Z Top Sleeping Bag

Thank you for your purchase of a Kodiak Canvas Z Top™ sleeping bag. Your bag is equipped with some exciting, new features. Below is some info to help you get the most out of your sleeping bag:

The Z Top bag has a top flap with a neck opening. Climb into your bag like you would any other bag. Fold the top flap over your head and shoulders, passing your head through the neck opening. Position the top flap to seal any openings that would allow air to draft. Use a cozy, knit, beanie hat to keep your head warm on those really cold nights. When you roll and turn, it is best to roll and turn "inside the bag" rather than "rolling with" the bag. This will keep the bottom of your bag down. If you get too warm, you can unzip the bottom or side of the bag, or fold back the top flap. You can also unzip the top flap and remove it completely.

Your bag is equipped with locking zippers to prevent unwanted zipper travel. The zippers only slide when you pull on the pull tabs.

You will notice four small plastic rings near the outside corners of your bag. These are attachment points for the patent pending, Booster Quilt™ accessory (sold separately). The Booster Quilt can increase your bag's temperature rating up to 30°F for occasions when outside temperatures dip low. The attachment points keep the quilt in place so it does not slide off in the night. The Booster Quilt can be used separately as a camp quilt or used underneath the sleeping bag for some extra cushion.

For best results, use a well-insulated ground pad underneath your sleeping bag. This is key to keeping you warm. When you lay on the sleeping bag, the insulation under your body will be compressed, and lose a significant part of its insulative properties. Cots and air mattresses can be especially cold when used without an insulating pad.

Do not wear sweat pants, coats, or bulky layers while using your sleeping bag. Aside from bunching up and being uncomfortable, these layers don't allow your body to properly warm your sleeping bag. If you are cold, warm up with some brief exercise, or jumping jacks before you climb in bed. Wear nothing more than your underwear, thin long johns, or PJ's. This will allow your body to warm up the inside of your sleeping bag and you will sleep warmer, and be more comfortable. Trust us—just try it.

Don't let your sleeping bag get damp or wet. A damp bag, or damp clothing can cause you to sleep cold. If you are sweaty or wet, dry off, and change into some dry underclothing before getting in bed. After a night's sleep, open your bag up and let it air out during the day.

Do not store your bag under tight compression for long periods, or the fill may lose loft. It is best to store it loosely folded or rolled. When you get to camp, unstrap your sleeping bag and give it some time to decompress before sleep.

The best way to freshen up your sleeping bag is to hang it outside and let it air out. You should very seldom wash a sleeping bag, and only when absolutely required. Hand wash in cold water. Use a minimal amount of mild detergent. Rinse thoroughly. Hang dry. Alternatively, your bag can be washed in an oversized, commercial, front-load washer. Do not use a top load washer. Unzip the Z Top. Gentle wash in cold. Use a minimal amount of mild detergent. Cold rinse. Tumble dry in an oversized dryer at low heat. Dry the bag completely before storage. Do not use bleach. Do not iron. Do not dry clean.

After you have had a chance to use your new Z Top sleeping bag, we would love to hear from you. Please give us an honest review, and a shout out on social media. Happy camping and sweet dreams while getting your Zzzz's in your Z Top sleeping bag.

