

TENCATE TENT CLOTH

Tips and information



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 **TENCATE**
materials that make a difference

Carefree camping

Year in, year out

At last we can go outside once again, smell the scent of the countryside, feel the grass between our toes and experience the silence of Nature. When we decide to go camping we are opting for an outdoor life and complete freedom, leaving all our cares behind us. Carefree camping very much depends on the quality of the tent cloth and with TenCate tent cloth you know that the material is hard-wearing, weather-resistant and strong and will retain its shape. But these are not the only characteristics that contribute to

that relaxed feeling that campers experience. All TenCate Outdoor Fabrics tent cloth also satisfy strict requirements relating to durability, safety and protection. So just take a look and make sure that both your tent and awning carry the TenCate quality label. Then you can rest assured that you will ultimately enjoy camping year in, year out.



All the characteristics set out clearly

Good, better, best

High-grade raw materials, the right fibres and yarns, the method of weaving and finishing, and the addition of any special finishes ensure that outdoor fabrics of TenCate are of exceptionally high quality. Good, better, best: TenCate Outdoor Fabrics is always searching for innovation and improvement of materials, to provide you with maximum durability, safety, quality and outdoor comfort. Take a look at the unique characteristics of our high-tech fabrics.



BREATHABLE

The comfort of the tents and its pleasant climate can be attributed to our cotton fabrics, as well as the microporous coating on the outside of our coated textile materials. This gives them a strong breathable capability, which allows air and water vapour to pass through.



DURABLE

Research has proven that the best raw materials, the right combination of fibres, the fabric technology

chosen and good finishes lead to an extremely long lifespan. Good maintenance will increase your enjoyment of the tent cloth for even longer.



COLOURFAST

Has it been raining for ages or maybe the sun has been shining all season. That's not a problem – the right choice of dyes and colourings with good colourfastness will ensure that your tent cloth retains its attractive colour.



STRONG

Your tent cloth can stand up to rough handling. An ingenious combination of fibres, yarns, weaving and finishing gives the textile material its strength.



FLAME-RETARDANT

Inherently flame-retardant fibres ensure extra safety and protection. Textile material that is flame-retardant inhibits scorching, smouldering and sparks.



MOISTURE-REGULATING

Fibres like cotton and PVA have a high moisture-absorbent capability and are quickly able to remove moisture from the fabric. This delays the build-up of condensation in the tent and increases comfort.



SHAPE-RETAINING

Various types of fibre have a low degree of shrinkage. Thanks to special methods of production and professional processing by the manufacturer, the tent cloth retains its shape. This enables you to tension your tent or awning nice and taut.



DIRT-REPELLENT

The fabric has been finished in such a way that it collects dust and dirt less easily.



WATER-REPELLENT

The combination of fibres, fabric construction and processing results in a textile material that repels water.



SUN-PROTECTIVE

TenCate tent cloth is well able to resist ultraviolet rays and thus provides effective protection from the sun.



High Five for TenCate tent cloth

Five types of fabric

Above all else camping must be carefree. Five unique types of TenCate tent cloth offer a range of exceptional characteristics to provide maximum comfort in your tent. They all satisfy the strict requirements of durability.

TENCATE Cotton™



TenCate Cotton™ tent cloth is made entirely of cotton and has outstanding breathable and moisture-regulating characteristics, which ensure that the climate in the tent remains extremely pleasant. This tent cloth is also well able to withstand all types of weather.

TENCATE Solair™



TenCate Solair™ tent cloth is a mix of cotton and polyester. The breathable and moisture-regulating characteristics of cotton come into their own here, while the polyester ensures extra strength and durability.

TENCATE All Season Touring™



The high quality TenCate All Season Touring™ tent cloth is made entirely of polyester. It is light, yet strong and durable. Its microporous acrylic coating makes the fabric breathable, waterproof and weather-resistant.

TENCATE All Season Residential™



TenCate All Season Residential™ tent cloth is made of a polyester / PVA mix. The polyester ensures strength and durability; the PVA fibre absorbs moisture and delays the build up of condensation in the tent. Its microporous acrylic coating ensures that the fabric is breathable, waterproof and weather-resistant.

TENCATE Campshield™



TenCate Campshield™ tent cloth is resistant to scorching, smouldering and sparks. This flame-retardant fabric satisfies a number of quality criteria and standards. Comfortable and safe.

Ensuring durability of TenCate tent cloth

10 tips for an even longer lifespan

TenCate tent cloth will last for many years. After you have bought your tent, the cotton tent cloth may in the first instance still allow a little moisture to pass through. However, during the first shower the fabric will become saturated, causing it to close as it were and thus allow no further water to pass through.

Every type of tent cloth requires maintenance, however strong and weather-resistant the material may be. The following tips will enable you to enjoy your TenCate tent cloth for even longer.

- 1** Make sure the tent cloth and the slope of the tent are correctly tensioned. This will enable rainwater to run off more easily.
- 2** Never touch the tent with greasy hands. If you have used suntan lotion, wash your hands first, as grease can harm the waterproof qualities.
- 3** Never place chairs or similar objects against the tent cloth. Friction can easily cause damage, which may result in leakage.
- 4** Do not touch the tent cloth while it is raining, as this will allow water to remain 'suspended' where the tent cloth has been touched, thus increasing the risk of leakage.
- 5** Do not hang washing or wet towels over the tent cloth. These may still contain some soap residues which can be transferred to the tent cloth and affect its water-repellent properties.
- 6** For the same reason, never clean the mud skirts or ground sheets with soap.
- 7** Ventilate the tent well, even if it is not or rarely being used.
- 8** Avoid cooking in the tent or at least make sure that there is adequate ventilation to remove any condensation formed.
- 9** Clean the tent cloth before storage.
- 10** Make sure the tent is thoroughly dry before storage.

HOW TO REMOVE A STAIN?

Practical recommendations

Brush regularly

Regularly brush the dry tent cloth clean with a dry brush. This will prevent it becoming too dirty. For cleaning the windows and mud skirts use a sponge and dry cloth kept specially for this purpose.

Avoid soap

How do you remove stains from the tent cloth? First allow it to dry thoroughly. Then use a brush, and if that doesn't work try brushing with lukewarm water. Never use soap or chemical agents as these will affect the water-repellent characteristics of the tent cloth. Camping specialist stores also stock special cleaners for tent cloth.

Brush dry

Berries, bird droppings and soil or sand are best removed by simply brushing the dry tent cloth. If this isn't effective, use lukewarm water. But you should not do anything else. If there is resin on the tent cloth, brush the dry tent cloth and do nothing else.

First identify the type of tent cloth

Before removing algae, first check to see what type of tent cloth you have. You should clean coated tent cloth with a light solution of chlorine bleach in water (ratio 1:10). Uncoated tent cloth should only be cleaned with water. Camping specialist stores also stock special cleaners for both types of tent cloth.



How do you store your tent?

Directions for storage

Roll it up dry

Never roll up the tent while it is still wet. If you have no alternative, roll it out again to dry as quickly as possible – at any rate, within 24 hours.

Use a breathable storage bag

Ensure that the bag in which you store the tent provides good ventilation. Preferably a cotton – thus breathable – storage bag should be used. Never wash the bag with soap.

Store any extras separately

Always store the ground sheet, the rings, guy ropes, curtains and mud skirts separately – not in the same storage bag as the tent. The ground sheet and mud skirts may contain substances that will affect the tent cloth; lines and rings may cause damage.

Ventilation in the storage area

Store the tent clean and dry in a well ventilated area.

If you follow this advice, you will be able to fully enjoy your tent, the TenCate tent cloth and your camping holiday again next time.

For further advice, please contact your camping specialist store.

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