

SAFETY WARNING-- Never depend on a portaledge to be a primary safety device--it is not a primary safety device like your harness or climbing rope. For use in an elevated setting, always use a harness and rope with proper climbing techniques, and tie into the main rope using a safety prusik or ascender to enable mobility and to ensure as little slack as possible between you and the main anchor at all times. This product is supplied as a finished prototype for expert use only, and as such, this product has no warranties, expressed or otherwise, and should therefore be considered experimental and extreme care taken if used in any situation where harm may result. Understand and accept the risks—you are responsible for your own actions and decisions.

SETTING UP THE OCTAPOD--1 minute setup.

Take it out of bag. TIP: clip in the suspension first, and take care not to let the suspension wrap around anything when packing and unpacking (clip to haulsack loop).

Then wall side joints.

Setting joints on airside first works best.

Check to see if all joints seated, then tension bed.

All set-- flattened and fully tensioned bed.

Clip Airside suspension last. Set up easier when hanging from a harness with vertical adjustability.

Flattening the ledge

notice the two high ends

This is what we call a "taco"

Locked in

Raise a low corner (or lower a high corner) half way flat. Then do the opposite corner.

Tip: make small adjustments at a time. Once un-taco'ed, it will stay un-taco'ed with normal weight distribution.

SEAM SEALING: The D4 Octapod fly needs to be seam sealed manually and if done properly, results in a superior waterproof product. Seal all sewing machine stitch holes with the provided Shoe-Goo—seal the zipper seams, the seam around the back, and MOST IMPORTANT, around the webbing on the top clip-in loop on the fly (both inside and outside recommended).

SEAM

Seam seal top clip-in

Seal the inside top clip-in too!

Seal the waterproof zipper seams (both sides) and also any corner patches.

SEAL

(wall side)

Seal all wall-side reinforcement patch seams (basically any seam above tube line)

Your Fly! Shoe-Goo is awesome

More important stuff to read/understand:

Take Down: Packing up can be tricky if done out of sequence, as the joints “want” to re-assemble. Practice for consistency by following the steps shown on the right—how it gets packed up will affect how it deploys. Basically disassemble wall side first, then air side. Assembly is the reverse of disassembly. Videos online.

Clip in—Make sure to identify the main clip in loops and not clip into a grab loop. Practice and test on the ground first!!

Shock Cord—Please inspect the integrity and tension of the shock cord before every adventure. Make sure there are no cuts or abrasions, and adjust the shock cord tension so the ledge snaps together well, but is still able to be taken apart easily. There is fisherman’s knot inside the center wall-side tube. It is easy to adjust—make sure to tie a neat fisherman’s with ample tail. Center the knot in the middle of the tube.

Carry Sack: This D4 Ledge version is designed to be minimalist, and as such is supplied with a lightweight haulsack—always clip ledge to haul point as backup.

Storm Fly use: There is a clip-in inside the fly. **MAKE SURE TO RAISE THE SUSPENSION SO THAT THE LOAD IS ENTIRELY ON THE MAIN SUSPENSION STRAPS, NOT THE FLY.**

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