

Tripole Colonel

Tripole Colonel Rucksack Instruction Manual

Model: Colonel 80 Litres / 95 Litres

1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Tripole Colonel Rucksack instruction manual. This guide provides essential information for the proper use, setup, and maintenance of your new rucksack. The Tripole Colonel Rucksack is engineered for adventurers, offering robust construction, ample storage, and ergonomic design for comfortable long-duration travel and hiking.

Your rucksack is equipped with an internal frame, a detachable day pack, and a comprehensive adjustment system to ensure optimal fit and load distribution.

2. KEY FEATURES

- **Detachable Day Pack:** A 12-litre capacity day pack that can be easily detached from the main rucksack. Ideal for short excursions, carrying essentials like snacks, water, and a laptop (up to 14 inches). It features padded shoulder straps and a breathable back mesh for comfort.
- **Internal Frame System:** Designed for maximum load-carrying capacity, the rucksack incorporates a fibre frame at the back, reinforced by an aluminum rod. This system provides structural integrity and support for heavy loads.
- **Integrated Rain Cover:** A fully waterproof rain cover is conveniently stored in a velcro pocket at the base of the rucksack. This cover protects your gear from rain and dust.
- **Bottom Opening Compartment:** An easy-access compartment at the bottom allows for quick retrieval of items such as shoes, sleeping bags, or soiled clothes. This section is separated from the main compartment by a fabric divider, which can be loosened to create a single large compartment.
- **Durable Construction:** Made from water-repellent heavy-duty polyester fabric with durable hardware and zippers.
- **Comfortable Back System:** Soft cushioning on the back ensures comfort and promotes good airflow during extended wear.
- **Multiple Pockets:** Various handy pockets are located on the front, side, and top for organizing and storing

diverse items.

3. SETUP AND ADJUSTMENT

Proper adjustment of your rucksack is crucial for comfort and efficient load distribution. Follow these steps to customize the fit:

3.1 Torso Adjustment

The Colonel Rucksack features a torso adjustment mechanism to fit various body heights. Adjust the shoulder strap anchor points up or down to ensure the hip belt rests comfortably on your iliac crest (hip bones).



Image: Rear view of the rucksack highlighting the torso adjustment mechanism and padded back system.

3.2 Load Adjustment Straps

Multiple load adjustment straps are bar-tacked at crucial joints for durability. These straps, located on the top of the shoulder straps and on the sides, help pull the load closer to your body, improving balance and comfort.

3.3 Sternum Straps

The sternum strap, coupled with elastic bands, provides better movability and helps stabilize the shoulder straps

across your chest. Adjust its height and tension for a snug fit without restricting breathing.

3.4 Waist Belt

The waist belt is designed to transfer the majority of the pack's weight to your hips. Tighten the straps at the back of the waist pads to push the rucksack higher and assist in load management. The waist pocket can be folded inside during rain.

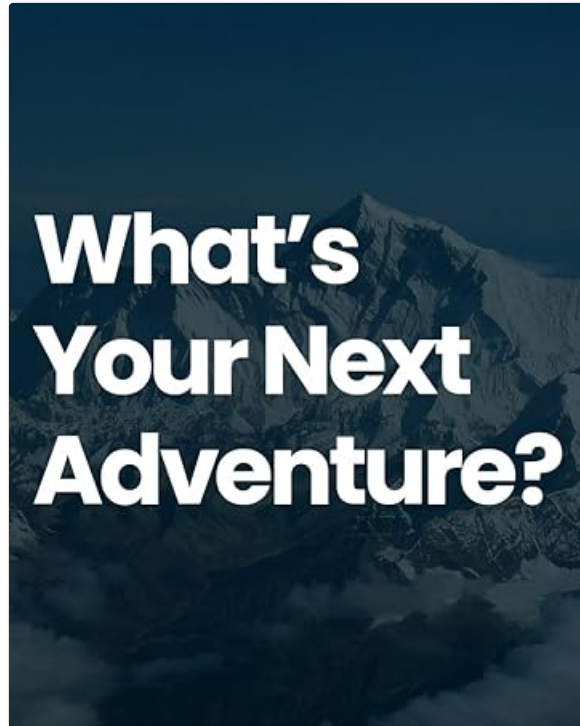


Image: Detail of the waist belt showing adjustment points and smart fittings for easy tightening.

4. OPERATING YOUR RUCKSACK

4.1 Packing Your Rucksack

For optimal comfort and balance, pack heavier items close to your back and centered. Lighter, bulkier items can go further from your back, and frequently accessed items should be placed in external pockets or the bottom compartment.

4.2 Detaching and Attaching the Day Pack

The detachable day pack is secured to the main rucksack via zippers and buckles. To detach, unclip the buckles and unzip the main attachment points. To reattach, align the zippers and buckles, ensuring they are securely fastened.



Image: The main rucksack alongside its detached day pack, illustrating the modular design.

4.3 Accessing the Rain Cover

The rain cover is located in a dedicated velcro pocket at the very bottom of the rucksack. Simply open the pocket, pull out the cover, and stretch it over the entire rucksack for protection.



Image: The base of the rucksack with the rain cover partially pulled out from its storage pocket.

4.4 Using the Bottom Opening

The bottom opening provides direct access to the lower section of the main compartment. This is ideal for items you need to access quickly without unpacking the entire rucksack. The fabric divider can be uncinched to merge the bottom and main compartments.



Image: An open view of the rucksack's bottom compartment, showing the internal access point.

5. MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and performance of your Tripole Colonel Rucksack, follow these simple care instructions:

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the rucksack with a damp cloth to remove dirt and grime. For stubborn stains, use a mild soap solution and rinse thoroughly. Do not machine wash or tumble dry.
- **Drying:** Allow the rucksack to air dry completely in a well-ventilated area, away from direct sunlight or heat sources. Ensure all compartments are open to prevent mildew.
- **Storage:** Store the rucksack in a cool, dry place when not in use. Avoid compressing it excessively for long periods to maintain its shape and structural integrity.
- **Zippers and Buckles:** Periodically check zippers and buckles for smooth operation. Clean any debris from zippers and lubricate if necessary.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

6.1 Discomfort or Poor Fit

If you experience discomfort or the rucksack feels unbalanced, re-evaluate your packing strategy and adjustment settings:

- Ensure the torso length is correctly adjusted for your height.
- Verify that the hip belt is snug and resting on your hip bones, bearing most of the weight.
- Tighten load lifter straps (above shoulder straps) to pull the top of the pack closer to your body.
- Adjust sternum strap for comfort and stability.
- Repack the rucksack, placing heavier items centrally and close to your back.

6.2 Zippers Sticking

If zippers are difficult to operate, clean them with a small brush to remove any dirt or grit. A silicone-based lubricant or a graphite pencil can be applied to the zipper teeth to improve smoothness.

6.3 Water Leakage

While the rucksack is water-repellent and includes a rain cover, extreme conditions or improper use can lead to moisture ingress:

- Ensure the rain cover is properly deployed and covers the entire rucksack.
- Check for any tears or damage to the fabric or seams.
- Consider using dry bags or waterproof stuff sacks for sensitive items inside the rucksack for added protection.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
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Feature	Detail
Model Name	Colonel
Capacity	80 Litres (main) + 12 Litres (detachable day pack)
Fabric Type	Polyester (Water-repellent)
Frame Type	Internal Frame (Fibre with Aluminum Rod)
Package Dimensions	19.69 x 12.6 x 3.94 inches
Item Weight	5.51 Pounds (approx. 2.5 kg)
Care Instructions	Wipe with Damp Cloth
Origin	Made in India



Image: Visual comparison of the Colonel 80 Litres and Colonel 95 Litres models, showing their respective dimensions and weights.

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Tripole products are designed for durability and performance. For any manufacturing defects or issues not covered by normal wear and tear, please contact Tripole customer support.

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