

Size:	Tents should provide a minimum of 16m² usable covered area and must be made of waterproof canvas with a strong supporting frame. Double fly is recommended as it provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A ventilated air gap for enhanced thermal performanceb. Improved water resistance
Fabric	Fabric should meet the specifications outlined in the <u>IFRC Emergency items catalogue¹</u> . More on specification is available from “A guide to the use and logistics of family tents in humanitarian relief ² ”.
Fly sheet:	Separate fly sheet, usually made from canvas, which fits over the inner tent.
Structural supports:	The poles, which form the vertical supports and the ridge beam, should be made of thick gauge steel (min 1.5mm) and with an external diameter of 35-50mm. This gives suitable structural resistance to both high winds and snow loading.
Mud flaps / valences	The tent must have rot proof mud flaps of suitable quality and length to allow the tent to be dug into the ground.

NOTE: More information on Winter Tent Research and Development Minimum Parameters can be found on <http://ifrc-sru.org/research/mongolia/>

¹ <http://procurement.ifrc.org/catalogue>

² http://www.sheltercentre.org/sites/default/files/UNOCHA_tents.pdf