

Tents...

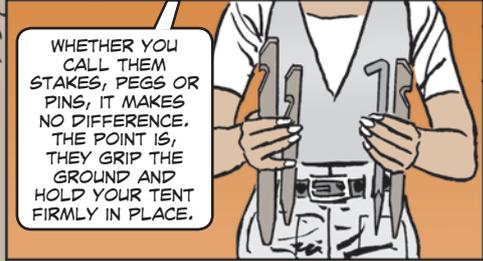
SOME
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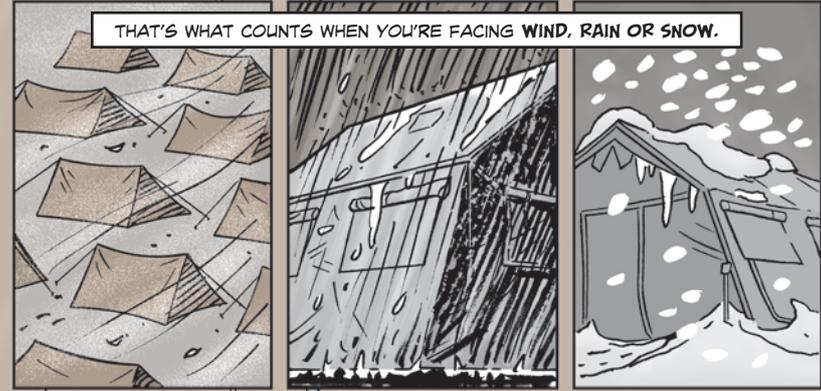
ARMY TENTS COME IN MANY SIZES, SHAPES AND STYLES. BUT THEY ALL SHARE ONE THING IN COMMON...



THEY NEED ANCHORS TO HOLD THEM DOWN.

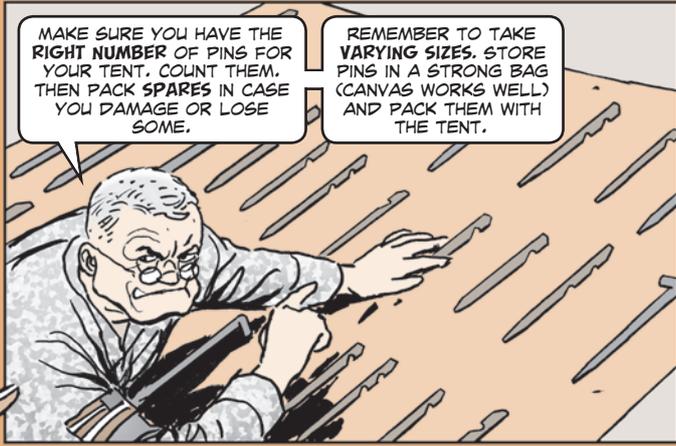


WHETHER YOU CALL THEM STAKES, PEGS OR PINS, IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE. THE POINT IS, THEY GRIP THE GROUND AND HOLD YOUR TENT FIRMLY IN PLACE.



THAT'S WHAT COUNTS WHEN YOU'RE FACING WIND, RAIN OR SNOW.

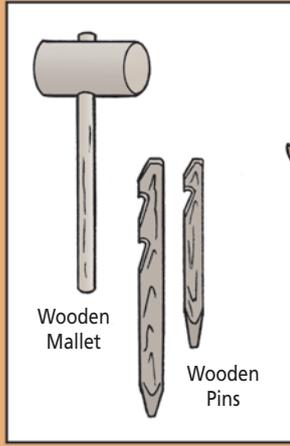
HERE ARE SOME GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR USING PINS WITH YOUR VINYL-COATED POLYESTER TENT...



MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE RIGHT NUMBER OF PING FOR YOUR TENT. COUNT THEM. THEN PACK SPARES IN CASE YOU DAMAGE OR LOSE SOME.

REMEMBER TO TAKE VARYING SIZES. STORE PINS IN A STRONG BAG (CANVAS WORKS WELL) AND PACK THEM WITH THE TENT.

Pitching



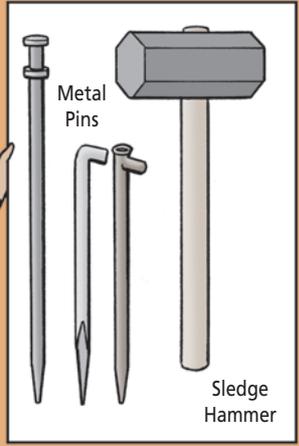
Wooden Mallet

Wooden Pins



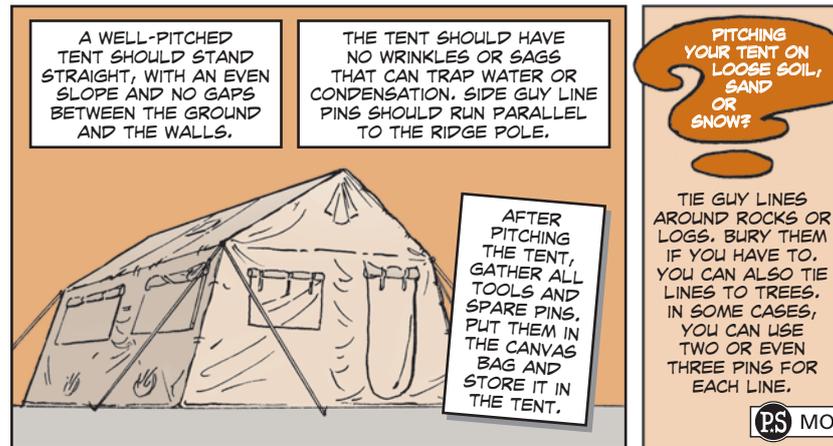
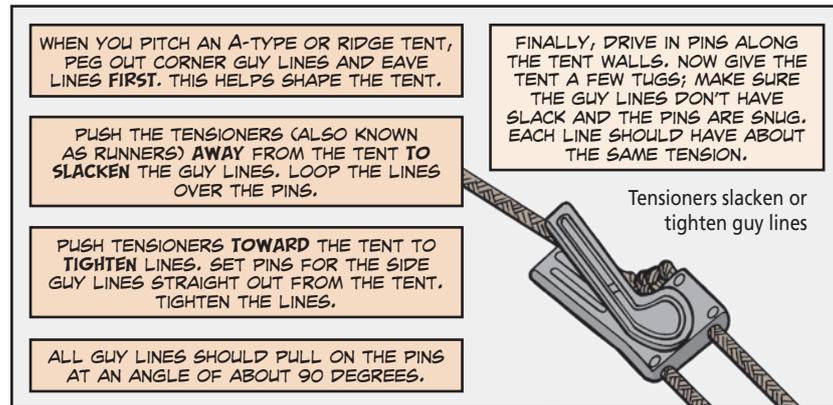
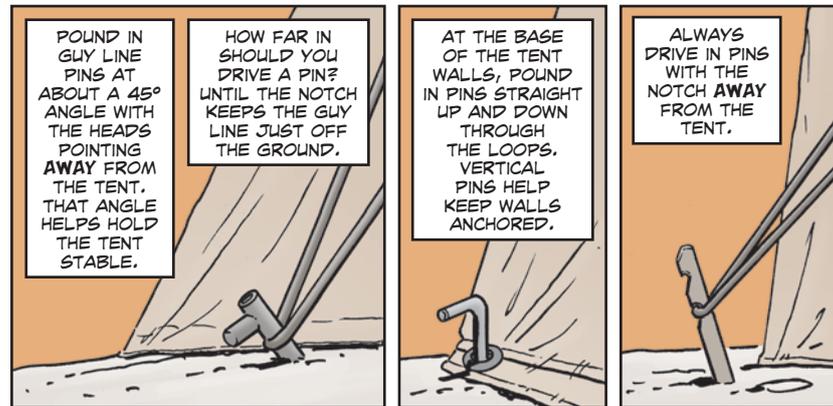
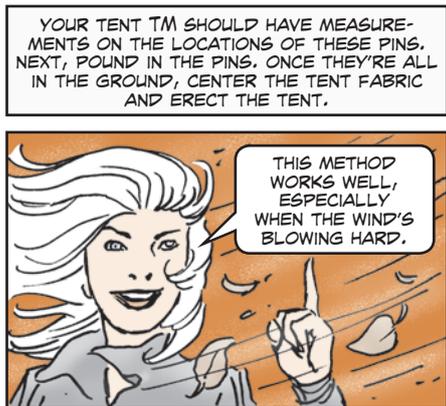
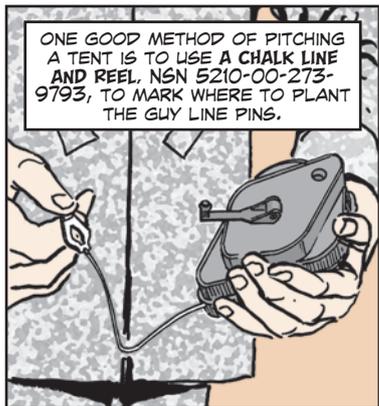
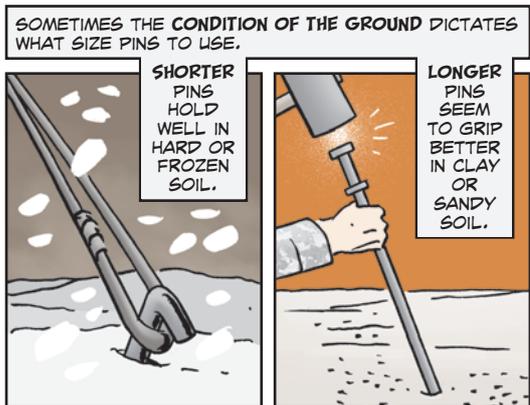
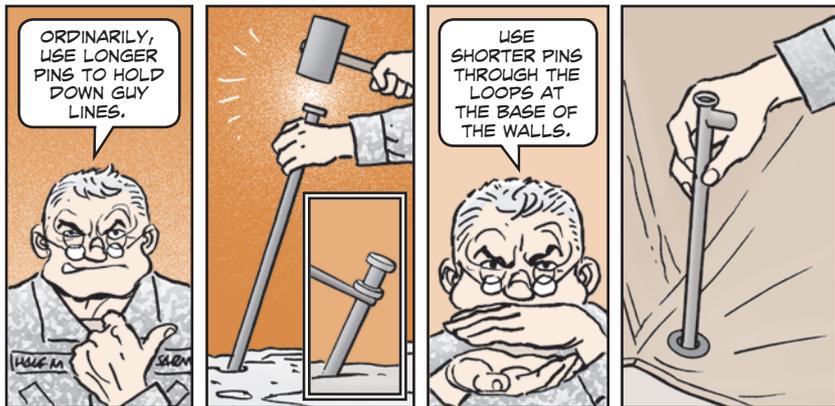
USE A WOODEN Mallet TO DRIVE WOODEN PINS.

USE A SLEDGE OR 4-LB HAMMER TO DRIVE LARGE METAL PINS.



Metal Pins

Sledge Hammer



Striking

TO REMOVE TENT PINS, SLACKEN THE GUY LINES, THEN TAP THE PINS BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS. NOT TOO HARD; WOOD PINS CAN SPLIT AND METAL ONES CAN BEND.

RE-PACK PINS IN THE CANVAS BAG. STORE THEM WITH THE REST OF THE TENT'S COMPONENTS.

INSPECT GUY LINES FOR CUTS, FRAYING, AND WEAR AND TEAR. REPLACE IF NEEDED.

SCRAPE AND WIPE DIRT FROM PINS AND LET THEM DRY.



Honk If You Love Canvas

FOR THOSE FEW SOLDIERS STILL CAMPING OUT IN CANVAS DUCK TENTS, HERE'S SOME GOOD ADVICE...

AS WET CANVAS DRIES, IT SHRINKS. AND WHEN IT SHRINKS, GUY LINES TUG HARD ON PINS. A PIN WITH ITS HEAD ANGLED AWAY FROM THE TENT ACTS LIKE A LEVER UNDER THE TUG OF THE TIGHT LINE. THE PIN ENLARGES ITS HOLE IN THE GROUND AND WORKS LOOSE UNTIL IT PULLS OUT.

WORSE YET, THE PIN DOESN'T PULL FREE BUT CONTINUES TO STRAIN THE TENT UNTIL THE CANVAS TEARS.

THIS CALLS FOR A MINOR CHANGE IN YOUR PIN-POUNDING METHOD. ALONG THE TENT WALLS, POUND IN PINS STRAIGHT UP AND DOWN THROUGH THE LOOPS, AS YOU NORMALLY WOULD. BUT POUND IN GUY LINE PINS WITH THE HEADS SLIGHTLY ANGLED TOWARD THE TENT—ABOUT 15 DEGREES FROM VERTICAL. THAT ALLOWS SOME GIVE WHEN THE CANVAS SHRINKS.

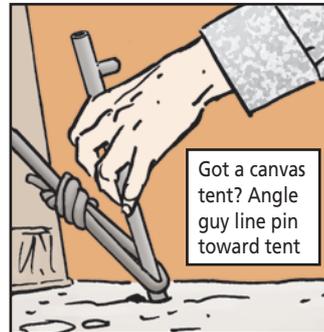
TO GET THE WHOLE STORY ON PITCHING AND STRIKING A TENT, SEE THE OPERATOR INSTRUCTIONS IN YOUR TENT'S TM.

YOU ALSO MIGHT WANT TO GO ONLINE TO TENTNET:
<http://www.tentnet.org/tentnet/Tentnet/index.htm>

ONCE YOU'RE ON THE HOME PAGE, CLICK ON **BASE CAMP**, WHERE YOU'LL FIND PARTS NAMES FOR THE ARMY'S TENTS.

YOU CAN ALSO GO TO DOD EMALL'S TENT SUPERSTORE:
<https://dod-emall.dla.mil>

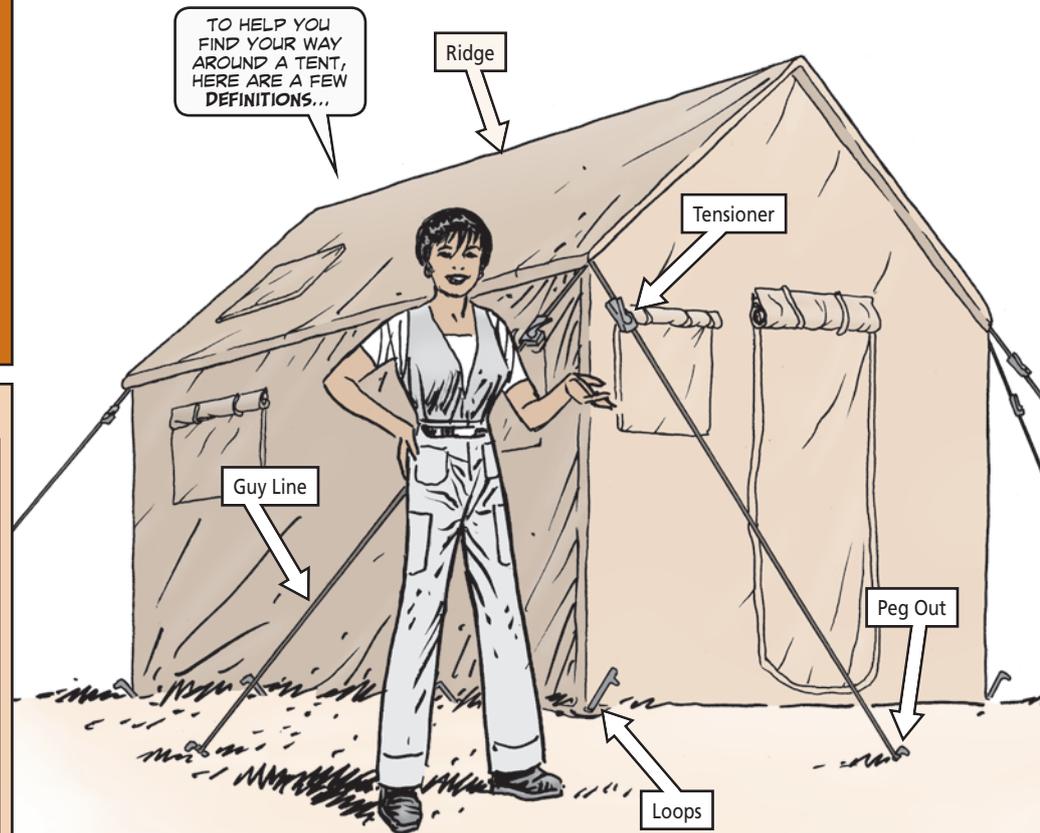
ONCE YOU'RE LOGGED IN, EXPAND THE SHOP TAB, THEN CLICK **SPECIALTY STORES**. ON THE NEXT SCREEN, SCROLL DOWN AND CLICK **TENT SUPERSTORE**.



Got a canvas tent? Angle guy line pin toward tent

DEFINITIONS

TO HELP YOU FIND YOUR WAY AROUND A TENT, HERE ARE A FEW DEFINITIONS...



Guy line—Also known as line, guy or guy rope. This is a single line or rope extending from the tent. When all guy lines are pinned to the ground and tightened, they anchor the tent and make it stable.

Tensioner—Also known as runner. This is a wooden or plastic bracket attached to the guy line. It's used to tighten or slacken the line.

Peg out—To anchor a tent by driving pins into the ground.

Ridge—The top of an A-type tent where the two sides slope away.

Loops—Some tents have reinforced, fabric fasteners at the base of the walls. Others have metal grommets. These are loops. Along with the pins, they anchor the walls to the ground, so wind and rain can't blow through.

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