

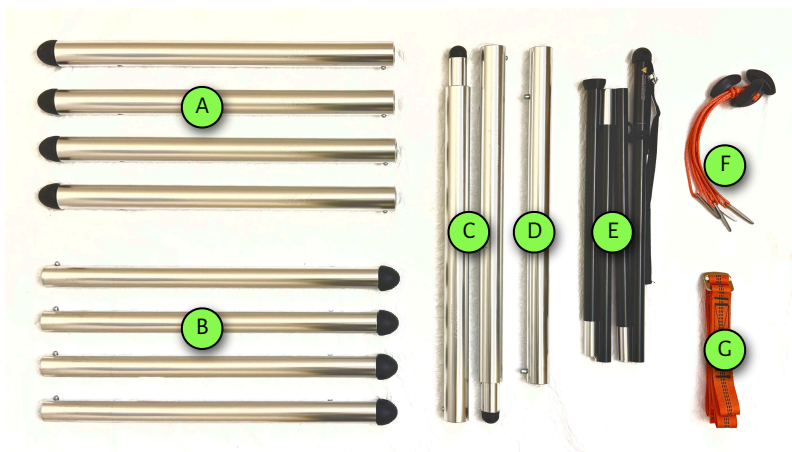
Tensa4 Freestanding user guide

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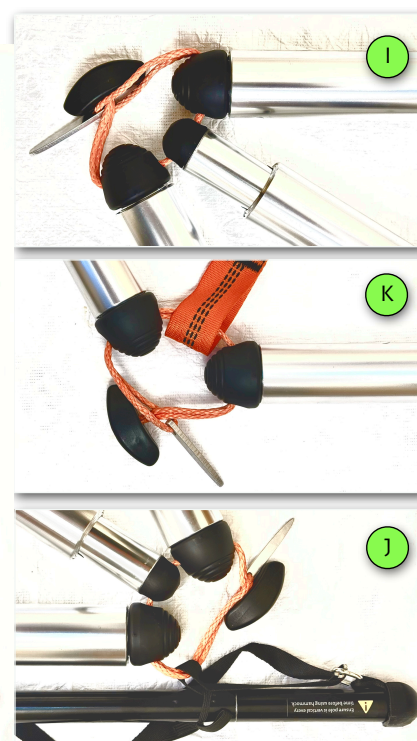
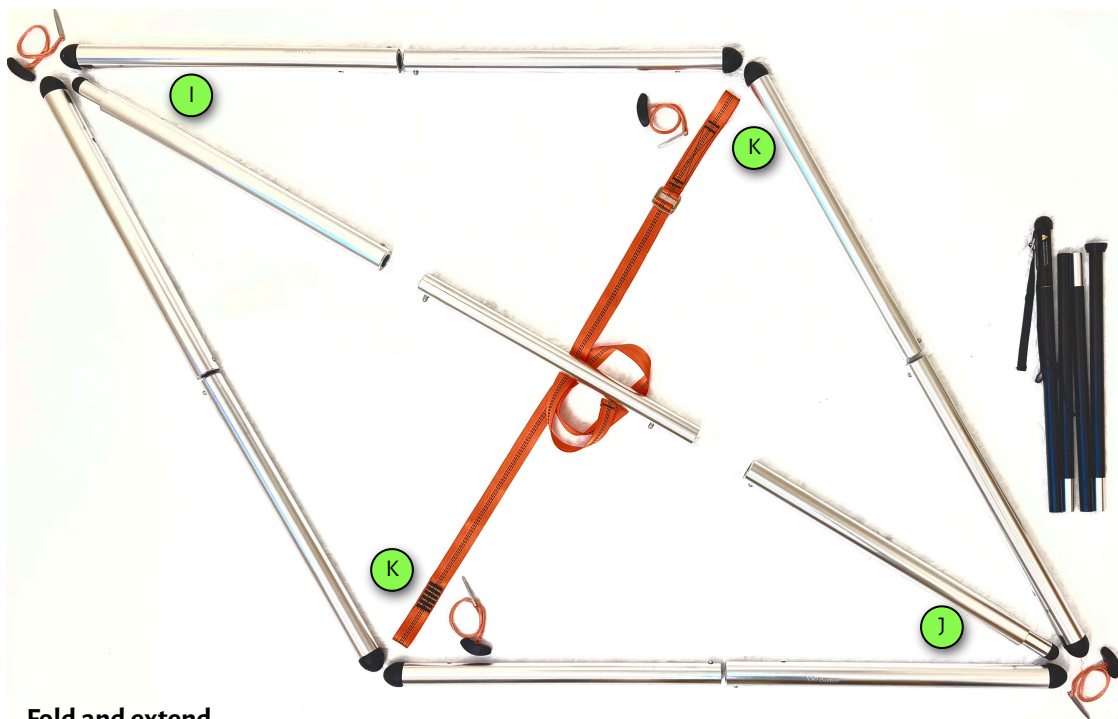
Identify parts

- (A) Four **4-segment sections**. These show the Tensa Outdoor logo.
- (B) Four **3-segment sections**
- (C) Two 4-segment **ridgepole sections** (tip appearance may vary)
- (D) **Ridgepole splice** segment
- (E) **Head Support Pole (HSP)**
- (F) Four **Tensa Toggle Loops**
- (G) **Baseline**



Build a diamond

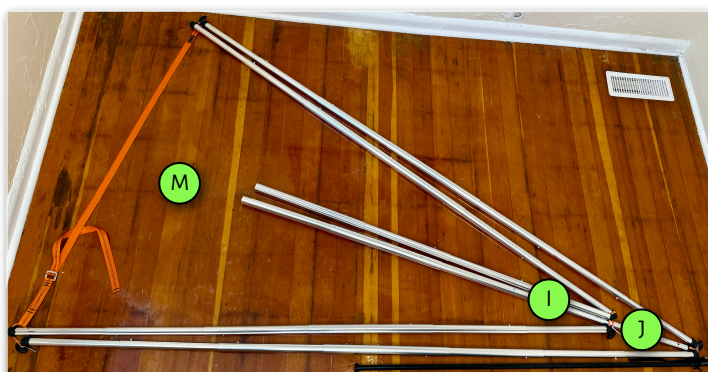
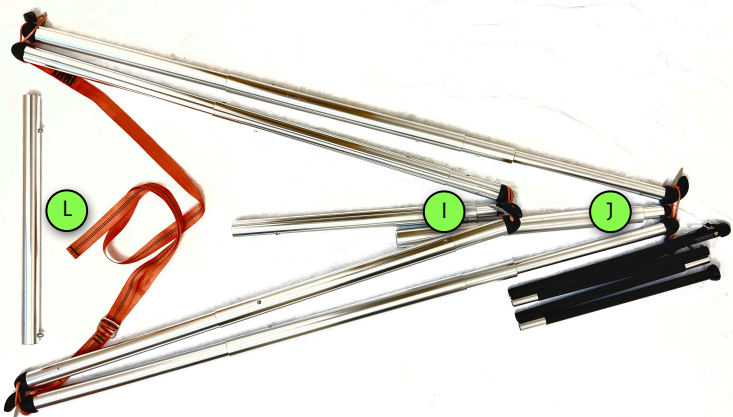
Lay out parts as shown. The **foot (I)** and **head (J)** ends each use two 4-segment sections with a ridgepole section between. The **base (K)** corners use 3-segment sections. Connect the corners of the diamond as shown in zoomed view panels. Thread the toggle loop through the HSP's webbing hanger loop (J). Join the outer pole sections of the diamond, but **not the ridgepole yet**.



Fold and extend

Fold the foot end onto the head end at the base (L). Extend the poles of the **head end to 7 segments long**, and of the **foot end to 6**, leaving the end segments sunk. (Freestanding kits for older Tensa4 stands include *Stub4s* to replace the

pole ends instead of leaving them sunk.) Extend the ridgepole sections fully, and fit the **ridgepole splice** to the head end half, making it 5 segments. Extend the HSP. Check for a symmetrical **nested V shape (M)**.



Stand up!

Lift the foot end. Grab both ridgepole ends, and join them **(N)** to make the ridgepole **9 segments**. Raise the head end, and plant the HSP foot to make the pole **vertical** (plumb).

If setting up on a slope, ensure both base feet are level. Adjust the baseline width to about 5' (1.5M) to start. Ensure that the HSP height adjustment strap has no twists, and is snug and square in its buckle. Adjust the HSP strap to make the stand's head end lower than its foot, on any ground slope.

Hang a hammock

Twelve-foot hammocks hang directly from the toggles. Shorter ones need extensions, such as tree suspension, extra toggle/ball loops, or the black parts of Tensa Outdoor webbing guylines. If the hammock hangs too low, shorten the suspension/narrow the base; if too high, lengthen the suspension/widen the base.

Hammocks usually hang best with their head ends lower than foot, but if you prefer a more nearly level hammock, lengthen suspension on the foot end instead of making the stand more level.

Before test-sitting in the hammock, **check that the HSP is vertical**. On the first sit, your weight may shift the joints; after settling, check again that the HSP is vertical. Then lay back, and **relax**.

Stow & set up quickly

First split the ridgepole, then fold and partially collapse the poles to fit in a corner, car, under a bed, etc. **(O)**. Hammock and quilts can stay attached.

To fit back into the bag, fold back into the **nested V (M)**. Then break apart into the diamond's 4- and 3-segment groupings without undoing their toggle loop connections. Collapse and pack the ridgepole splice **(P)**, foot **(Q)**, base **(R)** and head **(S)** bundles for reassembly in about 3 minutes.

Take care

Tensa4 is a light stand for sleep and relaxation, not horseplay, heavy swinging, or more than one user at a time. Wipe down dirty or sandy poles **before** collapsing. Treat poles inside and out with furniture polish for best telescoping smoothness.

CAUTION: Check that the HSP is vertical **every time** before settling into the hammock. A tilted pole is a **fall risk**, especially on **hard, slippery surfaces**. The pole can shift after adjusting or moving the stand, or from **rough entry or exit**.

- ✓ **Sit down and stand up straight**, never pushing or pulling against the stand for support.
- ✓ When possible, set up on **softer, non-slip surfaces** (carpet, grass, etc).
- ✓ On slicker surfaces, consider placing the **head end in a corner** to limit movement, or using **anti-slip material** under the feet.
- ✓ **Teach all users** always to check the pole before entry, even groggy in the dark of night.

