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Greetings! This is a short review of the Maxpedition M-2 waist pack. It has been my EDC at work for about 2 months now. It is usually on my side all day. I do extensive field work outside in vegetable plots, and it is a handy pouch for research.



[Maxpedition web site](#)

Attachment: The pouch has many attachment options, the belt loop can accommodate larger and smaller belts, as well as attach to molle gear and will accept malice clips. I will evaluate it for use on a normal 1 1/4" inch web belt used as my EDC belt. It has two pen holders, a cell phone pouch, and an inner compartment with two smaller separations. In full sprint, the pouch bounces around due to the space for the large belt loop, and the small belt holding it (as pictured). This might be the reason I lose so many pens :D (I'm pretty bouncy myself) It appears you can attach this to a pack strap as well using some double sided Velcro, but I have yet to try it.





Middle picture shows what happens when bouncing, bottom picture is normal carry

Pen/Flashlight Holders: The sleeves on the sides are adequate, however, do not put expensive pens inside them. I have lost MANY pens with these holders. I am pretty active, and they either get pushed out from the bottom, or fall out from the top. I now use a cheap Pentel RSVP pen on one side, and a sharpie marker on the other. The sharpie is for marking insect traps, and my work has a surplus of both utensils. I've held the clips inside the cell phone compartment, clipped on the outside too, but they still will fall out. The pen clips on the top make quick draw from the bottom for fast deployment of the pens, uncapped (pretty handy!). I keep my more expensive zebra F-301s inside the pouch. I welcome any ideas on how to keep the pencils and pens inside. If I get into kydex, I want to design a snapping pen holder. Both sleeves will accept a mini mag very snugly. (I would bet this was the original purpose??)



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Pens will be lost if carried this way, use cheap ones!

Front pocket: It accepts a cell phone, but I made a spacer out of duct-tape, (to lift the phone up in the pouch), so the phone would be exposed out of the top and thus easier to grab when it rings. The front pocket flap is tapered so that there is a space on either side for a cell phone antennae to stick out. It is a large pouch and can accommodate some of the smaller pda's I've seen out there, and will fit a gps like the garmin e-trex, depending on what you have in the larger compartment. If I combine the duct tape spacer in there with the garmin, the top part is exposed, it might get better gps signal that way, who knows?

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what my cell phone does without duct tape spacer



With duct tape spacer

Inner compartment: The inner pocket is a large compartment that currently on my setup houses a lighter, Gerber task light, write on rain note pad (5x3 version), a ferro rod and striker, and a leatherman wave. I have a large amount of room left. On an additional note, I just fit a Whitman's chocolate sampler tin in there (a little bit thicker than the normal altoids tin) that houses a FAK. It slid in snugly. You could really maximize the size of this main compartment

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to hold a PSK and some other EDC items like flashlights, etc.

There are organizers inside the inner compartment is handy for separating items. I have all my items right there at my finger tips instead of having to dig around at the bottom of the pouch for things.



great EDC options!

EDC Design: A very comfortable EDC pouch. It is on my side in the chair as I write this review. In the state van's car seat, and in a Jeep Wrangler car seat, the pouch goes right under the seat belt, not very noticeable when driving,

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even with the belt fastened. (see pic). My only gripe with the whole pouch is the bounce when I run. I think one could make a smaller loop using parachord and the first two sets of molle holes, but I haven't done it yet. It does not get in the way of normal everyday tasks, and only sometimes bumps things, it is not like having a large pack jutting out of your hip. It doesn't get hung up when climbing trees, and there are minimal hang ups in thick brush, much less then I would expect when crawling through vines and similar foliage



In car seat



with belt