



Frame Tents Vs. Pole Tents



Frame Tent Versus Pole Tent



If you are considering purchasing a frame tent, there are a few things we would like to make you aware of so you can wisely choose between a frame tent, or a pole tent. Frame tents are more expensive than pole tents.

Typical installation time for a 20'x30' frame tent = 4- men 1.5 hours
Typical installation time for a 20'x30' pole tent = 2-men 20 minutes
Typical installation time for a 40'x80' frame tent = 10 men 6-7 hours
Typical installation time for a 40'x80' pole tent = 2 men 1.5 hours



20x20 Frame Tent

A pole tent is much more portable than a frame tent. Pole tents are easier to install than a frame tent.



20x20 Pole Tent

Frame tents are NOT "Free Standing" as sometimes advertised. They must be staked out just like a pole or tension structure must be. The only exception is for indoor use. Pole tents will withstand higher wind loads than a frame tent.

The hardware on a frame tent is very specialized, including pieces which are either cast aluminum, or welded steel. If you lose or damage one of these pieces, your frame tent is useless until you can find a replacement part from the manufacturer.

Frame tents do have some advantages for certain situations which do not allow complete staking.