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PROTECTIVE TARPS



For over 20 years, Jerven AS has been the supplier of its specially created *Fjellduken* protective tarp product to the Norwegian Armed Forces. In 2004, Jerven delivered approximately 7,000 of the Fjellduken product to various Norwegian military divisions. Both the French and Danish special forces regularly use the Fjellduken, while the British special forces are just starting to as well.

A Dry & Warm Soldier Accomplishes More Than One That is Wet & Cold

Good equipment is half the battle, and it's a given that Norwegian soldiers should at least be as well equipped as Norwegian hunters, according to Fjellduken inventor Audun Melkeråen. The Fjellduken is a large, waterproof rectangular tarp with zippers on all sides. The inside of the product is lined with aluminium, and the outside is a camouflage ash colour. The Fjellduken can be found in six different models, with the Fjellduken Hunter (lined tarp, 102 cm x 220 cm) the most popular choice for soldiers. The product is stocked in forest and mountain camouflage designs, and can additionally be specially ordered in desert camouflage.

Tested by SINTEF

The Fjellduken works like a Thermos – it reflects and isolates body heat. Feedback from various users around the world serves as evidence of the product's unique and durable properties. The effect of the product has also been scientifically documented by researchers at the highly regarded Norwegian research institution

SINTEF in Trondheim, with impressive results. The project leader of the test, Jonny Hisdal, stated that "in practice it would be almost impossible to freeze to death" in a Fjellduken. For more information on the SINTEF test, visit Jerven's website.

Six Fjellduken Models

Jerven currently produces six different Fjellduken models. The most basic product, Fjellduken Original, has no lining and weighs just 650 grams. The warmest Fjellduken, Fjellduken Extreme, is identical to the Hunter product, only with thicker lining. The most advanced product is Fjellduken Multimate. It is a lined tarp with a removable lining, and can also be used as a tent tarp for two persons. The Fjellduken Hunter, Extreme and Multimate also work well as sleeping bag reinforcements. A number of Norwegian soldiers sleeping in -40 degrees Celsius weather have used Fjellduken products on the outside of their military sleeping bags. Jerven also produces tents and hunting clothing in forest and mountain camouflage designs.

