Instructions on how to set up a Dandy Destiny (High Side)



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It takes time to get the setting up right, but once you have mastered it your Dandy can be set up in around 15 minutes.

Just take your time, and we hope that this information sheet helps you.

OK, arrive on camp site, select your pitch. But think first, is it level, which way is the wind blowing? It can be easier to set up the Dandy if windy with the fixed bed end facing the wind.



Now remove the gas bottles, you need to do this now, if you forget, you will not be able to remove them once the bed ends are over!

Also, connect up your battery if you are using it.







Once your ready, lower the jockey wheel, and take of the front cover (gas bottle/s and leisure battery)
We keep a spirit level in the area.



You now need to level up the Dandy, using the jockey wheel, and wheel chocks if you have them.

DO NOT make the mistake of using the corner steadies to level things up!

Your Dandy is now ready to start setting up.





Fully remove the transit cover, and take off any items you have stored underneath,



Time to wind down the corner steadies, and as already mentioned, these are just steadies.

We use some wooden chocks and you should not wind them down just on to grass/earth as they will sink.

Do all four corners, and double check the Dandy is level and secure

Once the bed ends are over, you have no going back.



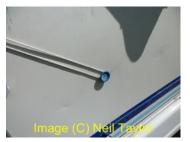


This next stage is important, and is often the one that you will forget. Putting up the Dandy is like marching, left, right.. So you start with the left side.

Pull over the Dandy PVC to the right, this exposes the bed board, and the bed legs .Pull these out.

Now take the cords and release from the bed buttons





DO NOT let the cords get caught on the body buttons.



Do this on both sides, and you will be ready to flip over the bed board.

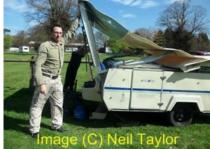


The next stage will take two people, but once you know what your doing it can be done single handed.

Flip over the left bed end, and watch the Dandy PVC roof lift into place. Just take your time as you do this



Secure and put into place the bed end support legs









OK we are now ready to do the same on the right bed end. But to make things easier, please pull over any PVC to the right, ready.



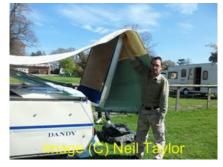
Take your cords, and attach to the bed ends to enable the Dandy PVC roof to lift up and over as you pull over the right bed end.





Now pull over the right bed end, as ever take your time, as it lifts over get the bed end legs ready to pop into place.







You are doing well! Right now move over the door Bat Wing, and lift over the Dandy Destiny door to open it. This gives you access to get on with the next stage.







Now open the bottom half of the stable door, and you will be ready to lift up the Dandy sides. This is very easy and quick as the sides have gas struts.











You now need to grab a roof pole, and secure into the back wall clip, use the pole to push the back wall into place, then clipping it into the front wall mount.

Just take your time once again, the walls have gas struts and take little effort to put into place.



Great stuff.. And now time to step outside. You now need to disconnect the cords that you used to pull over the PVC, take the cords from the buttons, on now pull into place the roof bars.



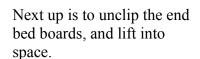




Do look close how the roof bars click/lock into space.

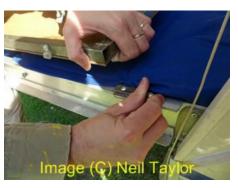


Hope everything is going OK for you so far, and just a few more minutes and you can get your self a well deserved drink!



You may need to pull over some of the PVC roof to give your self a bit of slack.









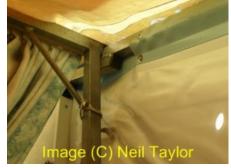
So now take a firm hold of the Bat Wing and clip into place. Take your time doing this, and once done on both sides, check, and now double check that the nothing has got displaced, it is not uncommon for the roof bars to disconnect.

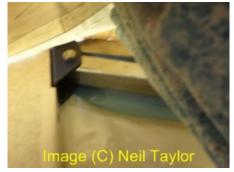






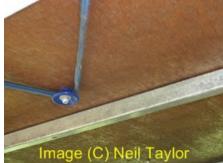






You now need to connect up all the bungee cords to help to make your Dandy secure, make sure that all of them are done and you do not miss any! This included the end walls, and under the bed boards.











Fantastic if your up to this stage, and now getting close to finishing off.

You need, now to attach the end bungee cords, make sure that the Dandy PVC is all in place. You may need to push up the PVC, and a broom will help! If you are unable to reach.



Its time now to secure the PVC roof. Tie down one end with the ropes as shown, and make secure. Note the flap on the PVC roof, make sure this is equal on both sides, and its all aligned up.

You will now be ready to pull down the roof cord, do this firm, and note that the roof flap comes down, it vital to to make sure this is done properly, and once done is fully secured.















Note the rope is put into place in a 8 motion, then pulled sight and tucked in.

So, that's it, your Dandy is set up.. Now time to step in side and assemble the interior. The next selection of photos show how we pack away the Dandy, and make it ready to assemble. You will note that we have adapted our wardrobe, and it has three shelves. We use the wardrobe to store pillows.

Lift the wardrobe into place, and secure with the large wing nut, lift on the kitchen unit, keeping the gas pipe and 12 volt power cable safe.

Then connect the inlet water pipe, and also the sink overflow pipe. CHECK you have done this!

























We have a over the kitchen shelf and light, and we now put this into place. We also have a hot air heater that has a controller by the bed











Just a couple of minutes to go, and your all done. You now need to connect your EHU (Electric Hook Up) Your clean water supply, and your grey water container. If you have a roof liner, its time to put that up, as well as your window curtain pelmets.

You will note that we leave our bed privacy curtains up, if you take yours down now is the time to clip them into place.

































OK, that's it. I know on a first reading and an attempt to put up your Dandy its not that easy, and your brain will go numb trying to remember everything, but we hope that this free information sheet will help you, and give you some prompts.

Once you have the hang of it, you Dandy will be up in 15 minutes and no pegging out!

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