

## SUNNCAMP EVOLUTION 300

**Rating** 8/10

**Price** £99

**Sleeps** Three

**Weight** 9.9kg

**Packed size** 70cm x 25cm

**Materials** Outer Polyester, 3,000mm hydrostatic head; inner breathable polyester; groundsheet polyethylene – silvered to reflect heat; poles Fibreglass

**Dimensions** Outer 380cm x 240cm; inners 210cm x 220cm; height 130cm

### COMMENT

The Evolution has two long poles running the length of the tent, crossed widthways by a shorter pole to create a semi-geodesic shape. When pitching, even in fairly still conditions the poles prove awkward for one to erect as they appear to be too flexible to take the weight of the fabric – two may find it easier. Further, the long poles have angled ferrules that should sit towards the front of the tent – make a note of this for there is nothing about them in the instructions.

The Evolution is a real eye catcher – the general shape and all those windows give it the appearance of rather an exotic beetle. And, there are some nice touches. I particularly like the skirt that runs along the lower edge of the outer to divert water away from the groundsheet double seam.

Each side has a D-shape door into the large footprint living area (headroom is limited). Plastic flaps protect the door zips which are heavy duty anti-wicking YKK.

It is a nice tent to use. All that light let in by the many windows keeps the big porch nice and airy – all windows have internal curtains. However, ventilation may prove to be a problem.

There is an apex vent over each side window. These are protected by a cowl and a split vinyl/mesh front window protected by an external zip-down curtain that can be toggled up half way for light, or fully for maximum ventilation. But, despite these, it was hard to create airflow when the tent was tested.

Inside, the inner easily clips into place and toggles up the wall. Entry



to the inner is via a D-shape door that folds right to be held open by elastic and toggles. The top section is mesh backed by a curtain panel. The inner has four small triangular corner pockets and a mesh vent in the rear wall. There is a ring provided for an electric light in both the inner and living area.

**Camping says** Despite highs and lows Sunncamp has not taken its eye off the ball and it is still

producing some great tent designs. This Evolution will make an ideal touring tent for two, although I have some reservations about the flexible poles – they could prove to be a pain when regularly pitching the tent in windy weather.

However, once up, the striking looks and neat build make the Evolution 300 a winner in my book – especially when you take into account the sharp price tag. **CG**



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