Need Suggestions For a New EDC

Posted by FredHermann - 12 Dec 2012 17:08

Hi All,

I didn't think this fit in the knife section, so here goes...

I'm tempted to get a new EDC. Currently I have a Kershaw Leek with the bi-metal blade and an edge of CPM-D2. Supposedly it's tempered to about RC 61-62.

I've spent so much time reprofiling and experimenting on it that i've worn it down significantly. SO....

What I like is the very low profile, it's relatively small, so I don't get the 'snake-eye' at work, and I like the basic blade shape. I also was really on the fence about the 'assisted open' but now love it.

So budget is anywhere from dirt cheap to 300ish dollars. If I could be convinced it was worth more...I will just save longer.

So any suggestions?

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC

Posted by PhilipPasteur - 17 Dec 2012 09:53

The The Model 940-121 lists for $500.00 ,

Somehow I though that he was looking for a Leek like $60 to $80 ish sort of price.

I sure can't get to where I would want a $500 EDC to bet up the way I do knives...

I did get out and checked on the knife though. I love the BM Axis lock and I really like M4 steel.

I see the S30v version is available for about $150. Now you are dealing with Aluminum scales, not my favorite handle material...

I have The Model 940-121 Benchmade Mini Presidio Ultra Knife that I like pretty well. It has the axis lock, is nice and light and handles well. From the OP he did not want anything too big. the Mini is under 3".

Nothing fancy in the steel department, though 440C is not bad at all. I am including a pic a a neat looking version. Mine has the black blade...with no graphics and balck scales.

I have proably 20 Benchmade knives, some are over 20 years old and well used. One could do much worse .. if you find one that fits your budget...

Just my thoughts..

Phil

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC

Posted by SethChristofferson - 17 Dec 2012 11:29

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Not sure what you think about 154CM but I think it does very well. I really love my Benchmade Torrent for EDC. It has a 58-61HRC. Blade length is about 3 3/4" though so it might be a little big for your liking but it has a low pocket clip so it sits low in the pocket!

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC

Posted by KenBuzbee - 17 Dec 2012 15:01

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PhilipPasteur wrote:

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Yeah, Benchmade gold class aren't cheap. That's for sure. They've done more cost effect CPM-M4s though.

Ken

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC
Posted by JamesBell - 17 Dec 2012 15:22

GREAT Topic !

Have enjoyed taking a look at all the suggested knifes, several I had never seen before.

I keep a Spyderco Native around just to see how I can abuse it, thus far it has been a fun and tough EDC to have around.

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC
Posted by cbwx34 - 18 Dec 2012 09:42

A little FYI, I happened to catch this a.m. If you purchase a Kershaw knife shipped/sold thru Amazon worth $50 or more, they take $15 off. Says it's good thru 12/22.

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC
Posted by PhilipPasteur - 18 Dec 2012 12:18

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cbwx34 wrote:

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Great info Curtis!!

I just picked up a couple of these for Xmas gifts:

www.bladeauthority.com/Kershaw_Rake_s/250.htm

and one for me... Amazon price and $15 off makes them a very nice deal.

Phil

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC
Posted by coryschnaufer - 18 Dec 2012 13:53

I have been using a buck vantage pro as my edc for the last few months and I have really enjoined this knife. It has the S30V steel and a very deep carry pocket clip that fits my activities very well. I also rotate a couple of benchmade a in and out of the line up. I love the axis lock but I hate that they always make there knives a little on the heavy side. As for the spyderco I have a love hate relationship with them. I love the quality of there knives and have owned and carried a few but I HATE there pocket clips and to be honest most of there blade shapes. If I had a the money to drop on a knife right now though it would be a ZT561. It is a little heavy but I sure do like the look of that knife and have read a lot of good reviews also.

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC
Posted by MarkBellou - 25 Dec 2012 22:47

I 2nd the Benchmade 940. Superb size, deployment, shape, quality, and performance. Made in USA. I also like the ZT 0560.

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC
Posted by cbwx34 - 17 Jan 2013 17:08

Hey Fred...

What'd you end up getting? ☺

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC
Posted by PhilipPasteur - 17 Jan 2013 20:27

Yeah Fred...

I am curious too !

Phil

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