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The Leatherman Sidekick

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Having a good quality Multi tool was vital on our trip, so in our search for one we just couldn't go past the Leatherman Multi tool. Their specs alone convinced us that the Leatherman brand was indeed the one to go for!

Leatherman Sidekick:

- Primary Blade Length: 2.6 in | 6.6 cm
- Closed Length: 3.8 in | 9.7 cm
- Weight: 7 oz | 198.4 g
- Replaceable pocket clip
- 25 year warranty!
- 100% stainless steel
- Retail at \$99.95

What we liked

- Size. One of the great things about the Sidekick is the size. If you are packing light (and if you're fanatic about it), then it's small and handy.
- One hand action! Leatherman calls it Spring-action. It's very easy to operate your Sidekick with only one hand, and is a fantastic feature.
- Saw and knife. These are easily accessible even with gloves or cold fingers.

What could be improved

- The toolbox. A pair of scissors would have been handy to have.

So what's the verdict?

The Leatherman Sidekick is a very good product - no question about that. It is great for minor trips into the backcountry, but with our major trip over the Alps it

fell short a couple of times - understandably, as there were certain tools we were missing. We were travelling through every little bit of New Zealand's vast terrain and going through all of these extremities there would always be certain situations where products won't perform at their best. However, for the majority of the trip we were very impressed with the Leatherman. It is a good solid product and the quality of the multi tool is second to none.

If you are looking at purchasing a multi tool for your next venture into the hills I recommend you firstly sit down and highlight the features you are likely to need. Then hop onto www.tightlines.co.nz where you can view their entire range of Leatherman multi tools and find the right one for your exact needs!