



# Mountain Hardwear Hyperlamina Spark 35 Review

## Backpacking Sleeping Bag

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	This Product	Editors' Choice	Best Buy Award
Product	Mountain Hardwear Hyperlamina Spark 35	Western Mountaineering MegaLite	Kelty Cosmic Down 20
Price	Varies from \$219 - \$220 online Compare at 4 sellers	\$470 List   \$450 online Compare at 3 sellers	Varies from \$150 - \$160 online Compare at 3 sellers
Overall Score	78	95	74
Awards	Top Pick	Editors' Choice	Best Buy
Pros	Incredibly small packed size that was even smaller than several down models, one of the lightest synthetic bags out there, center half-zipper is awesome, cozy feeling interior fabric	Spacious and comfortable cut, extremely light weight, among the most compressible bags in our review, Made in the USA, extremely versatile, best feeling fabric in our review	Affordable, great value bag, hard to find a less expensive 600+ fill down bag, lighter and more compact than most bags in its price range
Cons	Synthetic insulation isn't super long lasting, a little on the colder side of 35° bags	Included stuff sack is a little big and doesn't compress it as small as it otherwise could be, expensive	Heaviest traditionally designed down bag we tested, not as warm as other 20 degree bags, roomy cut is almost too roomy
Ratings by Category	Mountain Hardwear Hyperlamina Spark 35	Western Mountaineering MegaLite	Kelty Cosmic Down 20
Warmth - 20%	7	10	7
Weight - 20%	8	9	6
Comfort - 20%	8	9	9
Packed Size - 15%	8	10	7
Versatility - 15%	7	10	8
Features & Design - 10%	9	9	7



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Manufacturer: Mountain Hardwear

### Overview

The Mountain Hardwear Hyperlamina Spark 35 is a remarkably light synthetic bag. It is significantly lighter and more compressible than most comparable synthetic bags on the market. It is even smaller and lighter than many down bags. When you see it in its stuff sack, most folks are surprised to see a synthetic bag; this bag packs down SMALL!!! It does share the same longevity disadvantage as most synthetic bags, where its synthetic fibers will breakdown much more quickly than down, resulting in a lower quality of insulated over time. However, when compared to treated down, Mountain Hardwear's synthetic insulation (Thermal Q) blows treated down out of the *water*, drying in roughly 20% of the time as treated down.

### Value and the Bottom Line

The Hyperlamina Spark 35 is comparable in weight and packed size to that of many down bags with 700+ or lower down fill power. That said, it is also comparable in price to many of those bags and it won't last as long, because synthetic fibers break down far quicker (than down), losing their warmth. If you want a synthetic bag for the climate you're traveling in, support ethical animal rights, or have allergies to down, and you want one of the highest performing synthetic bags out there, then the Spark is for you.