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60 WAYS TO KICKSTART YOUR SUMMER

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OUR TESTS

Speed: How quickly can we pitch the tent in a 25 mph wind gust?

Comfort: Can two burly six-foot men fit inside the thing without touching thighs?

Waterworks: Will it leak when we put it on a pickup truck's bed and send it through a car wash?

IN-TENTS WORKOUT

Which three-season, two-person tent makes the perfect pitch this summer?



1 AIR FORCE
Nemo Morpho AR, \$395
nemoequipment.com

Lowdown: Go camping future-style under this tent's acid-green canopy: Its design scraps poles for inflatable structural beams. Blow it up to get the tent erect!

Speed: Raising the neon beast took six minutes and 62 foot pumps—the slowest in our test.

Comfort: Our two tall testers found the 40 sq. ft. of floor space ample enough to Indian leg wrestle. Nothin' weird about that.

Waterworks: We doubted the single-wall setup would survive the car wash. Surprise! Even though it's the only tent on our list without a rain fly, our man stayed bone-dry.

Verdict: It is the coolest-looking tent in our test and can take a beating, but it's pricey and packs big.

RATING ●●●○○



2 OPEN AIR
REI Quarter Dome T2, \$259
rei.com

Lowdown: A mostly mesh design makes this a choice tent for stargazers and exhibitionists.

Speed: Despite our man-made maelstrom and the tent's funky asymmetrical structure, color-coded poles and tent seams helped our tester get this set up quicker than Marion Barry. Time: 3:30.

Comfort: Our testers dug the breezy canopy and "straight-up side walls," which provided enough room for two very large heads.

Waterworks: We had doubts, but the tent's rain fly, "bathtub" bottom, and raised door zippers kept our testers moisture-free.

Verdict: Like a mesh BUSCH GARDENS cutoff T-shirt, you can see through it, but it's tough as hell.

RATING ●●●●●



3 THE WEIGHT WATCHER
Copper Spur UL2, \$400
bigagnes.com

Lowdown: The lightest tent in our test gets sciency on our ass: Anodized aluminum poles and thin nylon keep weight under four pounds—so you can haul more Lunchables!

Speed: We had the hubbed setup standing in 4:30, thanks to instructions sewn into the bag. Genius!

Comfort: Though it has 30 feet of floor space, testers felt "too snug." Their favorite feature? Double side doors that make bailing easy.

Waterworks: The "Bible-page thin" walls kept our tester untouched after a car wash dousing. He brazenly asked to remain inside while we ran out for lunch.

Verdict: A super-tech, ultralight tent disguised in hearing-aid beige. Only for the hardcore.

RATING ●●●●○



4 THE THROWBACK
Eureka! Timberline 2, \$120
eurekaent.com

Lowdown: Remember that A-frame tent you pitched as a pizza-faced Boy Scout? Eureka! still makes it. And you still have zits.

Speed: Our tester freaked after finding no instructions inside the box, but he had this ageless wonder flapping in the wind in five minutes, thanks to its simple design.

Comfort: Testers praised the 38 sq. ft. of floor but bitched about the "awkward head space" and lack of side windows. Spoiled brats.

Waterworks: Fail! Our subject left the car wash with wet corduroys and a bruised ego. Water entered through an ill-mounted zipper right at the floor crease.

Verdict: Retro is cool—unless it's raining in the present.

RATING ●●●○○