The Family Tent has 16 m² main floor area, plus two 3.5 m² vestibules, for a total area of 23 m², double-fold with ground sheet.

It is the standard tent used by UNHCR/ICRC/IFRC and suitable for a family of 5 persons, following the recommended minimum living area in hot and temperate climates (3.5 m² per person), and providing additional space for cold climates.

The technical specifications of this tent were developed by shelter specialists, with close technical cooperation between UNHCR, IFRC and ICRC, to guarantee a product fit for human use in all climates, with appropriate outdoor life span, at a minimum cost.

The technical specifications of this tent are generic, ensuring that the product can be manufactured by different suppliers in various countries, with the common technical know-how and standard equipment from the tent industry.

For pre-selection of potential manufacturers, it is advisable to first control the adherence to the main material specifications. Information about approved technical laboratories could be obtained from HQ.

Family tents are subject to International Purchase Frame Agreements (Long Term Agreements) with validated manufacturers. Refer to HQ before purchasing in order to obtain information on frame agreements.

The validated manufacturers should have had samples tested in a laboratory prior to frame agreement, and are subject to continuous quality control.

Information for laboratory testing:
Two complete sample tents are to be sent to the approved laboratory for testing and make up checking. One sample would be used for material testing and the second for testing the pitching. A product is acceptable only if all criteria are passed on the same sample.

General Description

- Weight and Volume
  - Gross weight per unit: approx. 5.5 kg
  - Gross volume per unit: approx. 0.20 cbm

- Expected Life Span
  - Shelf-life: the tent has a shelf-life of 5 years, minimum, under normal warehousing conditions, in dry, clean, and ventilated warehouses. It should be elevated from the ground, not piled, stored on pallets and pallet racks, not in containers or in tented warehouses. Tents are sensitive to rain and moisture when packed.

- Packing
  - One tent with all accessories can be packed into a bundle. The outer shell and the inner tent are folded in a way to assure that the ground sheet protects the tent and accessories from dirt and moisture. The bundle is made of woven polyethylene (PE) fabric of 180g/m². Total length is maximum 2250mm, approximate diameter is 250mm.

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