

Last year, the Coleman Instant Swagger tent took the gong in the Number 1 spot, and deservedly so... but was it *really* a swag?

The debate continues and some still argue that the swag/tent design trend – AKA, the 'swent' – isn't a genuine swag! Is the jury still out? Are our sales still favouring one over the other – or both in one?! When it comes to buying a swag, there are 3 factors in hot demand:

#### Ventilation, versatility, and durability!

So, without further ado, let's take a look at the roundup of our top ten best-selling swags, based on the last 12 months of sales...



#### 10. Darche Ranger Solo+ Swag

New to the rank, the <u>Ranger Solo+</u> is the conveniently compact and lightweight shelter for bike tourers and overnighters.

Its polycotton ripstop canvas with welded PVC bucket floor and zip closure storm cover has you protected from the elements, while a unique Hutch™ compartment is convenient for stashing your helmet, boots, and more – accessible from the inside too. Boasting a simple, quick-sticks setup thanks to its anodised aluminium-alloy head and foot poles, zip open the entry to a superfine mesh that provides both ventilation and insect protection. Stow in heavy-duty PVC 'dry' roll bag, and strap your pannier for effortless transport.



# 9. Darche AD 1100, Air-Volution AD 900, and Air-Volution AD 1400 Swags

Making an appearance in our list for the second year in a row are the <u>Air-Volution AD Swags</u> from <u>Darche</u>. With countless 5-star reviews, it's no wonder they've scored a ranking yet again!

This design comes in the <u>900</u>, <u>1100</u>, and <u>1400</u>, and instead of using traditional poles for structure and stability, it's got a puncture resistant inflatable system. 'Don't knock it 'til you've tried it', they say! With none of the usual poles to assemble, you can have this swag set up in under 20 seconds using the high capacity hand pump. It's super quick to deflate, fully seam sealed, has two-way entry, full zip head and foot windows, and all the quality you expect from Darche.

The <u>Air-Volution AD</u> is a stellar choice for the tourer, or someone who wants a swag that'll last (which is, uh, everyone?)!





#### 8. 23ZERO Duke 1400 and 1600 Swags

We're just gonna say it - the Duke is the perfect sundown setup.

A convenient four-way entry, extensive internal space, and freestanding design has the 1400 and 1600 models the mightiest mobile homes! Seek relief from insects and soak in serenity thanks to a super-fine mesh and cross flow ventilation, while climate control features include a zip-down canvas, all-weather gusseted canopies, and a fully seam-sealed construction. With four all-weather awnings too, these swags throws serious shade (without the attitude)! Battling the beaten track by your side for years to come thanks to self-repairing spiral zips for ultimate security too – rough it in rustic royalty, with the Duke 1400 and 1600 swags by 23ZERO.



### 7. OZtrail Mitchell Expedition Single Swag

<u>OZtrail's Mitchell Expedition</u> is no stranger to our shelves and often makes an appearance in the Top 10. Available in <u>single</u> and <u>double</u>, this swag has been around for about a decade and many swear by its longevity!

The SatProof canvas construction has the Mitchell a great choice for those wanting a durable swag with reduced weight and packed size. It's a basic three-hoop design, with a full mesh upper to allow for plenty of airflow. The 5cm open-cell foam mattress is comfy enough, but could be easily upgraded for those wanting <u>something more luxurious</u>.

A perfect swag for newbies and casual campers, the Mitchell is really good value and offers all the necessary features.



## 6. Darche Dirty Dee 900, 1100, and 1400 CP Swags

The Darche <u>Dirty Dee</u> is no stranger to this list. This swag has a really simple set up, is a slightly lighter weight, and comes in three sizes: <u>900</u>, <u>1100</u> and <u>1400</u>.

Two ridge poles and three hooped cross-poles allow for a freestanding design that offers a multitude of full mesh doors and windows. It's made with 420gsm poly-cotton canvas with a tough PVC base, and a comfortable 7cm high-density foam mattress. In 2020, Darche released their <u>Hutch</u> accessory, which has a universal fit with most swags, but is a perfect match for the Dirty Dee 1100.

Like an old faded pair of jeans that just keeps on giving, the <u>Dirty Dee</u> has been around for years. It's durable, and suitable for all-season camping.





#### 5. 23ZERO Outbreak Double Swag 1550

Spacious, freestanding, and comfortable – the <u>Outbreak</u> is designed for off-track touring on those two-wheeled expeditions!

With a tightly-woven and proofed canvas construction, this swag has enough room for two and enough leftover for gear, too! Fully seam-sealed, its heavy-duty PVC bucket floor protects from the ground up, while a super-fine mesh window either end provides ventilation and zip-down canvas walls bode better for wet conditions. A 4-way entry makes for easy coming and going, with scenic 360-degree views and plenty of room for the essentials.



# 4. Darche Nebula 1550 and Nebula + 1550 (with 70mm Mattress)

The incredibly roomy <u>Darche's Nebula</u> and <u>Nebula +</u> has been a favourite for years. Both have all 3 of those 'in demand' factors – ventilation, versatility, and durability. Plus, they can be fully opened up to offer 360-degree views! The Nebula + 1550's hybrid design allows room for two wrigglers, with storm covers that couple as an awning so you can draw out your outback hangout. Darche has always maintained gold standard after-sales support, and some might argue that their exceptional reputation over a longer period of time gives it the slight edge over other brands. Feedback from our Warranties team is that the Nebula model is one of their favourites in regards to very few issues, top-notch quality, and after sales service. For campsite comradery on every adventure, the Nebula 1550 and Nebula+ 1550 are swag baggage built for blissful outback slumbers. Watch our <u>YouTube</u> videos on the features <u>here</u>, then have a read of the reviews and Q&A's. Nothing beats feedback from fellow swaggies!



### 3. 23ZERO Bandit 900, 1100, and 1400 Swags

Creeping up to Number 3, the Bandit swag from <u>23Zero</u> continues to receive rave reviews. Last year saw thirty-six 5-star ratings across all three sizes – the <u>900</u>, <u>1100</u> and <u>1400</u>. Made to last, the Bandit is a sturdy and versatile three-hoop design that offers a flexible 4-way entry. The two ridge poles give it that freestanding ability which is in such hot demand, and it's made from 400gsm poly-cotton canvas with a durable urethane coating on the underside. The base is a heavy-duty PVC welded floor and it comes with a really comfortable 7cm high-density foam mattress.

The Bandit is up there with the best and is ideal for campers needing a reliable swag throughout the year.





#### 2. Darche Dusk to Dawn 900, 1100, and 1400 CP Swags

Still sitting snug in its Number 2 spot is <u>Darche's</u> Dusk to Dawn – a swag that will never lose favour.

This is the kind of swag you buy for an 18th birthday gift, knowing that in another 50 years it'll have a whole lot of stories to tell! Available in 900, 1100 or the double size 1400, it has two huge full-length doors that roll completely open. This swag is perfect for campers who like to feel the cool breeze across their face at night. If not rolled up or zipped down, the storm flaps can be extended as awnings with a couple of optional poles. This leaves the large superfine mesh doors on each side offering virtually unimpeded views of the night sky. It has an easy pitch two-hoop design with a ridgepole that has it freestanding, and is made with Darche's tough 420gsm canvas and a PVC floor.

The Dusk to Dawn has long been a favourite and consistent best-seller ever since it was released. Darche knows how to do swags – and this one will last a lifetime!



#### 1. 23ZERO Dual 900, 1100, and 1400 Swags

From Number 6 in 2021, to solid third place last year, to finally taking the crown this year – it's clear that the Dual Swag from <u>23Zero</u> has become more popular than ever! It's another freestanding design, with two-way entry and a hassle-free setup. All three sizes – <u>900</u>, <u>1100</u>, and <u>1400</u> – are made from 400gsm poly-cotton canvas with a polyurethane coating. The HF welded PVC bucket floor delivers protection from the ground up, and the oversized <u>storage bag</u> allows you to keep your bedding inside while it's rolled up. The Dual Swag receives loads of great reviews and, having now outranked the Dusk to Dawn, many customers deliberate between the two.

#### What to Watch: Dometic Pico Inflatable Swags

The Dometic Pico Inflatable <u>1-Person</u> and <u>2-Person</u> Swags guarantee a swift setup and an efficient pack down. Its inflatable frame allows inflation from 1 external inflation point, while a polycotton canvas construction reduces condensation, regulates the interior temperature, and boasts a waterhead rating of 60mm of rain per hour. Fully sealed windows and doors protect against the elements and unwanted pests, and stress less about packdown thanks to a backpack-style carry bag.

Also included are a pump, alloy poles, a peg pack, and a repair kit – all the gear, and all the ideas!

While some are sceptical of inflatable frames versus standard alloy, steel, or aluminium – Dometic's air frame technology boasts many benefits.

Inflatable frames are thought to be prone to punctures, though Dometic has engineered their air tubes to be less so. With only four points in touch with the ground, the frame's construction is comprised of a TPU bladder tested to beyond 9psi pressure. This is contained

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within a protective outer layer that's zipped all the way up and around the frame for easy replacing (should they ever need). Plus, the nature of the inflatable structure has them popping back into place under pressure or strong winds – unlike steel or aluminium poles, which would otherwise snap.

What do you think is the best camping swag?