

# Ohenry Tent Guide: Frame Tent Vs. Pole Tent



**20x20 WCF Frame Tent** (also available in High Peak version)



**20x40 Traditional Pole Tent** (also available in High Peak version)



**20x40 WCF Frame Tent** (also available in High Peak version)



**40x60 Traditional Pole Tent** (also available in High Peak version)

## Choosing Between Frame Tents and Pole Tents

When deciding on the best tent for your event, it's important to understand the differences between **frame tents** and **pole tents** so you can make the choice that best fits your needs.

### *Installation & Portability*

#### **Frame Tents**

- Clean, open interior with no center poles.
- Provide versatility on a variety of surfaces, including concrete and asphalt.
- Require a larger installation team and more setup time due to their durable frame construction.
  - Example: A 20'x30' frame tent typically requires 4 people and about 1.5 hours.
  - A 40'x80' frame tent typically requires 10 people and about 6–7 hours.

#### **Pole Tents**

- Known for their timeless, traditional style.
- Quick and efficient to install, making them a convenient option for many events.
  - Example: A 20'x30' pole tent can be set up by 2 people in about 20 minutes.
  - A 40'x80' pole tent can typically be installed by 2 people in about 1.5 hours.
- Highly portable and easier to transport than frame tents.

### *Anchoring & Durability*

#### **Frame Tents**

- While often described as “free standing,” frame tents still require staking for proper safety and stability. The only true exception is when they are installed indoors.
- Frame tent hardware is highly specialized, typically made from cast aluminum or welded steel. If a part is lost or damaged, replacement must be sourced directly from the manufacturer before the tent can be used again.
- In certain situations where full staking isn't possible, frame tents may be temporarily secured by attaching to a building or by using heavy concrete blocks for anchoring.
  - Example: A 20' wide tent may require 300 lb. blocks at each leg, while a 40' wide tent may require 1,000 lb. blocks per leg.
- While weights can be used, **staking is always the safest and most reliable method** of securing a frame tent. Ohenry Tents recommends staking your tent always.

#### **Pole Tents**

- Known for their stability, pole tents can generally withstand higher wind loads compared to frame tents, making them the more durable option for long-term installations.