

Best inflatable-tube tents

WINNER

2018: Karsten

2017: Kampa

HIGHLY COMMENDED

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2018 Tent Owner Satisfaction Awards update

Our definition: Coming more to the fore across the main tent market, inflatable-tube tents are quick to pitch because the main poles are cylinders into which air is pumped (usually with a foot pump but electric ones can also be used).

Last year, when we considered inflatable-tube tents for the first time, we noted: “Inflatable-tube tents are arguably the single biggest growth sector of the whole market, although they still have a long way to go to catch up with more traditional poled items.” Well, they seem to be continuing to increase in popularity.

Brand	Satisfaction rating
Karsten	99%
Quechua	91%
Vango	89%

Another category that sees a lot of change compared with 2017. Karsten comes in at the top spot, ousting Kampa. Likewise, second placed Quechua zoomed in from nowhere – indeed, its Air Seconds was the single most popular range in terms of number of models upon which we received feedback. For the record, Quechua’s Arpenaz (backpacker and family models) and 2 Seconds (quick-pitch) attained the second and third highest numbers respectively.

Vango held on to a place in the top three, slipping from last year’s second – despite scoring a higher overall satisfaction rating: 89% compared with 86% – while Outwell dropped to fourth place (83%).