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Survival Gear Review: The Land Shark Survival Bag - 0



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If you're looking for the mother of all space blankets, the heavy-duty Land Shark Survival Bag ought to fit the bill. Designed to suit the needs of a variety of persons, including pilots and soldiers, this bivy-style heat-reflective survival bag can be deployed on land or at sea. Though it seemed heavy and bulky as I first opened the package, I could quickly see that the quality far exceeded my expectations. And here I thought it was going to be just another space blanket.

The retina-searing International Orange color of this bag would make it visible to search-and-rescue teams for miles, and truly be a life saver in a water survival situation where visibility usually only comes from a colorful life vest. In one of the company's tests of the product, some brave soul was able to maintain his normal body temperature during a 90-minute live test in 50-degree water.

And for the soldier or survivalist, turn the bag inside out and you'll find a very effective digital camo pattern, allowing a person to hunker down and nearly disappear. Everything about this bag is constructed in a sturdy fashion. The 550 drawstring hood and numerous grommets also allow some versatility in the bag's use. The composite, reinforced, rip-stop material used in the bag has an aluminized film to reflect heat back to the user, thus fighting hypothermia and eliminating infrared emissions during escape-and-evasion scenarios. In short, the Land Shark Instant survival shelter/stealth bag is bad ass.

Here are the details:

- Opened bag dimensions: 38" x 80"
- Folded dimensions: 6" x 8" x 1"
- Bag weight: 24 ounces; the black nylon pouch is an additional 5 ounces
- IR-proof and suitable for water emergencies and survival scenarios on land
- Comes with an orange signal whistle
- Made in the USA

The Land Shark bag sells for about \$80, which may seem a little out of reach for a survival shelter, but remember that this is a top-of-the-line product. Find out more about it at land-shark.com.

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