



How do I replace a brittle or broken shock cord?

We'll show you step by step instructions for removing the old shock cord and replacing it with a new one.

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INTRODUCTION

Shock cords hold the segments of a tent pole together making tent set up faster. Over the years, the cord can become brittle and break. We'll show you step by step instructions for removing the old shock cord and replacing it with a new one.



TOOLS:

- [Utility Scissors](#) (1)
- [Clothespins](#) (1)



PARTS:

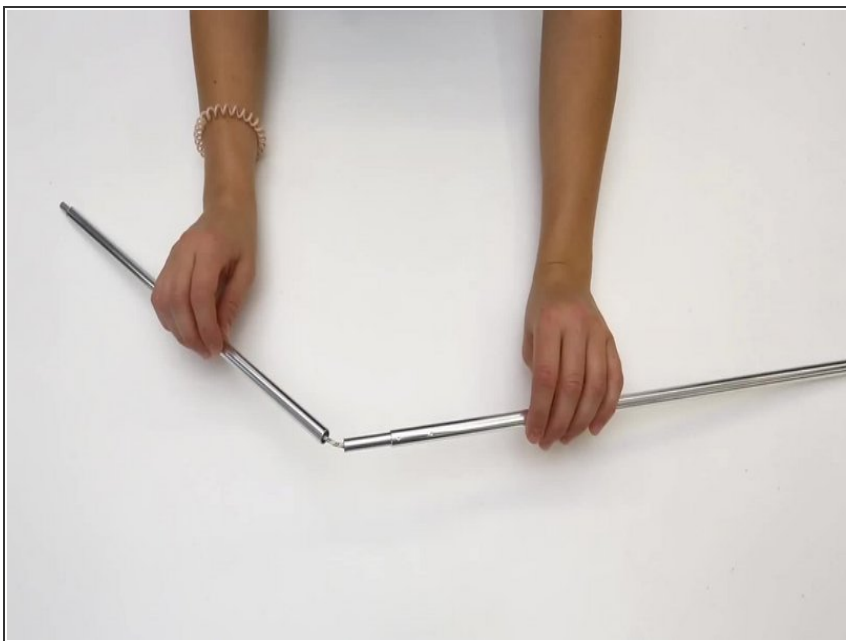
- [New Item](#) (1)

Step 1 — shock cord



- First, check if you really need to replace the cord. The following criteria can be helpful in your decision: cord has lost elasticity, rough surfaces, damaged areas

Step 2



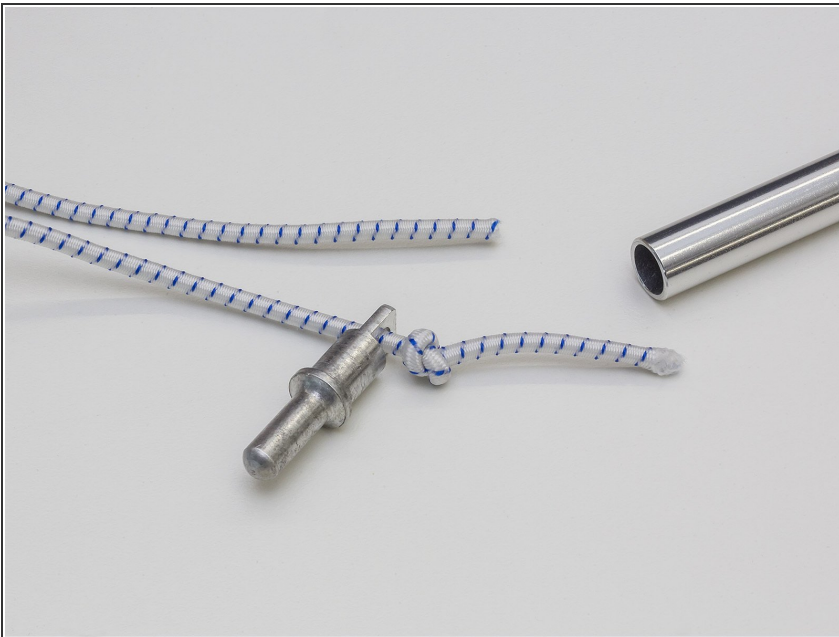
- Put all segments together so that you have one long tent pole.

Step 3



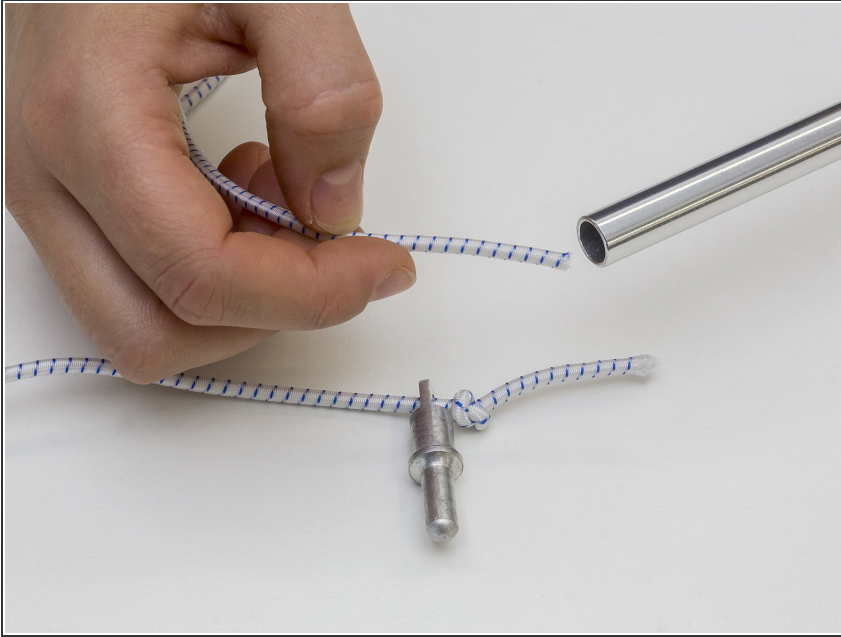
- Pull out the end pin on one side and cut off the knot. Then pull the shock cord out completely from the other end of the pole.

Step 4



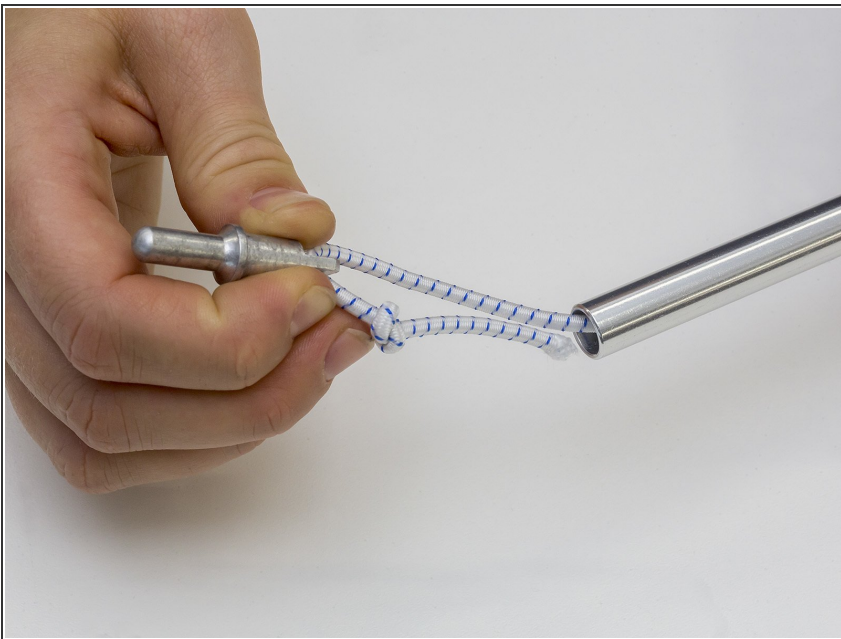
- Attach the new shock cord to the pin and tie a knot in it.

Step 5



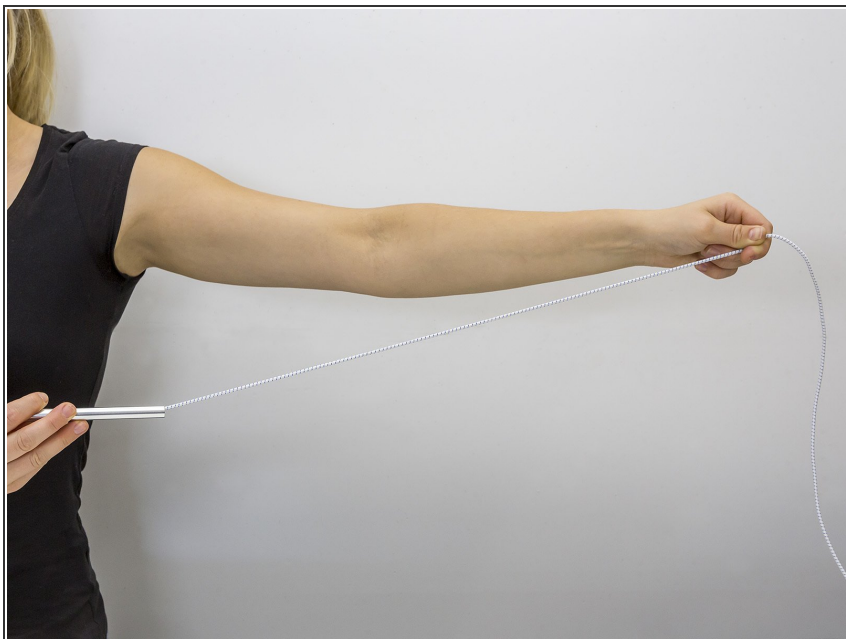
- Thread the loose shock cord end through the tent pole.

Step 6



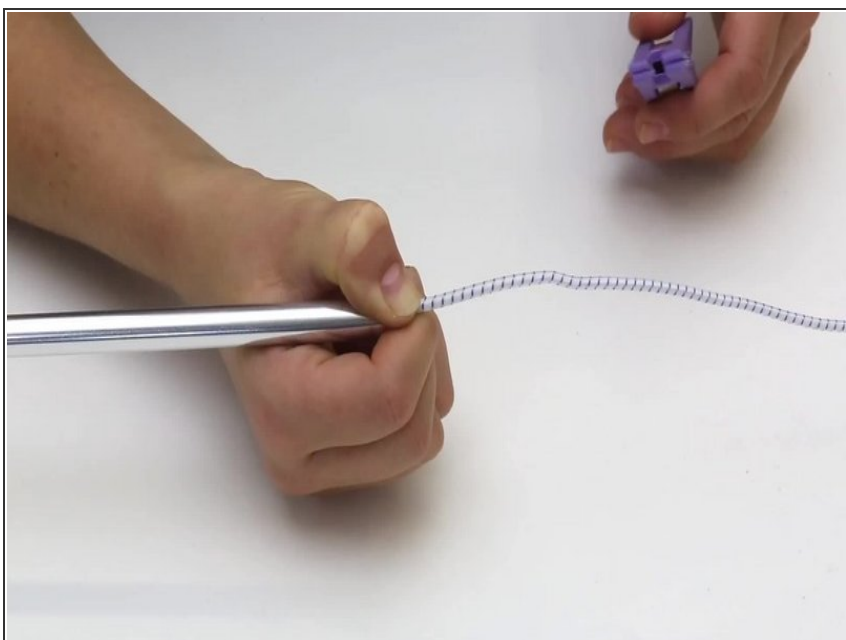
- When the shock cord is hanging out of the tent pole with a fair amount of excess, insert the pin back into the pole at the other end.

Step 7



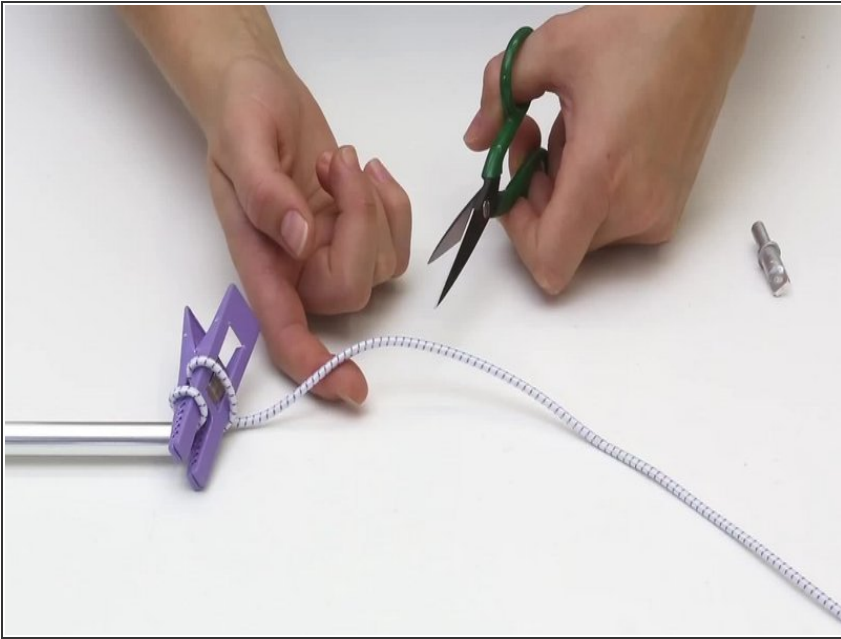
- At the other end, pull the shock cord taught – with about one arm's length of tension in the cord.
- ❗ In order to keep this tension for the next step, hold the shock cord to the pole with your fingers.

Step 8



- Hold the shock cord and tension with the help of a clothes pin.

Step 9



- Now attach the end pin to this side of the shock cord, tie a knot in it, and insert it into the pole.

Done! You made it.