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SOG Field Pup Review

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Description :

Field test of the SOG Field Pup.

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Our good friends from SOG Knives sent a matched pair of Field Pups to KnifeForums' Outdoor Survival Forum "Practice What You Preach" Weekend to help support the event. One of the Field Pups was for test, the other for prize giveaway. The knives are proving themselves up to the test...

The test SOG Field Pup got some use at PWYP. However, I've been putting it through it's paces for nearly a month now and figured it was time to spread the word on this knife offering from SOG...

Here she is:



Here's the specs of the SOG Field Pup -

Blade Length: 4" Blade Thickness: .125" Overall Length: 8.5" Weight: 3.5 oz. Steel: AUS 8 Stainless, Rc. 57-58
Handle: Kraton over a full tang Sheath: Leather/Kydex MSRP: \$60.00

The Field Pup has seen a lot of duty over the past month, from package opening to food prep, to campfire prep. The kraton handle is nicely formed and fills the hand well for hard work. It allows for good purchase and easy manipulation into various grip positions for different chores. The kraton also allows for good purchase when the knife is wet or contaminated with fluids from food and game preparation.

The slightly recurved AUS-8 stainless blade takes a fine edge and holds it very well. This now non-designer stainless happens to be one of my favorites. Not only does it take a fine edge, it's relatively easy to get that fine edge back when sharpening is called for. Hitting the edge on a strop occassionally between uses really helps in avoiding the sharpening stone - SOG's AUS-8 takes to the strop very nicely. The blade also features thumb grooves on it's spine which came in very handy for whittling and controlled cutting...



I should also mention that those same grooves make for an ideal FireSteel/MFS/Ferro Rod striker. It throws a huge shower of sparks from my FireSteel.

I haven't had the opportunity yet to do any heavy batoning yet with the Field Pup, but for light chores, it certainly takes to the baton well...



Since the knife is a full tang under the kraton, I'm certain it will surely handle larger chores. I quartered a whole pile of

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well seasoned hornbeam and maple, some of each with pretty significant knots, and the blade edge didn't suffer one bit.

Resharpener, thus far, only became necessary when I made a stupid slip on the kitchen counter. Resharpener the Field Pup was quick and easy. Repairing the damage to the counter won't be either.

What can I say about the sheath? The sheath wins the award for ugliest design I've seen. HOWEVER, it also wins the award for pretty darned practical. It does its job superbly. It holds the knife very securely, allows for easy access to and replacement of the knife, and protects the user from being subjected to the sharp edge.

The SOG Field Pup makes an excellent budget category field, camp, or game knife. It packs an awful lot of features at a very attractive price point.

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