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# B.C.B. military survival kit.

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## **Description :**

A review of a personal survival kit.

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The B.C.B. military survival kit is a personal survival kit, often also referred as a PSK. These kits are meant to keep you alive if you lose all other equipment. This could be a combat situation for soldiers or simply losing your equipment when you're deep in the wilderness. They are most commonly carried by military personnel, but a lot of people interested in emergency preparedness carry them as well. I personally stopped carrying such a kit and now rely more on the other things I have in my pockets, which I use everyday.

note: mine B.C.B. military survival kit is several years old, contents may have changed.

Contents:

Signaling:

- ▶ 1x Perry whistle
- ▶ 1x Interior of Storage Tin serves as Signal Mirror

Fire:

- ▶ 5x unknown brand "storm" type of matches + striker
- ▶ 1x B.C.B. ranger flint and steel
- ▶ 1x Tea Candle
- ▶ 1x Cotton Ball

Water:

- ▶ 10x Aquaclear tablets
- ▶ 2x condoms

Navigation:

- ▶ 1x Button Compass

Tools:

- ▶ 1x small locking folder, 50/50 serrated/plain edge (china)
- ▶ 2x single edge shaving blades (USA)
- ▶ 1x B.C.B. Commando Wire Saw (w/out finger rings)
- ▶ 1x Hacksaw Blade with "sharpened" end

Food:

- ▶ 1x Brass Snare Wire
- ▶ 1x fishing wire
- ▶ 5x Fishing Hooks, small
- ▶ 4x Fishing Weights, large
- ▶ 4x Leader w/ swivel

Medical:

- ▶ 4x plasters (sterile) asst. sizes

### Other:

- ▶ 6x Safety Pins, asst. sizes
- ▶ 1x Sewing Kit (1 needle, 1 safety pin, thread)
- ▶ 1x Pencil
- ▶ 1x 40 cm Plastic Tape
- ▶ 1x Metal Handle for tin bottom
- ▶ 1x accident evaluation report sheet
- ▶ 1x Waterproof Survival Instruction Sheet
- ▶ 1x Storage Tin

This kit is best described as an upgraded of the "combat survival kit" also made by B.C.B. With this kit B.C.B. adds some more capability to there combat survival kit. It has 2 non lubricated Durex condoms, a different knife which is locking, a hacksaw, 2 single edge razors, 4 plasters, an accident evaluation report, a handle for the tin and a tiny cotton ball. It isn't packed very tight, so you can easily add more stuff in it, but it also rattles. A bad thing for soldiers who are carrying this kit unmodified.

The condoms for water caring is really not my thing, in mine experience condoms are really bad alternative's. I prefer a strong zip-loc kind of bag.

Fire is provided with 5 "storm" type of matches with a striker, packed in 2 separate compartments in plastic, adding water resistance, something I like. There is also a flint rod with a small hacksaw as striker, kind of useless since you already got a bigger longer hacksaw included in the kit. A single hand operated one would be better too. Tinder is provided in the form of one cotton ball. A horrible combination, since starting a fire with just one fast burning tinder that isn't waterproof isn't going to get a fire going in poor conditions.

The kit contains quite a lot of cutting ware, like the small (if not tiny) stainless steel back lock folder (made in china) which is 50/50 plain edge/serrated. A poor choice in mine opinion since its too small for a compromise, the blade should be plain edge, so it can cut much better and can be easier to sharpen. The knife wasn't very sharp, yet another problem. Beside the back lock there are also 2 single edge razors and a hacksaw with a "sharpened end" or should I say 2 hacksaws with a "sharpened end", since the striker of the flint rod is also a hacksaw. The cutting edge of the hacksaw wasn't really sharp, another disappointment.

There is a handle included in the kit, it makes cooking with the tin easier. Although the tin would be a rather small cooking pot and thus not very useful. But better than nothing!

The accident evaluation on non-waterproof paper is to write down what and were a injury has occurred and were to check for injury. Also a very small amount of first aid instructions are printed on them. It could be useful, but information is really minimal and I doubt this piece of paper will make a lot of difference.

The rest is standard BCB equipment, not the very best but adequate.

Conclusion: I would rate this kit as good for a commercially made PSK, it contains most important things, but the quality could be way better. Especially the tinder is very bad and should be replaced with better alternative's like petroleum infused cotton wool or commercial tinder. Also a form of light wouldn't hurt. This kit would be a good kit to use as a base to make your own kit, it has plenty of space left and it has a reasonable price.

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