



Springbar vs. Kodiak Canvas Comparison

Q: What are the differences between Springbar and Kodiak Canvas KC? They both seem very similar.

A: You can not go wrong with a Springbar tent. They make a terrific tent.

Kodiak Canvas is made after the Springbar style. The intention of Kodiak Canvas was not to be a cheap imitation of a Springbar, rather an improved evolution. Here is how we compare.

Canvas: Weave, weight and waterproofing are very comparable. Kodiak Canvas did test approx 7% stronger when tested at an independent lab.

Pole System: Very similar. Springbar uses aluminum that needs to be reinforced with steel for strength. They also use telescoping uprights that take a little longer to assemble and can get “welded” together if you get dirt down in them. Kodiak Canvas uses galvanized steel. It is a bit stronger, and a bit heavier and a lot less expensive.

Floor: Kodiak Canvas uses a heavy-duty floor that is almost twice the thickness and weight, and it has a welded seam (completely waterproof). Springbar has thin floor and a sewn seam (water will seep through).

Zippers: Both use the same top-rated YKK zipper.

Screen Material: Both use no-see-um mesh (keeps tiny insects out). Kodiak Canvas uses a screen that is much stronger than Springbar.

Added Features: The following are features you get with Kodiak Canvas that you do not get with Springbar. Two doors, one front and one back for convenient access. Very nice not to have to climb over your buddies to get in and out. D-Shaped door for easy entry. Vents (gives better air flow and temperature management). Gear loft, sewn in pockets, and tie loops for storage and organization. Strap-and-cinch storage bag makes rolling and putting the tent in the bag a cinch. Real metal stakes. A cheap plastic stake has no business on a tent of this class.

We are biased, but we think we make a better tent. We think if the cost were the same we would be the best choice. Given that we are more than \$100 less on a comparable tent, we think it's a no brainer.



Comparison

Kodiak Canvas vs Springbar



| Specs | Kodiak Canvas (Flex-Bow #6010) | Springbar (Traveler) |
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| Floor Size | 10x10 ft. | 10x10 ft. |
| Capacity | 6 adults (If you cram them in) | 6 adults (If you cram them in) |
| Seasons | All season. Use year-round, but not designed for harsh winter mountaineering. | All season. Use year-round, but not designed for harsh winter mountaineering. |
| Ceiling Height | 6' 6" | 6'6" |
| Weight | 68 lbs (includes 6.35 lbs in tent stakes) | 59 lbs (includes 2.2 lbs in tent stakes) |
| Ceiling Fabric | 10 oz 100% Cotton Canvas Hydra-Shield | 10 oz 100% Cotton Canvas Sunforger |
| Wall Fabric | 8.5 oz 100% Cotton Canvas Hydra-Shield* | 8.5 oz 100% Cotton Canvas Sunforger |
| Floor Material | 16 oz Vinyl. Polyester reinforced. | 8 oz Vinyl. Polyester reinforced. |
| Screen Material | Heavy Duty 50D (2.1 oz) Polyester No-See-Um mesh. | Light Duty (0.9 oz) Polyester No-See-Um mesh. |
| Waterproofing | Silicone saturated dry finish. Watertight, breathable, and durable. | Silicone saturated dry finish. Watertight, breathable, and durable. |
| Canvas Weave | Double fill cotton canvas (tight weave, strong, and keeps moisture out). | Double fill cotton canvas (tight weave, strong, and keeps moisture out). |
| Stake Loops | Poly Strap Webbing (Accommodate Oversized Stakes). | Steel Wire (Not compatible w/ oversized stakes) |
| Floor seam | Welded Seam--waterproof. | Sewn seam. Water will seep through. |
| Seams/Stitching | Lap felled seams and double stitching. Lock Stitch. | Lap felled seams. Double and single stitching. Chain Stitch (Same stitch used to seal a sugar bag. Easier but not as secure as a lock stitch). |
| Features | | |
| Doors | 2 D-Shaped doors. #10 YKK Zippers | 1 Straight zip Door. #10 YKK Zipper |
| Windows | 4 Large Windows. #8 YKK Zippers | 3 Large Windows. 1 Screened Door. #8 YKK Zippers |
| Awning | 72x78" Awning | 72x72" Awning |
| Gear Loft | 1 Use in attic or sling style | None |
| Pockets | 2 Under Windows | None |
| Organizers | 2 Clip on. Custom in-line or separate. | 2 Zip on. No in-line feature. |
| Interior Tie-loops | 14 (12 on ceiling 2 on floor) Use as clothesline or attach gear | 2 on ceiling |
| Vents | 2 Funnel Flow Vents w/ zipper | None |
| Tent Bag | Strap-and-Cinch with carry handle and sew in instruction | Stuff bag w/ draw cord. No handle. No instructions |
| Manufacturer | Skilled canvas tent maker. China | Skilled canvas tent maker. USA |
| Suggested Retail | \$439.99 | \$569.99 |
| Warranty | Lifetime Limited Warranty | Lifetime Limited Warranty |

* Canvas fabric samples were strength tested at an independent textile lab. Kodiak Canvas' Hydra-Shield canvas tested to be 7% stronger than Springbar's Canvas both before and after UV exposure.