

## When Using A Free Standing Framework

- 1. Separate the like components. Rafters and horizontals are labled. The legs have a black plug in the bottom of the tube.
- 2. Arrange all angle joints (9 if single, 12 if double, or 15 if triple) on the ground. (8x10 and 10x12 tents have angles specifically for the ridge and eve. Angles for 12x14 tents and larger are interchangeable between ridge and eve.) The 4-way center angle(s) should be arranged between the 3-way end angles as shown in Fig A.
- 3. Place all tubing marked "rafter" as shown in diagram below. If rafters are 2 piece, place one end of each piece of tubing together at the center utilizing the crimped end pieces.
- 4. The eave & ridge tubing are marked "horizontal". If these are to be coupled (2) pieces per, place one end of each piece of tubing together at the center, utilizing the crimped end pieces.
- 5. Connect the tubing and angles running front to back forming the ridge and eave lines as shown in Fig B. When ridge and eave lines are together, start at one end and put in rafter tubing. When complete it will look like the roof of a house.
- 6. Drape tent over the roof sections.
- 7. Tilt up the roof structure and connect the legs onto angles, one side at a time
- 8. Stake down the bottom of your tent and guy out eaves to keep roof from sagging if it rains or snows.
- \*Please note framework is made to fit your tent after shrinkage. Shrinkage of fabrics is variable so you may find that you will have to shorten some tubing to get a good fit. If cutting the tubing down, be sure to ream out the inside of the tubing where cut to smooth out any aluminum spurs that may hang up the fitting, making it difficult to put together or pull apart. Lubricant will also help avoid sticking parts.

