



Tips and information

about

canvas

 **TENCATE**

materials that make a difference

www.tencate.com



Carefree camping depends entirely on the quality of the canvas. Which is why leading manufacturers of tents and front extensions prefer TenCate. After all, TenCate has been producing weather-resistant, strong, durable and shape-retaining cloth for years. High-grade materials produced according to advanced production methods and in conformity with Dutch standards. The guarantee of a perfect final result and extensive service. Moreover, our products meet strict environmental, safety and protection requirements. So keep an eye out for the TenCate label when buying a tent. This ensures camping pleasure year in, year out.



TenCate Cotton

This canvas is made of 100% cotton, has substantial breathing and moisture-regulating properties, and is very capable of withstanding the weather.

TenCate Cotton canvas is used primarily in bungalow, pyramid, and tunnel tents and trailer tents.

TenCate Solair

This canvas is made of 50% polyester and 50% cotton. The properties of cotton come into their own, and the polyester ensures extra strength and durability.

TenCate Solair canvas is often applied in group tents, inner tents, but is also used for maritime purposes such as covers for boats.

TenCate All Season Touring

This canvas is made of 100% polyester. It is light, but strong and durable. The microporous acrylic coating makes the fabric waterproof, weather-resistant and durable. TenCate All Season Touring canvas is used primarily in caravan awnings, tunnel tents and awnings.

TenCate All Season Residential

This canvas is made of 65% polyester and 35% PVA. The polyester ensures strength and durability. The PVA fibres absorb moisture like cotton, delaying the onset of condensation. The microporous acrylic coating makes the fabric waterproof, weather-resistant and durable. TenCate All Season Residential canvas is used primarily in caravan awnings, awnings and tour operator tents.

TenCate canvas qualities

Article	Composition	Weight	Water column per m ²	Colour fastness
TenCate Cotton				
KD-22	100% cotton	210 gr/m ²	≥ 25 cm	≥ 4
KD-38	100% cotton	280 gr/m ²	≥ 30 cm	≥ 4
KD-48	100% cotton	310 gr/m ²	≥ 40 cm	≥ 4
KD-24	100% cotton	340 gr/m ²	≥ 40 cm	≥ 4
TenCate Solair				
KA-10	50%pes/50%cotton	250 gr/m ²	≥ 30 cm	≥ 4
KA-8	50%pes/50%cotton	330 gr/m ²	≥ 45 cm	≥ 4
KA-46	50%pes/50%cotton	420 gr/m ²	≥ 45 cm	≥ 4
TenCate All Season Touring				
WR-17 ¹	100% polyester	180 gr/m ²	≥ 60 cm	≥ 6
WR-517 ¹	100% polyester	190 gr/m ²	≥ 50 cm	≥ 6
WR-18 ¹	100% polyester	240 gr/m ²	≥ 85 cm	≥ 6
WR-3019 ¹	100% polyester	240 gr/m ²	≥ 85 cm	≥ 6
TenCate All Season Residential				
WM-17 ¹	65%pes/35%PVA	220 gr/m ²	≥ 50 cm	≥ 6
WM-1 ¹	65%pes/35%PVA	280 gr/m ²	≥ 100 cm	≥ 6

- Pes = polyester, PVA = polyvinylalcohol
- ¹ = These qualities have an acrylic coating.

General tips for tent use and maintenance and canvas cleaning.

All tents need maintenance, however strong and weatherproof they may be. Your tent will serve you longer if you apply these tips.

- Allow water to drain easily from the tent by ensuring it is correctly tensioned.
- Regularly remove dirt deposits by wiping clean the (dry) canvas with a brush. Mud skirts and windows are best cleaned using a sponge and a dry cloth specifically reserved for this purpose.
- Allow stains in the canvas to dry thoroughly before removing them. First, use a brush and if that does not work try using tepid water. Certainly never use detergents (soap) or other chemical agents as they can damage the water-repellent qualities of the canvas. If absolutely necessary, use a special canvas cleaning agent. Where required, please contact your specialist dealer.
- Mould formation prevention advice:
 - Good ventilation, even if the tent is rarely or never used.
 - Avoid cooking in the tent or ensure adequate ventilation to remove any condensation from cooking.
 - Before packing away the coated tent, gently clean it with slightly chlorinated water (ratio 1:10). Then allow it to dry thoroughly.
 - Only pack away the tent when it is completely dry.

- Do not hang washing, or wet tea cloths or towels in or over the tent. These may contain soap residues which can be transferred to the canvas and damage its water-repellent qualities. For the same reason, never clean mud skirts or ground sheets with soap.
- Do not touch the tent with greasy hands (suntan lotion, cream) as grease can damage its waterproof qualities.
- Do not place chairs or suchlike against the canvas. Chafing can lead to damage which causes leakage.
- Do not touch the canvas while it is raining. Water can easily remain 'suspended' at spots where the canvas has been touched, increasing leakage potential.
- Never roll up the tent when wet. If this cannot be avoided, ensure that the tent is unrolled and dried out as quickly as possible, at least within 24 hours.
- Cotton canvas may initially allow moisture through. However, the canvas becomes saturated during its initial soaking, causing it to 'close' and become waterproof.

Tips for storing your tent

- Ensure that the tent is clean and dry (do not clean with soap!) before storing it in a dry and well-ventilated area.
- The bag in which you store the tent should preferably be of a well-ventilated material, such as cotton.
- The cotton storage bag must definitely not be washed with soap, as cleaning agents can damage the waterproof qualities of the canvas.
- Do not pack rings, guy ropes, curtains, ground sheet and mud skirts in the same bag as the tent. The ground sheet and mud skirts may contain substances damaging to the canvas, and the ropes and rings may also damage the canvas.



Removing stains

Stains	Advice
● Berries	● Brush the dry canvas and wash with hose and water where necessary (do not use high pressure hose); do not do anything else.
● Bird droppings	● Brush the dry canvas and wash with hose and water where necessary (do not use high pressure hose); do not do anything else.
● Resin	● Brush the dry canvas; do not do anything else.
● Sand	● Brush the dry canvas and wash with hose and water where necessary (do not use high pressure hose); do not do anything else.
● Algae	● Clean coated canvas with slightly chlorinated water (ratio 1:10) ● Clean uncoated canvas only with water

For further advice, please contact your specialist dealer.

Ten Cate Technical Fabrics bv

P.C. Stamstraat 19
P.O. Box 8
7440 AA Nijverdal
The Netherlands

Tel. +31 (0)548 633 559
Fax +31 (0)548 633 599
E-mail tctf@tencate.com
www.tencate.com

 **TENCATE**
materials that make a difference