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ARMATEK 60 BROLLY USER MANUAL



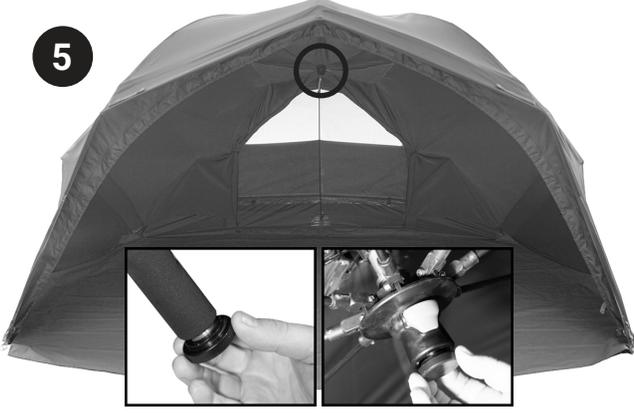
Thank you for purchasing the Sonik ARMATEK 60 Brolly. We hope that you have many happy fishing trips using it. Please take a few moments to read through this manual. It contains advice on the use and care of your new shelter.

ASSEMBLY

We recommend setting up your brolly for the first time prior to your fishing trip to ensure you are familiar with all the components and setup process outlined below;

- 1) Remove the groundsheet from its sleeve and place on the ground. It will act as a useful pegging guide and help to keep your brolly clean. The Sonik badge is located at the front and groundsheet clips at the rear. Clips and elastic pegging points are located on it's underside.
- 2) Open the brolly, ensuring that the locking button clicks into place. We recommend that until you are familiar with the system it is best to setup the brolly without the front panel attached. **1**
- 3) Line up the brolly with the back of the groundsheet, peg out the back 5 pegging points to hold the brolly in place whilst you attach the front poles. **2**
- 4) Fully unfold the front pole sections and connect to form an arc. Clip the front pole into place using the three central internal clips shown in photo. **3**
- 5) Extend the ends of the front pole and locate into the front corner eyelets. The Cam-locks can be tightened by turning the cam-lever clockwise. Peg out the front corners selecting from the multiple height pegging points. Extend the front pole ends to tension the fabric. **4**
- 6) Unscrew the centre pole and replace with locking screw found in the end of the centre pole. **5**
- 7) Unfold and connect the side bars together, thread the double thumbscrew end of the pole through the sleeve in the top of the side pocket organiser. Attach the side pole to the front pole junction and tighten the two thumb screws to hold it in place. **6**
- 8) Clip the corner of the side pole into place. Locate the free end into the skirt webbing eyelet. Extend and tighten to tension the canopy. Secure the side organiser using the four corner straps. **7**
- 9) If required, now zip on the front panel, this has two zip sliders one at each end. Peg the front panel down with the door closed. If the panel is tight/loose adjust the span of the front bar. **8**
- 10) Fit the groundsheet by clipping into place at the back of the brolly and peg out the front elastic points with the pegging points of the brolly front panel. The groundsheet should lie on top of the brolly skirt material.
- 11) The brolly is supplied with four spacer bars. These can be located at the bottom of both front and back vents to allow airflow whilst also keeping the vents waterproof. **9**





Tips and advice

- All telescopic poles can be left extended, this makes for a faster setup as length is pre-set to your preferred height and tension.
- Side organisers can be left threaded onto the side poles, just roll up together and pack away.
- Height of the brolly can be adjusted by using the multiple height pegging points and also widening and narrowing the front pole.
- All Pole cam locks can be tightened by rotating the cam-lever clockwise.
- Do not over-tighten any of the cam locks or thumbscrews. Minimal force is required to stop pole inserts from slipping

Internal Vapour Skin Installation

- 1) Remove the vapour skin from its carry bag and locate the central zip, this is orientated towards the centre back of the brolly and allows access to the rear vent. Ensure the two centre storage pockets are facing inwards to allow access.
- 2) Locate the elastic toggles into the small plastic rings. Start from the base at the rear of the brolly working forwards. Plastic clips also attach to the brolly ribs.
- 3) Central clips closest to the brolly mechanism should be attached to the lower brolly ribs. This allows the vapour skin to be kept in place when packing away the brolly. Ensure it is dry when packed away to prevent mould growth.



Tips & Advice

- The Vapour skin can be unzipped and rolled back to gain access to the rear vent
- Use the vapour skin in extreme cold and hot conditions to help keep internal temperature more comfortable
- Use the vapour skin in conjunction with the vent spacer bars (both front and back) to help control excess condensation

Care & Maintenance

Storage

If your brolly is packed away wet, damp or dirty, it must be completely dried out at the earliest opportunity. Prolonged exposure to moisture can cause the PU coating to breakdown, delaminate and seam tape to lift. Storing a wet bivvy for as little as 24hrs in warm weather can also start the process of mildew forming on the fabric. Mildew will cause your bivvy to stain, smell and will lead to the premature breakdown of the waterproof coating. Mildew and moisture damage are not covered under the warranty.

If mildew occurs (identified by black marks and a mouldy smell), then sponge the affected area with mild soapy water, rinse and dry thoroughly. (DO NOT USE DETERGENTS) If not caught early enough, permanent damage to tent fabric and proofing will occur.

Dry your bivy thoroughly after every trip and unzip the carry bag if storing for extended periods. Remember lofts and garages can become very warm during summer months. Store your bivy in a cool dry place and never dry it in direct heat.

Poles

Most pole damage occurs during setup. Don't allow the shock cord to pull and snap the sections together as this can damage the pole connections leading to breakage. Always ensure that all pole sections are fully connected. During disassembly do not allow the poles to fall and impact hard stones or gravel.

Groundsheet

Whenever possible, assemble and dis-assemble your shelter on a groundsheet. This helps to keep your shelter and poles clean.

UV Light Degradation

Exposure to strong sunlight causes damage to all tent fabrics. Extended and prolonged exposure will eventually cause fabric to fade, lose strength and be prone to tearing. UV damage is not covered by the warranty.

Cleaning

Never use domestic detergent products as these will destroy the protective waterproof coating used on the fabric. In most cases give your bivy a general clean with warm water and sponge. If necessary use a specialist tent fabric cleaner to remove any dirt and follow the manufacturers' instructions. Allow your shelter to completely air dry in the shade before packing and storing. After cleaning, reproofing the canopy will improve its water repellancy.

Condensation Management

Condensation occurs in all tents and is caused when warm moist air comes into contact with the cool tent fabric. The amount of condensation will vary depending upon the prevailing conditions and in very heavy rain, condensation can be mistaken for leaking as the condensation is bounced off the inside of the flysheet. The most common and unavoidable source of warm moist air is your breath and a single person can exhale over 500ml of moisture per night. Other sources of water vapour include damp equipment, frozen food/-bait and cooking inside your bivy.

Maximising ventilation is the key to reducing condensation but other steps like using a groundsheet, storing any damp gear outside of the bivy will also help. Addition of a second skin will help to reduce condensation by insulating the inner skin of the bivy, keeping it dry and allowing it to breath. These also have the added benefit of helping to keep your bivy warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

Re-proofing

Depending on usage, it may be necessary to periodically re-proof the bivy canopy every few years. We recommend you use a specialist tent water proofing treatment. Most leading products also offer UV protection that will prolong the performance of your bivy.

Zips

Dusty and dirty conditions can potentially contaminate zipper teeth/coils with mud and cause sticking and/or damage to the metal zip sliders over time. Keep the zipper teeth or coils clean by periodically rinsing them out with water from a garden hose. Handling the zip slider with care will also prolong the life of the zip. Make sure to align the tracks before sliding the zipper without using excessive force. If fabric gets caught in the slider, stop and slowly reverse the slider to remove.



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