

How (and where) are roof top tents made?

Rooftop tents improve the knowledge of camping. These are tents that are mounted on the rack system of your car and are an alternative to a field bed, RV, or camper. They make any vehicle-car, SUV, crossover, wagon, pickup truck, bus, trailer-to be easily transformed into a mobile base camp that is always ready for adventure.

What materials are used in roof top tents?

Rooftop tents come in different shapes and sizes. For rooftop tent makers, there is an assortment of fabrics available. From rip-stop acrylic, poly-cotton blends and exclusive materials used on tents, we see it all. As customers, we need to know how weight, longevity, breathability, water resistance, strength, and the cost of a tent can be influenced by fabric choice.

There are two prominent types of rooftops:

Strong shell rooftop tents are a commodity that is comparatively younger and more sophisticated than their soft shell roof top tent counterparts. The aerodynamic potential while driving is one of the main draws to the hard shell platform.

Soft shell roof top tents do not fall completely flat, which allows longer high-speed road trips and narrow overlanding roads less stability.

Rooftops made by [Roofnest](#) are built with an aerodynamic shape that helps you to travel on the road to your destination without thinking about missing your tent, hindering your gas mileage, or being slowed down.

Few of the fabrics which are used in the rooftop tents are discussed below:

Cotton – 100% cotton fabric is entirely breathable, highly durable and abrasion resistant. If the thickness of the cotton increases, the breathability reduces and the added weight increases with the increased thickness. Cotton absorbs

moisture, and some inherent resistance to water is caused by swelling and tightening of the woven thread.

Polyester – 100% polyester fibers are light, solid and appear not to stretch. A polyester tent has a natural water resistance, is easy to dry and tear-resistant due to its elasticity. Polyester, however, can not breathe and is not very immune to abrasion.

Poly-Cotton – These types of fabrics are a mixture of both cotton and polyester fabrics which proves to be breathable, tear tolerant and abrasion resistant.

Nylon – Nylon was first developed as a cheaper, more durable alternative to silk. A happy outcome of this effort was that nylon, as well as cotton and wool, was found to be more durable than silk. Nylon is a durable fiber, resistant to abrasion and fire retardant. This has the strength, flexibility, ease of drying, water resistance, and abrasion resistance that we're looking for in a cloth. It can also be spun to create a breathable cloth and treated for UV resistance. Unfortunately, we haven't seen any of these characteristics in nylon fabric used in roof top tents.

In which countries are the [Thule](#) and [iKamper](#) brands produced?

[iKamper](#) products are made in South Korea, While the products are manufactured in South Korea most of them are shipped and warehoused in the US.

[Thule](#) groups are a multinational business. The products of the Thule Party are present in every corner of the world-in the distant beaches of Australia, in the streets of Boston, on the roads of the Andes and in the ski resorts of the Alps.

The head office of the Thule Party is based in Malmö, southern Sweden.

How are roof top tents supported?

The roof top tents are supported by a roof rack structure that sits at the top of your car. In order to keep the tent safely fixed, the roof rack framework must have crossbars.

Rooftop tents like [iKamper](#) come with “Mounting Brackets 2.0” which makes installation faster, the brackets can be tightened quickly and are compatible with a maximum crossbar height of 3 cm and width of 9cm.

At the end of the day, Roof racks from irrespective of the brand can support any rooftop tent. It can be installed in different positions, though. If it's the cab of the pickup, the trailer, the UTV, etc.

The tools you can use to install your Rooftop tent are infinite.

What are the best brands to look for?

There are wide variety of brands which you can go if you want to buy a great rooftop tent, Few of them are mentioned below:

- [Thule](#) is one of the brands which has been in this business since 1942! Thule brand emphasis it's focus to serve its customer on a global scale,
Hard shell tent from [Thule](#) Tepui HyBox: is among the popular choices among the customers. These hard shell tents allow you to set up camp quickly and easily while having space to hold extra equipment.
Versatile configuration that switches from a freight carrier to a rooftop tent.
The interior is lined with insulation to help maintain the temperature inside the tent.
Capacity: Up to two individuals/ 400 lbs/180 kg
- [iKamper](#) roof tents take very less time to set-up.
These campers come with a big space; thus more than 4 people can stay in it. Aerodynamically & Aesthetically they look fantastic and suit most of the cars.

Customizable: For the best camping experience, choose the color of your hard shell and the accessories you want.

Breathable: Insulating tent cloth from Poly-Cotton Cloth.

- Another popular brand is [Roofnest](#). Although the roof tents are costly when compared to other brands, These tents are premium in nature. Waterproof, Super durable, Installs within a minute, The mattress is way more comfortable than what is found in other brands, LED lights can also be found in most of the models which is a nice addition, and the added accessories like bags for storage is just cherry on the top.

Final Thoughts-

Roof top tents have their own benefits, and to enjoy a cup of coffee while watching a beautiful sunset from the rooftop tent is just an out of the world experience, which not everyone is lucky to enjoy. You can't go wrong with any of the rooftop tents discussed above, [Thule](#), [iKamper](#), or [Roofnest](#) all these brands are some of the popular rooftop tent makers in the world today!

Sources:

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