

REVIEW SUMMARY - FLOORLESS SHELTERS

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Shelter	Stability	Storm prot.	Vent/cond	Pitch flex.	Ease pitch/setup	Insect protection	Weight oz	Surface area (sq ft)	Sq ft/oz	Weight g	Surface area (sq m)	Sq m/kg	Number of tie-outs	Price	Value	Comments
PARTIALLY OR FULLY ENCLOSED SHELTERS:																
GoLite Hex	5.0	5.0	2-4	3.5	4.0	3.0	28.4	68	2.4	805	6.3	7.8	12	\$249	3.0	weight includes adjustable webbing tension straps
GoLite Lair 1	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.5	1.0	11.0	50	4.5	312	4.6	14.9	11	\$99	4.0	
GoLite Lair 2	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.5	1.0	14.2	65	4.6	403	6.0	15.0	11	\$129	4.0	
Integral Designs Silshelter	4.0	4.5	2-4	5.0	2.0	3.0	12.9	40	3.1	366	3.7	10.2	20	\$150	3.0	
Integral Designs George Tarp	3.5	4.5	2-4	4.0	3.0	3.0	21.6	56	2.6	612	5.2	8.5	15	\$200	3.0	
Tarptent Virga	4.5	4.0	4.0	3.5	5.0	5.0	20.4	31	1.5	578	2.9	5.0	6	\$165	4.0	weight includes all poles, stakes and guylines and stuff sack
Tarptent Squall	4.5	4.0	4.0	3.5	5.0	5.0	24.0	42	1.8	680	3.9	5.7	6	\$180	5.0	weight includes all poles, stakes and guylines and stuff sack
Tarptent Cloudburst	5.0	4.5	3-5	2.5	5.0	5.0	32.9	39	1.2	933	3.6	3.9	4	\$205	4.0	weight includes all poles, stakes and guylines and stuff sack
Oware Alphamid	4.0	5.0	3.5	4.0	4.0	3.0	19.0	50	2.6	539	4.6	8.6	9	\$160	4.0	
OPEN TARPS:																
Granite Gear 8x10 White Lightenin' Tarp	4.0	3.5	5.0	4.0	4.0	1.0	20.3	63	3.1	576	5.9	10.2	9	\$115	4.0	weight includes adjustable webbing straps, guylines, and stuff sack
Oware 6x8 Cat Tarp (tapers to 4 at foot)	4.5	3.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	1.0	7.0	34	4.8	198	3.2	15.9	8	\$60	5.0	
Oware 6x8 Std. silnylon tarp	4.0	3.0	5.0	4.5	3.0	1.0	9.0	42	4.6	255	3.9	15.1	9	\$60	4.5	
Oware 8x10 Std. silnylon tarp	4.0	3.5	5.0	4.5	3.0	1.0	15.2	69	4.5	431	6.4	14.8	16	\$102	4.0	
Oware 10x10 Std. silnylon tarp	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.5	3.0	1.0	18.4	87	4.7	522	8.0	15.4	20	\$113	4.0	
Campmor/Equinox 6x8 UL Tarp	3.5	3.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	9.7	42	4.3	275	3.9	14.0	15	\$55	4.5	grommated tieouts less useful than webbing tie outs
Campmor/Equinox 8x10 UL Tarp	3.5	3.5	5.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	14.8	69	4.7	420	6.4	15.3	21	\$65	4.5	grommated tieouts less useful than webbing tie outs
PONCHO-TARPS:																
Integral Designs Sil Poncho	3.5	3.0	5.0	3.5	3.5	1.0	9.0	35	3.8	255	3.2	12.6	10	\$70	4.5	
Campmor/Equinox UL Poncho/Tarp	2.0	3.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	8.1	31	3.9	230	2.9	12.7	6	\$40	2.0	stability reduced by lack of ridgeline tieouts (can be added by user)
Campmor/Equinox UL Ext. Poncho/Tarp	2.0	3.5	5.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	8.9	37	4.2	252	3	13.6	6	\$45	2.0	stability reduced by lack of ridgeline tieouts (can be added by user)