

Hunka

Lightweight bivvy bag / sleeping bag cover

The Hunka is a simple but waterproof and breathable bivvy cover for lightweight travelling.

THE DESIGN

We had two constraints when designing our Hunka bivvy bag; firstly minimize the amount of fabric to keep weight and price low, and secondly we should be able to fit inside a winter bag in without squashing the down. We have spent a great deal of time resolving these issues to produce an efficient pattern with little waste, whilst still designing a bivvy bag that works. A simple, affordable but properly waterproof / breathable bivvy cover weighing 400g.

PERFORMANCE

Current Gore-Tex/eVent air permeable bivvy fabric has a moisture vapour transmission rate (MVTR) of 25,000. As a comparison old Taslan Gore-Tex weighed in at around 15,000 and our fabric is about 10,000. In real terms this means that if you are not breathing into it, then it is breathable enough. In some conditions you will get condensation on the inside of the fabric but for most people this seems to be manageable.

HUNKA XL

Hunka is available in two sizes; regular and extra large. They are about 15cm longer and 15 cm wider than the existing Hunka. That doesn't sound a lot but that's an extra 30cm in circumference which makes them feel so much bigger. The Hunka XL is designed to accommodate the larger frame (longer than 6ft 1), a puffy winter bag or simply to give yourself more room in which to move around. If you have a larger sleeping bag then the Hunka XL will help ensure that the down baffles are not compressed against the side walls and your valuable insulation is not compromised.

FEATURES

Waterproof - Yes, the fabric has a hydrostatic head of 10,000mm, basically like your tents groundsheet.

Breathable - Yes, the fabric has a moisture vapour permeability (MVP) of 10,000g/m²/24hr

Low weight and bulk - We weighed 10 and the average was 388g.

Integral stuff pocket - On the base of the bag is a mesh bag that you stuff the bivvy bag into, so no stuffsack to lose.

Dual drawcord - You can close from either side or both so suitable for left and right handers and if you sleep on your front as I do then no toggle to press into your chest bone.

Hooded design - Although lighter, some of the more basic bivvy bags don't offer quite the same usability. The hood design allows you to overlap the opening making it more weather proof, however this design only has a drawcord so in heavy and direct rain you may get wet. The shaped hood is also good in snowy bivvys where loose snow tries to get in your bag all the time.

Hunka	Regular	XL
Length / Width /cm	215x80	235x98
Foot width / height /cm	22x55	24x72
Pack size /cm	15 cm sphere	15 x 10 x 20 oblong
Weight /gr	388	525
Hydrostatic head	10,000mm	10,000mm
MVP	10,000/m ² /24hr	10,000/m ² /24hr

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PRODUCT INFORMATION

Bivvy bags are no longer the preserve of scummy alpinists or even those of a more tactical nature. They can add a useful layer of protection for almost any user, particularly if you intend to sleep out in damp conditions that will put even the most expensive down sleeping bag to the test.

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