

Tents...

# STEEL-DRIVIN' MAN!



Driving wooden tent pins can drive you to distraction. With time and use, wooden pins fall apart: Wood rots. Points become blunt. Heads get mashed flat and split. Sooner or later you'll haul off and whack that pin hard and blast it to splinters.

The remedy is to make like John Henry and be a steel-driving man. Get some steel pins to anchor your tents. They're not only more durable, but also tough enough to pierce hard, rocky or frozen soil.

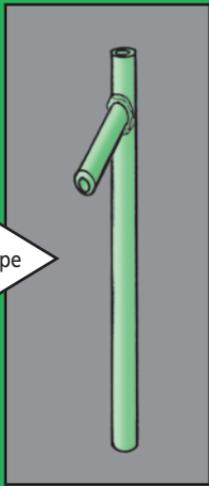


## Homemade Pins

Pressed for time? Can't wait for your order to arrive? Ask your metal shop to fabricate steel tent pins. They'll need standard steel pipe about 1 1/2 inches in diameter. The pipe must have at least 1/4-in walls to withstand pounding from a sledge or 4-lb hammer.

Make a tent pin out of steel pipe

Cut the pipe into 2-ft lengths and 4-in lengths. Weld a 4-in piece to a 2-ft piece, about four inches down from the top. Weld them so that they form a 45° angle. That way, you can hook a guyline on the pin and it won't slide off.



HERE ARE A FEW STEEL TENT PINS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER...

Length in inches	NSN 8430-
12	00-823-7451
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18	00-985-7461
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