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Review of the Victorinox Climber (standard and 1.3722 model)

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Description :

This is a review of the standard and 1.3722 Victorinox Climbers. The standard one has a parcel hook while the 1.3722 has a long nail file.

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The Victorinox Climber is one of my favourite Swiss army knives (SAK) and I've carried one for years. The steel is easy to sharpen and virtually rustproof, the scales stand up to hard usage and SAKs are unlikely to offend. In general, I find that 3 layer SAKs are a good balance between weight and utility. Before my Climber, I used a Spartan (Climber minus the scissors) for more than a decade.



Comparison Standard and long nail file Climbers.

The standard Climber is 91mm in length folded, arranged in 3 layers. It has the following tools: large blade, small blade, corkscrew, can opener, small screwdriver, bottle opener, large screwdriver, wire stripper, reamer, puncher & sewing eye, hook, scissors, keyring, tweezers and toothpick. The 1.3722 version has no keyring and replaces the hook with a long nail file.

I use the large blade for food, and the small blade for other work such as opening boxes, cutting plastic etc. The scissors get used quite often for making controlled cuts, and are great for trimming fishing knots. I also like having the separate tin and can openers because the tin opener works pretty well as a Phillips screwdriver and I often use the can opener to pry things and as a flat blade screwdriver. I have added a mini screwdriver on the corkscrew and the awl gets occasional use. Even the toothpick and tweezers get used from time to time. My Climber has been used for food preparation, electronics, fishing, cleaning fish, spectacles, cars, prying open windows, etc.

For me, all the tools serve a useful purpose except that I have never had the opportunity to use is the parcel hook. I ordered the 1.3722 model through swiss-knife.com. It was the first time I had ordered from them and the service was excellent.

The new Climber is of typical Victorinox quality, having absolutely no play, good walk and talk and a flawless finish. The file would be useful for making notches, filing things and as a long prodding tool. I also could see it being used to retrieve small things dropped in confined spaces as happens every time I try to fix electronic equipment. There is a hole for a pin under the corkscrew although none is supplied. This hole was not present on my old Climber. Both versions of the Climber are excellent knives for everyday use.



Nail file 1 Nail file



Nail file 2 Nail file detail