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The new Rebar Multi-tool by Leatherman®

INTRODUCTION

The brand Leatherman comes with a neat story of how, in 1976 after travelling around Europe in an old car that kept breaking down, Tim Leatherman designed a handy multi-tool for travelling and just seven years later, there it was!

The Leatherman® brand continues to hold the market world-wide for top quality multi-tools. That is, despite the huge influx of cheaper imported multi-tools from Asia so that's saying something about the company.

The reason is simple; Leatherman® stands for quality and the products are backed by "bullet-proof" 25-year warranties. They have also "stuck with their knitting" producing a world-class product in Portland, Oregon since 1983.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

The new Rebar Leatherman® tool is a revamp of some of their most popular tools with a few nice improvements.

If you know the Leatherman range the Rebar has, the replaceable, hardened wire cutters like the Super Tool, smooth rounded edges like the Micra, cut-away sides similar to the Wave for easy access and beefed up pliers like the larger tools. But this little beauty is just 10cm (4") long when shut.

They have also added side-spring, easy release blade locking "buttons" which are dead easy to operate. Plus you can access any tool without having to open others up.

You can even remove the wire cutting blades (with a hex-drive) and sharpen them with the fold out file and replace them.

The handles are a bit bigger than standard which gives you much more leverage, coupled with the larger pliers; this really will do big, tough jobs for such a small tool!

CONCLUSION

This is one product that I am really finding it hard to say anything negative about. It's a touch heavier than the original tool or the standard PST and is just a little larger. They've gone back to the leather sheath with the square edges and brass rivets, a good move as it really suits the tool. It will go either way up into the sheath with a little bit of wriggling.

It doesn't have the scissors but so many other models do, such as the Wave or Flair, plus scissors do push the price up. You really don't need to be a boy scout to use a Leatherman. I gave one to by Mum as a Christmas present when she was 70 and she still says it was her best present yet, ten years later!

With 16 tools and one screwdriver bit and very tough pliers, this could well become the most popular Leatherman tool EVER!

Tools:

- · Needlenose Pliers
- Regular Pliers
- · Premium Steel Replaceable Wire Cutters
- Premium Steel Replaceable Hard-wire Cutters
- · Electrical Crimper
- 420HC Knife
- 420HC Serrated Knife
- Wood/Metal File
- Saw
- · Small Screwdriver
- Large Screwdriver
- · Phillips Screwdriver
- Awl w/Thread Loop
- Ruler (8 inches/20 cm)
- Bottle Opener
 Can Opener
- · Wire Stripper

Features:

- Lanyard Ring
- · Stainless Steel Body
- Stainless Steel Handles
- · Black Oxide Version Available
- · 25-Year Warranty

Measurements:

- 4 in. | 10.16 cm (Closed)
- 6.7 oz | 189.94 g (Weight)
- 2.9 in | 7.36 cm (Blade Length)

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For more information see your local retailer or www.leatherman.com



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The new Rebar beside my 20 year old original Leatherman.

There are 16 tools in this beauty.



The wire cutters are toughened and the blades are replaceable. Handy not just for around your campsite but also for so many jobs around the home.

