

Stout
TENT



THE DURANGO

CLEANING &
MAINTENANCE GUIDE

STORAGE

Canvas:

- Be sure that your Durango is clean and DRY to prevent mold from forming. We recommend going over all the interior seams with a dry rag to make sure there is no residual moisture left behind.
- Store your canvas in the wooden crate you received it in or another sealed, waterproof container.
- Your storage space should be in a leak-proof and rodent/pest-free environment like a shed or warehouse.

Poles:

Poles should be stored in a covered area out of the elements, especially rain and snow.

MAINTENANCE

ENVIRONMENTAL

High UV Exposure:

If your Durango is setup in an environment that is at or above 3000 ft elevation or in a with high UV exposure like the US Southwest, you will need to be mindful of fabric breakdown over time mainly on the south side of your tent. Placing your tent in a shady spot can prevent premature damage.

High Winds:

The Durango withstands winds up to 48 MPH. In high-wind areas, secure sides when not in use or when high winds are forecasted. Use additional 16 ft wind poles (no hardware) for extra support between main poles.

Snow

Remove snow from the tent after heavy snowfall to prevent stretching or sagging of the canvas. Ensure ventilation by clearing snow around the tent bottom. If needed, heat the interior with a space heater to dry the canvas.

MAINTENANCE

ENVIRONMENTAL cont.

Wet and Humid Climates Mold Prevention

Mold can form quickly in damp or hot, humid areas. To help prevent mold from forming, keep your Durango dry and ventilated. Regularly raise your side walls and use a box fan to encourage airflow. Use a heat source like a wood-burning stove or portable heater to keep your tent dry. Inspect your tent for mildew daily and treat affected areas with a liquid mold remover before the mildew spreads. Keep grass underneath and around your tent short to prevent mold spores from forming from dew and wet grass.

END OF SEASON

Canvas

Brush off any dirt or debris from canvas, and spot clean dirt marks and stains.

Zippers

It's a good idea to vacuum out the zipper tracks and lubricate the zippers (not too much, a little goes a long way). We like the zipper lubricant sold by Star Brite, but any will do.

Poles

- Periodically inspect the condition of the wood poles. Look for signs of weathering, drying, or damage.
- Clean the Surface: Before reapplying oil, clean the surface of the poles with mild dish soap and water to remove dirt, debris, and any old finish. Allow the poles to dry completely.
- Oil: Reapply oil annually to protect and maintain the wood. Boiled linseed oil is naturally anti-fungal and an excellent natural preservative for wood. Linseed oil should be applied sparingly with a soft clean cloth, and any excess oil needs to be rubbed off.

CLEANING

Your Durango canvas is treated with a protective coating, making it waterproof, mold-resistant, and fire-resistant. Avoid powerwashing or using harsh cleaning products, as they may damage the coating. Exception: Small mold spots can be treated with liquid mold remover, but treated areas will no longer be protected. For powerwashing or chemical treatment of large areas, consult a canvas repair shop.

Dirt Spots and Stains

Use a soft brush and mild soap, like liquid laundry soap, and water to remove dirt and stains gently. You can also use a cleaning solution that is designed specifically for use on a canvas surface like a boat sail or RV awning. We like Star Brite products, but any brand will work. A window-washing sponge that has an extendable arm can help with hard-to-reach spots. Rinse with hose. Check out our blog on why we don't recommend using vinegar on your canvas tent.

Birds Droppings

Bird droppings can be acidic and dangerous for the canvas, and they can also carry mold spores. These spots should be cleaned quickly to prevent staining, and damage to the canvas. Use a toothbrush or soft rag to gently rub spots with dishsoap and water. Rinse thoroughly.

Tree Sap

Tree sap can be difficult to clean. We have found the best approach is to use a toothbrush and gently rub the area with a mixture of baking soda and dish soap. Alcohol-based products like hand sanitizer, wet wipes or Tree Sap Remover may work as well. Be sure to rinse thoroughly with water once the sap is removed.

CLEANING

Mold Inside Tent

Our canvas is treated against the 500 most popular strains of mold in North America. In most areas mold and mildew won't be an issue unless you are dealing with a particularly difficult strain that isn't protected against in our factory treatment. In most cases, you won't have a mold battle unless you've packed the tent away wet.

If you see mold start to grow, even a bit of discoloration, you will want to spot treat that spot with dishsoap and water. If you cannot remove the spot this way, you can use a liquid mold remover, but use sparingly as mold remover typically contains bleach and harsh chemicals that may damage the canvas. Venhilate tent by raising the sidewalls and using box fans if needed.

REPAIRS

*Disclaimer

We strongly recommend that you form a relationship with a local shop equipped to work with large canvas pieces that you can work with for inevitable repairs, in the future. Boat shops that work with sails and RV shops that work with awnings are usually a good place to start your search. However, for smaller repairs, you can follow our guidelines below

Small Rips and Tears (*1in or less*)

You can patch small rips and tears with the spare canvas we included with your Durango.

- Take a piece of canvas and cut a small patch. Be sure the patch completely covers the small tear and the edges are rounded. A circle patch is best.
- Glue the patch to the **INSIDE** with fabric adhesive, we recommend Tear Mender. Be sure to cover the tear completely.
- Repeat the process by gluing another patch over the tear to the **OUTSIDE** of the tent.
- Apply weight to the patches and allow the glue to dry completely.

REPAIRS

Larger Rips and Tears

You will need to sew larger rips and tears shut before applying a patch. *Please note that some holes will be too large to sew and will need to be handled by a professional canvas repair shop.*

- Sew the holes shut - The great thing about canvas is that you can easily sew it back together. Locate the hole in the tent and sew it shut with a heavy thread made for canvas fixes and sewing awl or heavy-duty needle (this would need to be purchased) - TentHacker prefers the Speedy Stitcher (sewing awl) as it's a very simple-to-use and creates lock-stitches like a sewing machine but is portable and a lot more affordable. You can also do with a heavy-duty needle and thread, but the Speedy Stitcher does make the job less frustrating... (more.... enjoyable!)
 - After the area is sewn shut ----->
- Take a piece of canvas and cut a patch. Be sure the patch completely covers the tear and the damaged edges - with a little room to spare - the material around a tear tends to weaken quicker, so cover it thoroughly reduces the chance of further damage. Make sure the edges are rounded. A circle patch is best. Square patches tend to fail and lose their adhesiveness at the sharp corners. Be sure the area around the tear is clean and your canvas tent is dry before moving on.
- We'll start with the inside patch. Use Tear Mender glue to apply the canvas patch to the inside of the tent - place the patch carefully, being sure to completely cover the tear, and press it into place. Use something steady to hold it down until it is dry.
- Now, we want to follow the same process for the outside patch - apply the glue to the bottom of the patch and carefully apply it and press it into place. Use something steady to hold it down until it is dry. Apply weight to the patches and allow the glue to dry completely.

RESOURCES

Replacement Parts
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Installation Training/ Contracting
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[Repairing Your Tent Seam](#)

[How to Store Your Canvas Tent](#)

[How to Heat Your Canvas Tent](#)

[Eliminating Zipper Problems](#)

[The Wood Stove Guides](#)

PRODUCTS

[Liquid Mold Remover](#)

[Zipper Lubricant](#)

[Linseed Oil \(poles\)](#)

[Tree Sap Remover](#)

[Canvas Adhesive](#)

[Upolstery Sewing Kit](#)

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