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# The Reengineered Umbrella

Four innovative designs that pair storm-busting utility with style.



68"

Gustbuster's 68-inch umbrellas have become favorites on the PGA Tour.



## BEST FOR PORTABILITY Davek Solo

\$99; [davekny.com](http://davekny.com)

Folding umbrellas are the easiest to carry, but the rigid aluminum ribs in most models inevitably falter in the wind. This taut 43-inch push-button automatic uses fiberglass reinforcements to rebound after a gust. It's pricey, but the tech works — and if you lose it, Davek will sell you another one for half the price.

## BEST FOR STYLE POINTS Francesco Maglia

From \$240; [rainorshine.biz](http://rainorshine.biz)

A James Bondian pairing of brute function and high flair. Italian craftsmen build these stick umbrellas from shafts of hardwood, then top them in solid or pinstripe fabric over a 10-rib steel frame. In the hand, it feels as finely crafted as a mechanical watch. You just have to be dressed up enough to not be upstaged.

## BEST FOR DADS GustBuster Doorman

\$80; [gustbuster.com](http://gustbuster.com)

Carrying an umbrella with a seriously massive 68-inch canopy might get you into a fight on crowded city streets, but it proves to be a lifesaver if you're herding kids during a downpour. At 1.9 pounds, the Doorman is best for shorter treks. Teardrop-shaped vents keep wind from turning it into a missile.

## BEST FOR WIND Senz Automatic

\$76; [senzumbrellas.com](http://senzumbrellas.com)

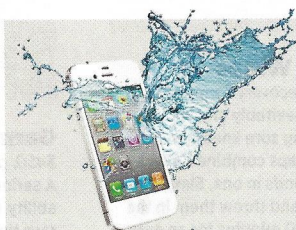
During wind shears, the funky, asymmetrical canopy of this umbrella twists short side first, preventing it from blowing out backward. We liked that the shallow design provides clear sight lines but found its compact diameter (34 inches lengthwise) isn't well suited for taller guys — we ended up with damp legs.

## Three Ways To Stormproof Your Stuff



### Jackets

After months of hard use, water-repellent coatings can wear off. You can revive them with treatments like Nikwax Fabric & Leather, Polar, or Softshell Proof. From \$5; [nikwax-usa.com](http://nikwax-usa.com).



### Cellphones

It won't replace a waterproof case, but send your phone to Liquipel and the California firm will nanocoat its internals, making it able to withstand dunks and soakings. \$60; [liquipel.com](http://liquipel.com)



### Shoes

For leather shoes and boots, plenty of wax- and oil-based treatments perform well; for suede, we've had good results with the aerosol-based Tarrago Nano Protector. \$17; [epauletnewyork.com](http://epauletnewyork.com)