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It's pretty cool. I mean, not open mesh cool, but not bad. Certainly a heck of a lot cooler than felt, which I had before and got rid of because it was too hot. I'd guess pretty equivalent to canvas like the cotton duck, and pretty equivalent to the all cloth type ball caps.

It is most certainly NOT stiff. We're not talking gun holster leather here, it's thin suede. There's two part that hold their shape. A wire around the brim, and one that rims the top outline. I don't think they're metal, they're still very deformable, but they pop back to shape.

But if you sit it on the ground, the bucket collapses under it's own weight, despite being pretty light. And without that wire, the brim would be like a boonies hat. So, not at all stiff.

On that link, mine is either the hat in pouch or the bac pac traveller (suede version). Not sure which, as I bought it in person, and the model isn't listed on the tag. In shape, it's an outback hat.

Cowboy hat - wide brim, taller bucket, brims curled up more on sides, flat walls on bucket, crown can be flat or creased

Outback hat - medium brim, short bucket, brims not curled as much, bucket walls tapered, flat teardrop shaped crown.

Fedora - short brim turned UP, medium bucket, heavily tapered walls, crease on the crown.

Safari hat - Much like a fedora, with the brim turned down, and usually a bit wider.

Indiana Jones had a felt safari/fedora.