

Tent Seam Design and Rain Entry Points

A product-manager guide that separates visible tent seams and openings from version-specific rain and waterproofing evidence.

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TL;DR

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Panel seams and junctions	Location, stitch path and stated treatment for the selected version	Version-specific construction record and applicable test evidence.
Doors, windows and zippers	Opening layout, closures, covers and junctions	Method, conditions and result that actually cover the claimed outcome.
Top, fly and attachment points	Layer arrangement and visible attachment locations	Exact sample configuration and scope of any test.
Floor-to-wall connection	Geometry and stated construction at the perimeter	Method, water exposure, duration, sample state and result.

Three levels of evidence

Visible

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The photograph may locate a seam, zipper or opening; it does not establish hidden construction or performance.

Specified

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A version-specific drawing, bill or construction record can describe materials and treatment.

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Request	Minimum identifying detail	Why it matters
Selected version	SKU, size, colour/material revision and sample date	Keeps evidence tied to the supplied construction.
Construction record	Seam/opening location, treatment and layer description	Separates stated construction from what a photo appears to show.
Test record	Method, sample condition, exposure, duration and result	Defines what was measured and what the result covers.

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Change control	Difference between tested sample and ordered version	Prevents a result being transferred across revisions.

From a photo review to an evidence decision

1 Select the exact version

Record SKU, size and construction revision before reviewing evidence.

2 Map seams and openings

List visible and hidden zones as observations or questions, not performance statements.

3 Request the record

Ask for construction details and the complete applicable test record.

4 Check scope and gaps

Compare test sample and order version, then keep unsupported outcomes as open questions.

From a photo review to an evidence decision

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Frequently Asked Questions

Does seam tape prove a waterproof tent?

No. Ask what construction it applies to and request a relevant version-specific test record.

Can a fabric hydrostatic result prove the whole tent?

No. Fabric results do not automatically cover seams, zippers, openings or complete-product exposure.

What should a test record identify?

It should identify method, sample/version, condition, exposure, duration, result and scope.

Can catalogue photos reveal hidden seam treatment?

No. Use them to identify review zones and request the current construction record.

Where should the evidence request begin?

Begin with the exact automatic-tent SKU and version, then list each seam and opening question.

SOURCES AND FURTHER READING

Original guidance and current industry context; none certifies a Seawing product or project.

ISO — ISO 5912:2020 Camping Tents

Official camping-tent requirements and test-method scope, confirmed current in 2025; product claims still require applicable records.

ISO — ISO 811:2018 Hydrostatic Pressure Test

Official fabric resistance-to-water-penetration method; it does not alone prove seams, openings or a whole tent.

AATCC — TM127 Water Resistance: Hydrostatic Pressure

Official textile hydrostatic method whose scope and conditions must be named; not a complete-tent rain result.

REI Co-op — How to Waterproof a Tent

Retailer care guide identifying inspection zones and coating-specific maintenance; not evidence of Seawing construction or performance.

GEAR AID — Waterproof and Seam Seal a Tent

Manufacturer-specific repair and sealing guidance used to identify questions; not a Seawing treatment or test record.
