



# Dome Cage

Umbrella  Tent

- Provides light and airy conditions which suit a wide variety of flying or crawling insects.
- Suitable for use indoors or outdoors in good weather, with excellent viewing properties. Please note that this cage is not designed for use in overly windy conditions.
- The double slider zip gives easy access to allow a person to enter the cage, or for large potted plants or artificial feeders to be placed inside. Equally the zip may be opened only slightly at any height to allow, for example, the user to insert their arm for individual insect retrieval.
- If required, small holes may be cut in the tent cage groundsheet for irrigation pipes etc. DO NOT cut medium or large holes in the groundsheet. This is likely to seriously impair its overall strength and performance.
- Net cover is washable and replaceable.

## Contents

1 x net cover   2 x fibreglass pole sets   4 x tent pegs

## Assembly

1. Lay the dome cage, the right way up, on a flat area about 4 metres (12 feet) square.
2. At all points of assembly/disassembly, be careful not to trap the netting fabric or tubular pole-sleeves between the pole joints as this could cause damage.
3. Unfold both poles, then gently work them through the long tubular pole-sleeves to cross the dome diagonally.
- 4a. With two people, insert two ferrules in the black (or brown) taped rings on the corners of the groundsheet on one side. Carefully lift and flex both poles upwards at the same time, sliding the tubes along the poles at the same speed, then insert the end ferrules in the opposite black (or brown) taped rings.
- 4b. With one person, complete stages 1-3, but insert one ferrule only. Then carefully lift the pole and curve it, whilst working the tube over the pole. Locate the end ferrule for the first pole. Then repeat the procedure for the second pole.
5. The dome cage can then be carried to the desired location. If necessary, the enclosed tent pegs may be used to secure the cage to the ground, locating them through the white-taped rings.
6. To dismantle the cage, reverse the assembly instructions.

Additional anchoring may be necessary if the dome cage is being used outside. For the tent cage model, you can place heavy plant pots etc inside the cage as long as their bases are smooth and will not damage the geotextile. Alternatively for either type of dome cage we recommend using "soft bricks". To make these, fill several empty 2 litre (4 pint) plastic milk cartons with water, and screw the lids back on. Place several of these lying on their sides at various points on the geotextile as needed. You will need to use your own judgement to determine how many soft bricks are required.

## Care of the Frame and Net

- Over time our fabrics will be affected by UV rays and sunlight. When not in use disassemble and store in a cool, dry, dark place; this will maximise the life of your product.  
Ensure all parts are clean and dry before packing away.
- The product may be hand washed in warm (not hot) water with a mild detergent. Ensure it is thoroughly rinsed after washing. To sterilise against disease, use sterilising tablets or liquid (for example Milton®) prepared and used as per the manufacturer's instructions. Afterwards, rinse thoroughly with clean water. Repeated sterilisation may cause some minor bleaching of black net over time. Allow to air dry. Do not tumble dry. Do not iron.
- Some chemicals including phenols, alkalis, iodine and acids are likely to damage our products. This is not an exhaustive list, so if you plan to use any chemicals with our products we recommend you check a sample with the test netting we have enclosed with your order. Chemical damage can sometimes take significant time to develop and may not be immediately obvious to the naked eye.
- Predatory or aggressive species may be encountered which are capable of chewing, biting, tearing or otherwise damaging the textile(s) of which this product is made. Wherever possible, site to minimise or remove this risk.
- If small holes are accidentally made in the fabric, a temporary repair may be made in-situ using adhesive tape pressed onto both sides of the hole. Minor damage can be repaired later by hand darning. More significant damage will require patching.
- Whilst every care is taken to ensure the surface of our tent poles are smooth, before use we recommend that you check them, particularly around the ferrules and joints. If necessary, any rough areas can easily be smoothed down with fine-grade sandpaper or an emery board.