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Here’s a scenario to illustrate this point. Let’s say you have a $2,000 budget for a new refrigerator. Do you walk in the local retailer or shop online and buy the first one you see for $2,000? Of course not – you consider factors such as capacity, color, water dispenser feature, number of shelves, ice maker speed, etc. To get the most “bang for your buck”, you weigh all these factors before making a decision.

The same is true with branded instant shelters. You need to consider design, materials, build and printing quality, warranty, expected life, service and reputation, replacement part availability, etc.

We’re always amazed at the number of people who neglect to do any research and say that they’re “just looking for the cheapest shelter” they can find. Unfortunately, they usually end up finding the cheapest shelter. In most cases, it doesn’t perform as expected for their company or customer.

Now that’s not to say that you have to buy an expensive shelter to get the performance you’re looking for but it does mean that there’s more to making a shelter decision than price. There are real and substantial differences between E-Z UP® shelters and our competition that you should take into account. If someone tells you otherwise, beware. Many of you have competitors that tell your prospects and customers that their product is the same as yours only less expensive but that’s probably not the case. In fact, you could write a whitepaper just like this that explains the important differences between your product and theirs.

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**The E-Z UP Difference**

We understand that budget is one of the most important factors driving the selection of your shelter model and manufacturer. As the inventor of the Instant Shelter and acknowledged industry leader for the past 30 years, we can provide a custom shelter solution to meet almost any budget. Rest assured that the product you receive will be the best quality available with the best customer support.