

# M3 Duo

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# M3 Duo assembly instructions

Please take the time to read these basic instructions carefully before assembling your new M3 Duo for the first time.

Take care to find a suitable location in which to pitch your M3 Duo. Take into consideration factors such as the contours of the ground, sharp objects underfoot that could damage the ground sheet and the direction of any strong winds.

Lay out the ground sheet on the floor where you wish to erect your M3 Duo. It is advisable that the first time you use the bivy it is pitched at home in your garden to familiarise yourself with your new purchase.

The two hooks attached to the ground sheet must face downwards. A small Aqua label indicates the doorway and as such is best positioned with the wind coming from behind as this greatly increases stability in very high winds.

Place the M3 Duo in the centre of the ground sheet. Kneel down and open out the poles of the M3 Duo, plugging together the frame sections as you go, taking care not to force the joints and damaging the spigots.

Ensure the spigots are fully inserted and that the poles form a natural curve. The porch pole must be attached last. Simply plug the porch frame together and slot each side on to the two aluminium lugs. Do not attempt to assemble the M3 Duo while you are standing.

The assembled frame will be wider than the ground sheet. Attach the two rings on the inside edges of the frame base plates to the hooks on the ground sheet. This tensions the frame and takes up any play in the frame.

If you do not wish to use the ground sheet, a tension strap can be used. It is essential that you do not over tension your M3 Duo as this can cause lasting damage and invalidate your warranty.

Peg out the bivvy starting with the aluminium rings either side of the centre seam at the rear of the M3 Duo using the ground sheet as a guide.

Pull the two ribs forward and insert two pegs through the rings either side of the front door. On flat ground use the centre rings, the bottom rings on ground sloping away from you and the top ring on ground sloping up.

Now go around the M3 Duo and place one peg in every peg ring. To ensure a taut ground sheet, as you peg out your M3 Duo insert the peg through both the aluminium ring of the bivvy and that of the ground sheet. The draft skirt can now be tucked under the ground sheet.

The ground sheet is slightly oversized to allow for uneven ground, so do not put excessive force on the material of the M3 Duo while pegging out. The ground sheet is only a rough guide and adjustments can be made in any direction at the end of the process.

Finally the small frame support system (supplied) should be installed between the front pole and the porch pole. The door is fitted with two-way zips so it may be opened from the top or bottom. The door is longer than the bivvy so it can act as draft skirt and be tucked under the ground sheet.

## Care and maintenance of your M3 Duo

All Aqua products will provide you with years of service providing they are well looked after. We recommend that the bivvy is always packed away dry or is dried as soon as possible after a session. This prevents mildew from forming and in turn prevents damage to the materials used.

We recommend using Grangers cleaning agents to clean your bivvy. Wash your bivvy while erect using warm water.

Always dry thoroughly in the shade.

Do not use detergents to clean your tent.

Never machine wash or tumble dry your tent.

Do not use any abrasive scrubbing agents/cloths.

Avoid contact with fuel, oil (in baits/cooking) and chemicals as the stains from these may be impossible to remove and will probably attack the fabric and damage the proofing.

Avoid pitching under trees as sap may fall onto the outer and is almost impossible to remove.

Over time the coating on the outside of the fabric will wear and the material will no longer form droplets on the fabric and run off easily. We recommend that you re-proof the material annually. The only product we recommend is Fabsil Gold by Grangers. It is available from all good camping and outdoor shops. Follow the Fabsil Gold instructions when you re-proof the bivvy.

## Condensation

All single skin bivvies are subject to condensation which is unavoidable at certain times of the year. However this can be greatly reduced by using wraps, which are available separately. The use of a ground sheet and avoiding cooking in the confines of your bivvy will also reduce the effects of condensation.

\*Note when two people are utilising a bivvy condensation is greatly increased.

## Warranty

All Aqua Products are designed and manufactured to exacting standards and are guaranteed for the end purpose intended. Should the product fail during normal usage as a result of a component, material or manufacturing fault, excluding fair wear and tear, then the product will be repaired or replaced (with the same or a similar model from the current range) at our expense and discretion. All poles and fabric colour fading due to over exposure to the sun are excluded from fair wear and tear.

This guarantee is only valid when your bivvy is used for recreational purposes, not including commercial usage, ie: hiring, use by outdoor centres etc. Repairs to damage caused by accident, use in inappropriate conditions, and normal wear and tear will be carried out where possible at a reasonable charge. Please ensure that all products are clean and dry prior to being returned.

No consequential loss may be claimed under this guarantee. This guarantee in no way affects your statutory rights.

## Repairs

We offer a comprehensive repair service whereby most repairs can be carried out on site by our team of trained machinists.

In the first instance please ensure that the bivvy comes back to us in a clean, dry condition. We do not have the facilities to dry tents here at Aqua and for health and safety reasons will not work on a soiled bivvy.

Clearly mark on the bivvy where the fault is using chalk/low tack tape. Please supply a detailed list of the faults, contents, contact numbers and return address details.

If it is a warranty claim please ensure you send proof of purchase (direct Aqua customers only). If purchased through one of our premier retailers your bivvy must be returned to them.

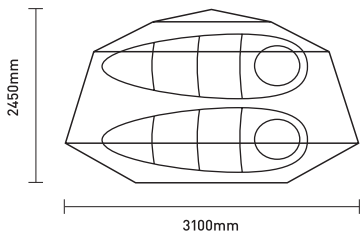
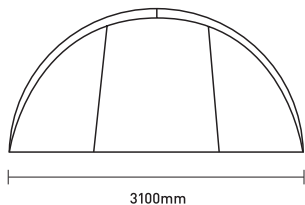
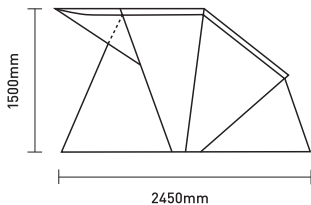
Please ensure the bivvy is packaged so as not to cause further damage and ensure the package is insured for the full value of the contents. We cannot be held responsible for damage caused in transit or for lost parcels.

All repairs, unless under warranty, will be quoted for before any work takes place and we aim to turn around repairs within 10 working days, subject to parts/peak times etc.

No bivvy is guaranteed against storm damage.



## Specifications:



## Contents:

M3 Duo bivy x 1 | porch pole x 1 | frame support x 4 | pegs x 14  
clear window x 1 | heavy duty outer bag x 1 | tension strap x 1  
heavy duty groundsheet x 1 | instruction booklet x 1