



Springbar vs. Kodiak Canvas Comparison

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

A: No question about it, Springbar makes 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). Sewn in pockets under the windows for storage. Strap-and-cinch storage bag makes rolling and putting the tent in the bag a cinch. Real metal stakes—because cheap plastic stakes have no business on tents of this class.

Bottom line, Kodiak Canvas beats Springbar on materials, workmanship, features, and price.



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Specs	Kodiak Canvas (Flex-Bow #6055)	Springbar (Traveler)
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.
Poles	1" Galvanized steel tube.	1" Aluminum tube. Steel reinforced.
Stakes	12" Steel Solid Rod (3/8" Diameter).	9" Plastic
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 front and back. #10 YKK Zippers	1 Straight zip Door. #10 YKK Zipper
Windows	2 Large Windows. #8 YKK Zippers	3 Large Windows. 1 Screened Door. #8 YKK Zippers
Awning	72x78" Awning	72x72" Awning
Pockets	2 Under Windows	None
Organizers	None	2 Zip on.
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	\$399.99	\$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.