



Lighter Showdown: The Best Survival Lighter

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When it comes to **survival**, fire starting can mean the difference between life and death. So having a good lighter is paramount to increasing your chances of survival. What's the best survival lighter you ask? We've taken some of the most popular choices and compared them to find out which lighter is the best **survival lighter**.

Disposable Lighters

When it comes to disposable lighters there are two basic kinds; the cheap ones and BIC's. Flat out **DO NOT** use a cheap disposable for survival purposes, they extremely unreliable and your life is too important to risk over a few dollars.

Pros: Cheap

Easy to replace

Easy to buy in bulk



Cons: Not reusable (I've heard you can refill them, but even if it were possible you have a cruddy plastic lighter)

Don't perform well in cold weather (butane becomes difficult to vaporize at colder temperatures making it harder to burn)

Not very durable, break easily

Zippo Lighters

Zippo lighters have been used since 1932, they are reliable, hold up in harsh conditions and reusable. Not to mention you can personalize your lighter with various cool designs.

Pros: Very reusable (fuel, wicks and flints are easily replaced)

Lot's of accessories

Withstands a great deal of moderate/severe weather types

Cons: Not completely "wind proof"

Fuel only lasts for a week or two of heavy usage

Stormproof Lighter

Stormproof lighters are really a great survival tool. In the worst wind and wettest conditions a fire could be possible with one of these lighters.

Pros: Virtually windproof



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Burn really hot

Usually very dependable

Cons: Don't perform well in cold weather (butane becomes difficult to vaporize at colder temperatures making it harder to burn)

Storm lighters are expensive

Fuel is expensive and has short duration during use



The Winner?

The storm proof lighter wins our lighter showdown because of it's outstanding performance in severe wind, rain and snow. From a cost perspective the Zippo is the best lighter but doesn't quite meet the storm proof lighters level of weather resistance and heat of flame.

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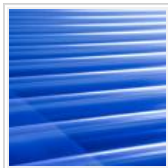
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