



# FULL AWNING MANUAL

Product No. OFA003



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**IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ THIS GUIDE THOROUGHLY BEFORE ATTEMPTING FIRST SETUP.**

## PARTS REFERENCE:

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| 1. Main Awning Section                      | 7. Side Extension Pod Flexible Pole (x2) |
| 2. Side Extension Pod                       | 8. Guy Ropes                             |
| 3. Front Hoop Pole Half (x2)                | 9. Guy Ropes Anchor Points               |
| 4. Front Hoop Pole Connecting Sections (x2) | 10. Telescopic Roof Poles with 'C' Clips |
| 5. Front Canopy                             | 11. Inner Tent (x2)                      |
| 6. Front Canopy Flexible Pole               | 12. Near Side (Door Side) Side Skirt     |



## CHECKING YOUR OPUS® AWNING:

It is essential to check your awning thoroughly to ensure all parts are present before each trip.

The awning bag contains:

- OPUS® Awning main body with side pods (x2) attached
- Inner tents for side pods (x2)
- Front skirt
- Ground Sheet
- Segmented strung pole with open ends (x2)
- Segmented strung pole with fitted end caps (x1)
- Bag containing guy ropes and tent pegs

Take the awning out of its bag and lay it on a clean surface, if you are doing this outside we would suggest using a ground sheet.

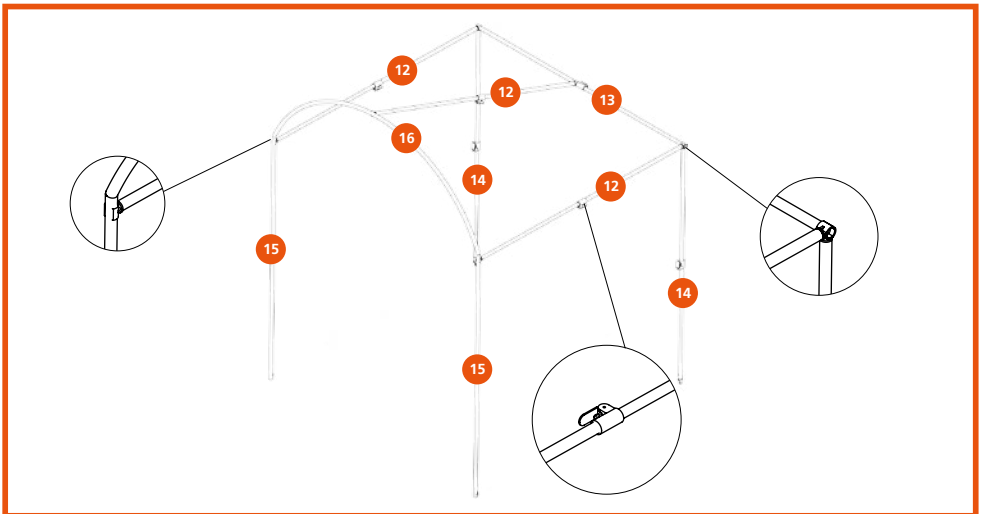
The awning comes packed with the side panels and side pods already attached. Detach the two side pods from the main awning by unzipping; these can be identified by the coloured ventilation panel on the pods and place these to one side for now.

Thoroughly check the main body of the awning canvas, the side pods canvas, the front skirt canvas and the ground sheet for any signs of damage. Check you have the required quantity of guy ropes and tent pegs.

The next step is to check the pole bag. Lay the poles out and verify that you have the correct number of each type of pole and that there has been no damage to the poles.

The poles are numbered:

- Pole 12 (x3) - These have 'C' clips on both ends.
- Pole 13 (x1) - This has an end cap on both ends.
- Pole 14 (x2) - These have a 'C' clip on one end and an end cap on the other.
- Pole 15 (pole not numbered) - Bottom half of front poles - telescopic (x2)
- Pole 16 (pole not numbered) - Connecting curves (x2)



## SETTING UP YOUR OPUS® AWNING

Setting up the OPUS® awning is easiest when being completed by two or more people. To set up your OPUS® awning you will need the following equipment:

- A peg hammer/mallet (depending on ground surface)
- Peg puller
- Step/double step

## STEP BY STEP GUIDE:

### PART 1: ATTACHING THE AWNING TO THE OPUS®

1. Ensure your OPUS® Camper is level by adjusting the four corner steadies.

NB: Your OPUS® needs to be level (horizontal) and not just level to the ground as the ground surface may not be flat. You can simply verify this by eye or you may want to use a spirit level to achieve perfect results.

2. Lay down the groundsheet on the door side of the OPUS® and peg it down using the pegs provided.

NB: The groundsheet serves as a surface to help set up the awning as well as a floor when the awning set up is complete. After use, ensure the ground sheet is adequately cleaned and dried to avoid damage or mould.

3. Organise the poles by their numbers.

NB: Poles of the same numbers have similar ends, follow the pole guide on Page 2.

4. Unfold the main awning and remove all 3 side panels and both extension side pods to reduce weight and ease steps 5 and 6. Locate the 3 main zips on the main awning body that connect the awning to the OPUS® tent, these are distinguishable by the velcro strips adjacent to the zips.

NB: Disconnecting the panels and side pods is only essential for the first set up to ensure ease of use. After a few times of setting the OPUS® awning up or once comfortable with the set up process the awning can be set up and taken down with the panels and side pods attached.

5. The 3 individual zips should be zipped into the corresponding zips on the OPUS® tent.

NB: To make this step easier the three middle poles 3, 4 & 5 of the OPUS® Camper itself can be retracted temporarily to lower the height of the top zip for easy reach, a step or double step may also be necessary to help you reach.

6. As the 3 sides are being zipped on, ensure the velcro on the tent and awning are also being connected properly.

NB: Once this step is completed, if you retracted poles 3, 4 & 5 for the previous step, these can now be extended back to their fully tensioned position.



## PART 2: ASSEMBLING THE CENTRAL AWNING SECTION

**7.** Lay down the two halves of the 'connecting curves' and fit together. Then connect the 'bottom half of front poles (telescopic)' to the 'connecting curves' to create a single full 'front hoop' pole.

NB: The connections are made by a retained pin in the poles, which locks to a corresponding hole in the receiving ends of the corresponding pole.

**8.** The now complete 'front hoop' pole can now be attached to the front of the main awning; this is done on the inside of the awning with the aid of the velcro straps which run around the periphery of the front panel.

**9.** Using poles 13 (x1) and 14 (x2); create an inverted U-shape by clipping the 'C' clips on the pole 14's to either end of pole 13.

NB: This supports the rear of the awning placing less stress on the OPUS® tent.

**10.** Connect one end of each of the pole 12s (x3) that make up the roof supports to pole 13. These should hang freely ready to be connected to the front 'hoop pole' at a later stage.

**11.** With the inverted U-shaped poles inside the awning canvas, extend both pole 14's by releasing the grey clamps so that pole 13 is parallel to the top zip and extended to the entire width of the awning, which attaches the top of the awning to the top of the OPUS® tent.

NB: For telescopic poles with one end on the ground it is easier to hold the lower pole down and extend/retract the top pole to make the necessary adjustments. These can be further extended during final adjustments if necessary.

**12.** Stand these poles against the OPUS® Camper and tent so they are flat against the side of the OPUS®.



**13.** Connect the middle pole 12 (currently attached to the centre of pole 13) to the centre of the 'front hoop'. Extend pole so it spans the length of the canvas without being over-tensioned.

**14.** Connect the left pole 12 (currently attached to the left of pole 13) to the left of the 'front hoop'. Extend pole so it spans the length of the canvas without being over-tensioned.

NB: The position of the pole 12's connection to the 'front hoop' pole will be defined by the velcro straps which secure the pole 12's to the awning canvas.

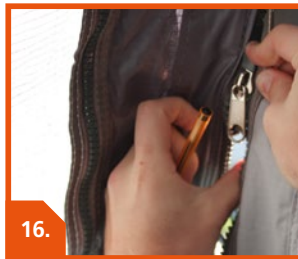
**15.** Connect the right pole 12 (currently attached to the right of pole 13) to the right of the 'front hoop'. Extend pole so it spans the length of the canvas without being over-tensioned.

NB: The position of the pole 12's connection to the 'front hoop' pole will be defined by the velcro straps which secure the pole 12's to the awning canvas.

**16.** Re-attach the removed panels (front and sides), zip these back into the main awning.

**17.** Once the poles have all been linked their lengths can be adjusted as necessary using the grey clips to fully tension the awning canvas.

NB: Ensure all awning doors are closed at this point to ensure doors are not pulled too far apart which will prevent closing.



**18.** The front skirt can now be zipped in. This is first zipped on to the bottom of the OPUS® tent at the front, then zipped at the sides in to the awning canvas; fully enclosing the awning.

NB: If the front panel of the OPUS® is to be taken out or has been taken out; the skirt can be fitted to the OPUS® via the awning channel on the Camper.

**19.** Peg down the awning using the pegging D rings on the base periphery of the canvas.

NB: Peg the awning down fully so its base is flat to the ground to prevent draughts.

**20.** There are straps with buckles along the base of the main awning canvas that connect the bottom corners to one another. Clipping these together will further secure the awning canvas to the poles and increase tension.

NB: Once these have been adjusted correctly first time they can be left buckled on to make subsequent set ups easier and faster: only minimal adjustments will be required each time you set up, if at all.

**21.** There are 'guy rope' points on the exterior of the awning to provide further tension and additional securing points, especially useful in inclement weather.

**22.** Set up the awning front canopy by assembling the 'segmented strung pole with fitted end caps' and feeding it through the pocket sewn into the canopy. Then insert each end into the eyelets for the canopy to take shape.

NB: ALWAYS push the strung poles when feeding them, pulling will cause them to separate.

NB2: A small amount of effort is required to make this connection; this is necessary to create the required tension on the canopy. The required amount of force will not result in any damage or issues.



### PART 3: ASSEMBLING A SIDE POD

**23.** If unzipped, zip the side pods onto the main awning.

**24.** From the outside of the side pod, assemble the 'segmented strung pole with open end' and feed it into the channel across the central seam of the side pod on the outside of the canvas, the poles are retained into the pod by a pin at either end. Insert the pins into the open ends of the pole for the side pod to take shape. Then use the clips on the outside of the canvas to connect the rest of the side pod to the pole.

NB: A smooth curve around the mid-section of the side pod should be achieved.

**25.** Pull the corners of the side pod outwards to create some tension along the bottom edges. Then peg the corners down using the metal D-rings.

NB: You can also secure the pod using additional peg points in-between the corner peg points.

**26.** The side pods also have guy rope points to provide further tension and additional securing points, especially useful in inclement weather.

NB: The guy ropes can be set up to make tensioning easy by pulling on the sliders to keep the ropes taught.

**27.** From the inside of the side pod the inner tent with sewn in groundsheet can then be suspended within the pod by attaching the plastic buckles to create a fully enclosed room/sleeping area.

NB: The central buckle on the side pods and inner tents are colour coded for ease of attachment.

## CONFIGURATIONS

Like the rest of the OPUS® the OPUS® awning is designed to be modular. All panels can be attached or removed easily by the use of zips. The OPUS® awning can be assembled in the following configurations:

1. Central Section with Left Side Pod & Right Side Pod (with or without inner tents)
2. Central Section with Left Side Pod (with or without inner tents)
3. Central Section with Right Side Pod (with or without inner tents)
4. Central Section with no Side Pods







The side and front panels of the central section of the awning can be added or removed regardless of whether or not the side pods are fitted, thanks to each side having the ability to accept two zips. This means you can have side pods attached, and the panel fitted providing complete privacy within the side pod. Alternatively you can have some or all panels and side pods removed leaving the OPUS® awning acting like an outdoor windbreak or a large gazebo.

The front panel of the OPUS® Camper itself can also be added or removed as you wish, opening the space up so the central section of the awning and the OPUS® itself become part of the same room.

NB: When removing the OPUS® front panel please take care to ensure the panel does not snag as you slide it out of the awning channel, where the tent meets the trailer body.

Photographs and diagrams are for illustration purposes only and may not be the exact revision of your awning and/or side pods; the overall fit and general procedure however remains the same.

Actual product may vary and any specifications are subject to change without prior notice.

## CARE & MAINTENANCE FOR YOUR OPUS® AWNING

- Keep the awning well ventilated to avoid condensation/moisture. More information can be found on Page 38 of the Owner's Handbook. Please note the presence of condensation/moisture is not a sign of damage/failure and can easily occur depending on weather conditions.
- Do not use open flames or cook inside the awning.
- Ensure the ground surface that the awning is being set up on is clear from debris, sharp objects and is as even as possible; always use the groundsheet as the base for the awning, especially during set up to avoid damage.
- Regularly check the seams of the awning and if required apply some seam sealer such as Kampa Seam Sealer or a suitable alternative. Follow the individual products instructions and allow to fully dry before storage.
- Always carry a suitable tent/awning repair kit with your awning to help in emergencies.
- Never force the zips of the awning to open or close; inspect for the issue and rectify as necessary.
- Ensure the zips are used and cared for properly, if needed a zip lubricant can be used to allow for smooth operation.

- Regularly check the buckles, straps, clips, pole-pins, strings etc. on the awning and ensure they are packed with care to avoid damage to them or the awning.
- If the awning becomes damaged; we recommend bringing it to us where we can assess the repair needed (or a suitable professional) to carry out the repair.
- Small rips and tears can be repaired using the appropriate repair kit and procedure and do not require a professional or return to us for repair.
- Clean the awning with warm water and a soft sponge (without a scourer), this is best done when the awning is set up to allow access to all of its sections; leave to completely dry before packing.
- When cleaning the awning do not apply unnecessary pressure that could result in damage to the awning.
- Do not use washing up liquid, detergent or anything stronger as this could adversely affect the awnings material or result in some damage.
- If needed a suitable tent cleaner such as Fenwicks Cleaner for awnings and tents can be used; follow the products instructions and ensure the awning is thoroughly dried before packing away.
- The awning is NOT machine washable.
- Reproof the awning as needed to help with water runoff; this can be done using suitable products such as Grangers Fabsil Waterproof. Follow the products instructions and allow to fully dry before packing away the awning.
- It maybe necessary to reproof the awning if certain cleaning products/procedures have been performed on the awning to maintain its water repellent finish/waterproofing.
- Regularly inspect the awning for rips, tears and damages.
- Always push and not pull on the tent poles particularly the strung flexible poles.
- Care must be taken to avoid excessive bending, kinking or breaking of the poles.
- Keep the groundsheet as clean as possible to avoid the awning from becoming dirty. It is advisable to clean the groundsheet after every use and always follow the campsite rules and guidance on the use of groundsheets.

## SPECIALIST PRODUCTS FOR YOUR OPUS® AWNING

1. Kampa Seam Sealer
2. Grangers Fabsil Waterproof
3. Fenwicks Cleaner for Awning and Tents
4. Zip Lubricant
5. Leisurewise Frame Mate Pole Tensioner



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**IMPORTANT! READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SPECIALIST PRODUCTS, TAKE EXTRA CARE AS APPROPRIATE WITH THE PRODUCTS TO AVOID HAZARDS SUCH AS FIRE & INHALING.**

## **STORAGE OF YOUR OPUS® AWNING**

- Do not store the pole bag vertically, this can damage the plastic catches/clips on the ends of the poles. Always ensure the pole bag is stored horizontally and away from any items that could cause damage.
- The awning should be stored dried, preferably without mud/dirt. If it must be packed down wet/damp open it up to dry as soon as possible (within 24 hours) and ensure it is fully dried before being stored.
- This is important to avoid mildew, mould and irreversible damage to the awning.
- Avoid packing the awning with leaves, stones and debris in it.
- To prevent permanent creases, fold/roll your awning a different way after each time the awning is used.
- Clean and dry BOTH sides of the groundsheet.
- Store the poles in a manner such that they wont be kinked, bent or broken.
- Allow the poles to dry before storing to prevent rust.
- Keep the guy ropes and pegs as clean as possible and store in the provided bag to avoid introducing dirt or damaging the awning.
- Pack the awning neatly and as compact as possible, this is usually achieved by rolling or methodical folds letting out as much air as possible as you pack.
- Depending on your payload and distribution the awning may be stored as a whole inside the OPUS® with the supplied bag or may need to be split into manageable sizes for the cupboards, take care not to snag the awning on furniture edges or items inside your OPUS® Camper.
- When storing keep away from sunlight, water exposure and dirt. Keep in a dry environment.
- If the awning is to be stored in the OPUS® for an extended period of time ensure the Camper is packed down correctly and dry. Taking care to ensure no water ingress or condensation can occur in the Camper. This is very important for the longevity of the awning as well as the main tent of the Camper.

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