tents, have found a new audience as the requirement for "faster and lighter" gear has increased. Wild Country pioneered the use of Gore-tex fabric, with its excellent wind and waterproof characteristics, in the manufacture of lightweight bivouac equipment and all our designs are based on our experience of producing world class shelters.



*"There is no happiness for the man who does not travel"*

Photographer: P. Wickens  
Imperial College, London, Pamir Expedition 1993

## EXTREMITIES

Alpine

Traveller

Hooped

## BIVOUCAC EQUIPMENT

### ALPINE BIVI BAG

The Alpine model has been developed for lightweight mountaineering and camping where minimal bulk and weight are vital. The generous hood, securely flapped horizontal zip and box floor are fully waterproof and provide ample space for one person and a pack.

### TRAVELLER BIVI BAG

The Traveller is based on the proven Alpine design but incorporates an additional 42" flapped longitudinal zip to facilitate access.

### HOOPED BIVI BAG

The Hooped Bivi has a flexible pole arch at shoulder level, supported by guying points, and offers a less claustrophobic shelter than the Alpine and Traveller Bivi's. The addition of "No-see-um" mosquito netting makes this one person micro-tent suitable for lightweight walking and biking trips.

### PLUTO HOOPED BIVI BAG

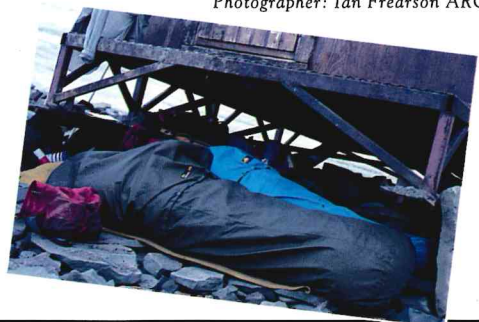
For an all-season lightweight traveller the 3 hoop Pluto, the original Gore-tex single person tunnel tent, has proved its reliability and strength across the world.

## SPECIFICATIONS

All Extremities Bivi Bags are made from Gore-tex 3 Layer Stowaway/Nexus fabric and are fully seam-sealed for complete waterproofness. It should be noted that the zips are not waterproof and in foul conditions water seepage may be inevitable. All our Bivi Bags are designed, however, to minimise this problem. Extra long versions of the Alpine and Traveller are available – 244cm long.

	ALPINE	TRAVELLER	HOOPED	PLUTO
Colour	Olive Blue	Olive Blue	Olive	Olive
Weight	0.54kg	0.59kg	1.0kg	1.5kg
Length	213cm	213cm	239cm	239cm
Width	86cm	86cm	97cm	97cm
Height			48cm	61cm
Packed size	10 x 25 cm	10 x 25 cm	13 x 46 cm	13 x 51 cm

Sleeping rough in the Arctic  
Photographer: Ian Frearson ARG





## MODULAR MOUNTAIN MITT

The Mountain Mitt is the result of years of testing and research. The Gore-tex outer shell is built on an anatomical curve with a box construction thumb to provide the best possible fit, comfort and dexterity. For 1994 we have used a new tougher Gore-tex fabric overlaid with an improved Dura-Grip palm.

The removable polyester pile/fleece inner mitt has also been improved. For increased protection when ice-climbing we have added a removable closed-cell foam "knuckle protector". The extra top layer of fleece also adds warmth without affecting flexibility.

## SHELL FEATURES

- New durable 3 Layer "Milano" Gore-tex fabric
- New improved non-slip Dura-Grip palm
- Fully seam-sealed construction for complete waterproofness
- One-hand elasticated closure and cord-lock at the cuff
- One-hand ladder-lock tensioner strap at the wrist
- Reinforced hang loop for security

## TECHNICAL INNER FEATURES

- Warm, durable, fast drying polyester pile/fleece inner
- Removable "knuckle protector" for ice climbing
- Smooth inner for ease of layering over thermal gloves
- Overstitched hang loop for security

The Technical Inner Mitt is available separately.

Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large

Colours: Red with black palm

Weight: 0.23 kg/pair (Medium)

## WINTER MITTS

Cut to the same anatomical pattern as the Mountain Mitt, the Winter Mitt is designed for winter walkers and adventurers to provide complete wet and cold weather protection.

## FEATURES

- Waterproof, breathable, Tactel Cyclone fabric
- Fully seam-sealed using our unique taping head
- Anatomical curved fit with box thumb
- One-hand elasticated closure and cord-lock at the cuff
- One-hand ladder-lock tensioner strap at the wrist
- Reinforced hang loop for security
- Removable polyester pile/fleece lining
- Smooth inner for ease of layering over thermal gloves
- Warm, durable, fast drying fabric

Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large

Colours: Royal Blue

Weight: 0.2 kg/pair (Medium)



## EXTREMITIES

*Extremities thermal gloves are designed to be layered over each other or worn in conjunction with Mountain and Winter Mitts for maximum warmth and comfort.*



### THINNY GLOVES

Thinny's provide the perfect first line of defence against the cold. The tightly woven blend of 84% Meraklon polypropylene and 16% Lycra produces a fabric that is warm, durable and dries quickly.

**Sizes:** One size

**Colours:** Navy, Red, Blue, Green, Black

**Weight:** 20gms/pair



### STICKY THICKY GLOVES

Take a Thicky's fit, warmth and durability, apply our new improved Dura-grip palm, and you have a Sticky Thicky. The Dura-Grip palm is permanently bonded to the palm fabric providing superior fit and excellent durability.

**Sizes:** Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large

**Colours:** Navy, Red, Blue, Green, Black

**Weight:** 45 gms/pair



### THICKY GLOVES

Extremities Thickys are still the warmest thermal gloves available. 100% Polypropylene provides excellent dry warmth as a wicking liner inside Mountain or Winter Mitts and is also hard wearing when worn alone. For 1994 the box finger construction has been enlarged and the cuffs extended for an even better fit.

**Sizes:** Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large

**Colours:** Navy, Red, Blue, Green, Black

**Weight:** 35gms/pair



*Charlie Ross testing Fingerless Stickys at high altitude*

### FINGERLESS STICKY THICKY GLOVES

For those who demand warmth, the best fit and ultimate dexterity we have brought out a fingerless version of the Sticky Thicky. Perfect for all those fiddly tasks around the camp fire they are also great for cool weather ropework where the ability to clip and tie knots is crucial.

**Sizes:** Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large

**Colours:** Navy, Red, Blue, Green, Black

**Weight:** 40gms/pair

"It is good to collect things but it is better to go on walks"

Photographer: Andy Perkins



## EXTREMITIES



### TUNDRAGAITORS

Tundragaitors are the best ranked gaitors available for weight conscious alpinists and tele-skiers. 5.10 Stealth rubber rands, 3 Layer Gore-tex and heavy duty Cordura combine to provide excellent protection.

#### FEATURES

- 3 Layer Gore-tex fabric, left uninsulated for maximum breathability
- New foam laminated ballistics nylon toe-piece for improved abrasion resistance
- New high cut Cordura lower leg provides abrasion resistance from rock and ice
- Full front zipper with velcro storm flap
- Cord-locked drawcord and snap closure at top of zip

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR USE WITH LEATHER BOOTS

**Sizes:** Small 27" Large 29" (Sizes are measured around the rand)  
Medium 28" Extra Large 30"

**Colours:** Royal Blue/Black

**Weight:** 0.45 kg/pair (Medium)

## EXTREMITIES

### TOESTERS

A disappointing Himalayan experience with high-tech looking socks led to the birth of Toesters. We found a new fibre not used in footwear; texturised polypropylene. Mixed with Merino wool it produces a fabric that is phenomenally warm, very comfortable, extremely resilient, wicks perspiration and dries quickly.

#### FEATURES

- 50/50 blend of Merino wool and texturised polypropylene
- "Terry" looped interior for maximum comfort
- High density loop under foot and heel for greatest warmth
- Medium density loop on top of foot and shin
- Low density calf for minimised bulk

Sizes:	Short and Long. Small, Medium, Large
Colours:	Oatmeal Marl
Weight:	90gms/pair (Medium)



### THINNY SOCKS

Thinny Sock Liners dramatically improve foot comfort. By providing a pure wicking layer next to the skin, Thinny Socks keep your feet dry without adding the increased heat of Thick Socks. Constructed from 100% Tactel Micro Yarn, a filament 60 times finer than a human hair.

#### FEATURES

- Designed to be worn under any sock
- High wickability with low water absorption
- Flat-linked toe seam minimises bulk and prevents blisters
- Shaped heel for perfect fit

Sizes:	4-7, 7.5-11
Colours:	Navy
Weight:	25gms/pair



### THICKY SOCKS

Specifically designed as a base layer sock for cold weather use. The 100% Meraklon foot fabric insulates and wicks away moisture into the absorbent outer sock leaving your feet warm and dry. The flat-linked toe seam is designed to reduce bulk and prevent blisters, while the ankle gripper stops the sock from sliding down inside your boots.

#### FEATURES

- 100% Meraklon polypropylene foot fabric
- Elastane ankle grippers
- Flat-linked toe seam
- "Y Joint" heel construction for perfect fit

Sizes:	4-7, 7.5-11
Colours:	Red, Navy
Weight:	45gms/pair



## TENT ACCESSORIES

### THE LOFT



The Loft

More suitable for the larger tents in our range, The Loft is an ideal way of increasing storage space. Designed to clip to the binding near the apex of the inner tent, it is quick and easy to fit and offers 2 storage pockets and a torch loop. (One size)

### SPARE PEGS



Spare Pegs

This pack contains 6 of our virtually unbendable custom-made 7075-T6 aircraft aluminium alloy pegs.

### EMERGENCY REPAIR KIT



Porch (Bell End) Protector

The Emergency Repair Kit contains; a pole tube to temporarily overcome breakages and two patches of self-adhesive ripstop nylon for emergency field repairs.

### ZIP LUBE 70ml



Zip Lube

Zip Lube is a silicone-based spray for lubricating tent zips and protecting Easton poles.

### GROUND SHEET PROTECTORS



Groundsheet Protectors

When weight considerations permit, (or particularly harsh conditions demand), we recommend the use of Groundsheet protectors. Tailor-made for each tent in the range they provide extra protection from sharp ground and help to increase the life of the tent's groundsheet. Porch (Bell End) protectors are also available.

### SPARE GUYLINES AND SLIDERS



Guylines and Sliders

This pack contains 2 replacement nylon guy lines and sliders.

### TENT CLEANER 300ml



Tent Cleaner

For use on all our flysheets and inners, Wild Country Tent Cleaner will clean the fabric without impairing breathability or waterproofness.

T E N T S P E C I F I C A T I O N S

Model	Usage	Sleeps	Kg	Packed (Cm)	L	Interior (Cm)	W	H	L	Porch (Cm)	W	Poles	Pegs	Qty	Fabric Types
NEW VOYAGER	3 season Trekking	2	2-5	14 x 56	208	127	102	90	127	127	tapers to 58	3	13	2	Flysheet: Watershed 65 gsm High Tenacity Double Ripstop Nylon. Inner Tent: 64 gsm Fluorocarbon Treated Ripstop Nylon. Groundsheet: 80 gsm 3 Layer Polymer Coated Nylon.
TRISAR	3 - 4 season Trekking	2	2-8	15 x 56	228	127	110	68	127	127	tapers to 61	3	14	3	Flysheet: 80 gsm P.U. Coated Ripstop Nylon. Inner Tent: 64 gsm Fluorocarbon Treated Ripstop Nylon. Groundsheet: 80 gsm 3 Layer Polymer Coated Nylon.
ULTRA TRISAR	3 - 4 season Trekking	2	2-7	15 x 56	228	127	110	68	127	127	tapers to 61	3	14	3	Flysheet: Watershed 65 gsm High Tenacity Double Ripstop Nylon. Inner Tent: 64 gsm Fluorocarbon Treated Ripstop Nylon. Groundsheet: 80 gsm 3 Layer Polymer Coated Nylon.
QUASAR	4 season/ Mountain	2	4-0	18 x 56	229	137	95	80	137	137	tapers to 61	4	18	2	Flysheet: 80 gsm P.U. Coated Ripstop Nylon. Inner Tent: 64 gsm Fluorocarbon Treated Ripstop Nylon. Groundsheet: 140 gsm Neoprene Coated Nylon.
ULTRA QUASAR	4 season/ Mountain	2	3-6	18 x 56	229	137	95	80	137	137	tapers to 61	4	18	2	Flysheet: Watershed 65 gsm High Tenacity Double Ripstop Nylon. Inner Tent: 64 gsm Fluorocarbon Treated Ripstop Nylon. Groundsheet: 80 gsm 3 Layer Polymer Coated Nylon.
HYPERSPACE	4 season/ Mountain	3	5-0	18 x 73	213	178	120	65	178	178	tapers to 75	4+1	18	6	Flysheet: 80 gsm P.U. Coated Ripstop Nylon. Inner Tent: 68 gsm Fluorocarbon Treated Ripstop Nylon. Groundsheet: 140 gsm Neoprene Coated Nylon.
SUPER NOVA	4 season/ Mountain	3	5-0	18 x 74	206	244	124	60	152	152	tapers to 65	4+1	18	4	Flysheet: 80 gsm P.U. Coated Ripstop Nylon. Inner Tent: 68 gsm Fluorocarbon Treated Ripstop Nylon. Groundsheet: 140 gsm Neoprene Coated Nylon.
TERRA NOVA	4 season/ Expedition	4	6-9	22 x 74	198	213	147	85	213	120	tapers to 69	4+1	18	6	Flysheet: 80 gsm P.U. Coated Ripstop Nylon. Inner Tent: 68 gsm Fluorocarbon Treated Ripstop Nylon. Groundsheet: 140 gsm Neoprene Coated Nylon.
GEMINI	High Altitude	2	2-5	16 x 56	200	117	99	65	117	117	tapers to 50	3	10	5	Flysheet/Inner Tent: 3 Layer Stowaway/Nexus Gore-tex Single Skin Groundsheet: 140 gsm Neoprene Coated Nylon.
MOUNTAIN GEMINI	High Altitude	2	2-3	16 x 56	200	117	99	-	-	-	-	2	10	7	Flysheet/Inner Tent: 3 Layer Stowaway/Nexus Gore-tex Single Skin Groundsheet: 140 gsm Neoprene Coated Nylon.
MOUNTAIN QUASAR	Expedition/ High Altitude	2	4-6	20 x 58	229	137	95	80	137	137	tapers to 61	4	20	6	Flysheet: Watershed 65 gsm High Tenacity Double Ripstop Nylon. Inner Tent: 64 gsm Fluorocarbon Treated Ripstop Nylon. Groundsheet: 140 gsm Neoprene Coated Nylon.
MOUNTAIN SUPER NOVA	Expedition/ High Altitude	3	6-1	27 x 74	206	244	124	105	152	152	tapers to point	5	30	10	Flysheet: Watershed 65 gsm High Tenacity Double Ripstop Nylon. Inner Tent: 68 gsm Fluorocarbon Treated Ripstop Nylon. Groundsheet: 140 gsm Neoprene Coated Nylon.
MOUNTAIN HYBERSPACE	Expedition/ High Altitude	3	5-8	19 x 74	213	178	120	65	178	178	tapers to 75	4+1	24	6	Flysheet: Watershed 65 gsm High Tenacity Double Ripstop Nylon. Inner Tent: 68 gsm Fluorocarbon Treated Ripstop Nylon. Groundsheet: 140 gsm Neoprene Coated Nylon.

**Poles:** All our poles are shockcorded and precision engineered from Easton 7075-E9 Aluminium Alloy. **Pegs:** All our pegs are made from 7075-T6 Aircraft Aluminium Alloy.

**Inclusions:** Tents are supplied complete with Tent Bag, Pole Bag, Peg Bag, Tent Instructions, Lifetime Guarantee Card, Emergency Repair Kit.

## WILD COUNTRY FOUNDATION

Together with our colleagues at Wild Country Climbing we have established a Foundation, which is devoted to promoting adventure in the mountains and protection of the environment in which it takes place.

In 1994 the Wild Country Foundation will be supporting a journey organised by the Wilderness Trust, a charity founded to promote an understanding of wilderness and the importance of preserving it. In the words of Laurens van der Post, one of the Trustees; "Our aim is to re-create or re-educate individuals through nature, to see life from nature's point of view, so that wherever they go they take this vision with them."

In September 1994 Rob Collister, a mountain guide, will be taking a small group on an ambitious journey across Vancouver Island, on the West Coast of British Columbia. This is a wild area of jagged, glaciated peaks, turquoise tarns, flower-strewn alpine meadows and dense forest, inhabited by bear, cougar and elk. The reward will be immersion in wilderness to an extent impossible in Britain or Europe.

For further details contact  
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Baruntse in the Nepal Himalaya

