

STIRLING GT MK3

Basic Information

This information is based on customer questions during hand over & is simply a reminder for the initial use. Due to continual product development there may be slight differences to your purchase so if unsure please contact your sales representative.

PREPARE YOUR CAMPER

Canvas cure

Basically hose down / soak canvas and let it dry. The drying process "sets" the canvas & this process should be repeated 3 or 4 times. Make sure that it is thoroughly dry before packing away.

It is recommended to study the tent pole diagram that is supplied in the handover pack to get an idea of the pole layout and pole numbers before setting out or whilst you are busy doing the canvas cure.

Internal Pole Numbers => refer to pole diagram

#1 - internal U shaped pole running from the main to the front of the main bed

#2 - internal U shaped pole next to the main entry door pushes straight up

#3 - internal U shaped pole in the lounge area of the trailer pushes straight up

#4 - external tropical roof pole

For reference to internal spreader bars #D3 see pole diagram
For reference to annex uprights #B2, #B3 & #E3 see pole diagram

For reference to annex support/brace poles #A2, #A3, #C2 & #D4 see pole diagram

For reference to annex spreader bars #D2, #D3 see pole diagram

SET UP

Apply hand brake, Chock wheels, roughly level the trailer with the jockey wheel then set the stabilizer legs.

- The luggage / boat rack has 2 brass D Ring Pins located on the passenger (left hand) side of the trailer, these need to be removed prior to lifting the rack. There are 2 x over center latches on the drivers (right hand) side of the trailer, once the d clips and latched are undone the rack will swing out from the trailer and can be secured using the 2 brass D Ring Pins, there are holes located on the side that will hold the rack in place when setting up the main tent. The weight carrying capacity of the rack is 100kg, when lifting you may need to remove heavy goods in order to lift over. *Hint: If you have a spare dog leash tie it over the rack to make it easier to pull back over when closing / packing up.*

- Undo all the over center latches on both sides of the trailer. You can now use the front winch or manually walk the lid over (usually requires 2 people) and use the winch to secure it on the rubber stoppers (on top of the front storage rail). *Hint: Wind out the strap enough to be able to hook it on the center winch point on the rear of the trailer and mark the strap with chalk for future use.*

Pay attention to the canvas around poles to ensure they are clear and are not caught up during the opening.

- The tropical roof has a Velcro strip on the front and rear of the main tent, these strips are usually unattached in pre-delivery to allow the tropical roof pole #4 to fold back flat into the trailer on pack up. Once the lid is open it is easy to access these strips and re-attach the Velcro before pushing out the internal poles #1, #2 & #3 to set up the main tent.

- U shaped pole #3 will be laying flat in the trailer, standing at the rear left hand side of the trailer you will be able to grab the pole and lift it upwards, the main tent should now be taking basic shape.

- Enter camper and fit the two short upright poles #E1 at top of bed to lift "U" pole #1 up (no need to adjust height at this point). Check and make a note or take a photo at this point to see how the cushions need to be arranged for pack away.

- Inside, start with front bed end bar lift #1 support and work from the front to the middle #2 and inserting spreader #D3 bars to maintain shape.

Avoid over stretching canvas. All Zippers must be closed before final set up to ensure easy operation. If a zipper is stiff - something is wrong with set up.

NOTE: Never stand directly in line with the winch strap when using. Always stand to the side in case of failure under load. The rear floor area can be leveled using the adjustable feet. Hint: Carry some small wood flat packers that can be used to level, especially on soft or uneven ground.

FRIDGE SLIDE

Depress both blue levers on the slide to slide out the tray. There is an Anderson plug and a ciggie socket for the fridge plus a fan which can be activated in hot weather to help the fridge "breathe". It is recommended to use the Anderson plug on all fridges & adapters are available. When closing the slide it may lock half way, if this happens press down on both blue levers to release the lock.

KITCHEN SLIDE

Kitchen support legs are located under the kitchen slide, press the button in the middle of the lock (underneath the bench) to drop the support legs, level and lock both side screws in place. There is also a leg for the pull out work bench. A gas hose with bayonet is located underneath the cooker along with a sink drain hose. Both need to be carefully brought out for use.



Please note **excessive hot water will damage drain hose. Remember when packing away to unplug and feed back in. When packing away ensure that all drawers are closed properly.**

Always turn gas off at the bottle when travelling. It is good practice to turn off whenever not being used. When changing gas bottle there may be a longer delay in stove ignition waiting for new gas through line.

TANKS & PUMP

Each tank has its own filling cap/ hose. Filling too fast will cause air lock & force water back up the pipe. Under the rear RHS you will find a three way gate valve that allows you to draw water from each tank individually or at same time. Please note that towing may be affected if front tank drained whilst rear is left full.

POWER

2 x 100 A/H battery under seat. The 50 Amp Anderson on the draw bar is a direct feed to batteries via 50 amp resettable fuse located near batteries. No power getting to batteries - check fuse. All other switches have reset fuse located in monitor (TV) box area.

The 240 volt system allows you to plug in a 15 amp lead & has three outlets for mains power use.

Get to know power

A reading of 12 volts is dangerously low batteries. Damage to batteries by using below 12v will void warranty. We recommend you invest in a quality AGM / GEL stage charger 20 amps or more which will certainly extend battery life. Portable Solar running off the Anderson Plug is a good option.

PACK UP

Reverse process. Detach annex panels fold ready for storage back in the trailer. Slightly loosen / lower tent all to free up canvas. Undo zips / press studs / Velcro. Place cushions on bed, remove clip in spreader bars & loosen all internal poles. Check PVC flap is pulled out at bed base and covering the hinged section of roof. Fold rear U shaped pole #4 back into the trailer, place cushions ready for closing. *Note: Bedding must not come past the mattress base when closing.*

Close up the step & lock into place then bring the lid over by hand or with the rear winch, the rear winch point is located on the rear right hand side of the trailer. Take care with the canvas at pivot points of poles / camper. Keep sides unzipped and sweep canvas into the trailer during closing. Check the PVC flap is not between rubber seals at hinge, Keep an eye out for cables which might become jammed/pinched/damaged when closing. Check there is no canvas stuck in between seals before latching down. Always close lid latches starting at hinge end working from front to back on both sides.

Tip: Leave inside rear cupboard slide door open & matching external side door open to allow air to escape during pack up.

GENERAL

A basic tool kit is a good idea in case of small repairs EG (flat tyre). Wheel nut spanner, jack, etc. Always ensure trailer won't move during wheel change.

WHEELS

Check wheel nut torque often, especially when using off road. Abnormal tyre wear is strong indicator of wheel alignment issue (service)

Wheel nuts need to be torqued to 125nm initially at 50km - 100km - 250km - 500km - 1000km, if you are using the trailer in off road conditions, please ensure more frequent checks.

SERVICING

It is a requirement of warranty that regular servicing of your camper is carried out. Minimum period is initially 1000km then yearly or every 5,000km.

Make a check list of things you might forget when driving off: Hand Brake, Stabilizer Legs, Jockey Wheel, secured to car, etc.

POINTS TO NOTE:

- Store trailer under cover to reduce condensation in toolbox and body compartments - Moisture absorbent packs are also recommended when in storage at all times. These will help take out moisture and odors when not in use.
- When travelling off road in dusty conditions, block door drain holes, clean vents daily and wipe away dust from the door surrounds daily to prevent excessive dust entry. Lower tyre pressure and reduce speed to a maximum of 80km/hr.
- Consider the terrain you will travel on and the damage that can be caused to a trailer travelling behind your car. Factory mud flaps are average in most cases so consider investing in products such as "Stone Stomper" or "Rock Tamers". There are many products available to compensate for wider tyres, lift kits etc that can increase stone damage to your new camper.
- Charge batteries monthly while in storage and prior to going on a trip to ensure top condition.
- On return from trip always air out camper, a good clean, check over for any loose parts or corrosion from coating wear. Check all nuts & bolts as possible & check tyre wear for uneven wear (a sure sign you need a wheel alignment). Keep up regular inspections, battery maintenance & servicing to ensure many happy years of use.

