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SureFire E2L Outdoorsman Review

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SureFire's Great Multipurpose LED Flashlight

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My quest for the perfect light for me continues. SureFire's E2L Outdoorsman is a serious contender for that title. I received a SureFire E2L in early April, 2006 and have been putting it to it's paces ever since...



Here's the Specs and features as stated by SureFire:

SPECIFICATIONS

Max Output: 30 lumens Runtime: 6 hours 3 hours high output, then 3 hours useful output Length: 5.25 Inches
Weight: 3.50 Ounces Battery: Two 123A Lithium

FEATURES

LED light source has no filament to burn out or break, lasts for thousands of hours Rugged aerospace-grade aluminum body, Mil-Spec Type III hard anodized in olive drab O-ring sealed, weatherproof Total Internal Reflection (TIR) lens Pocket clip Tailcap switch: press for momentary-on, press further to click constant-on Switch lockout prevents accidental activation during transport or storage

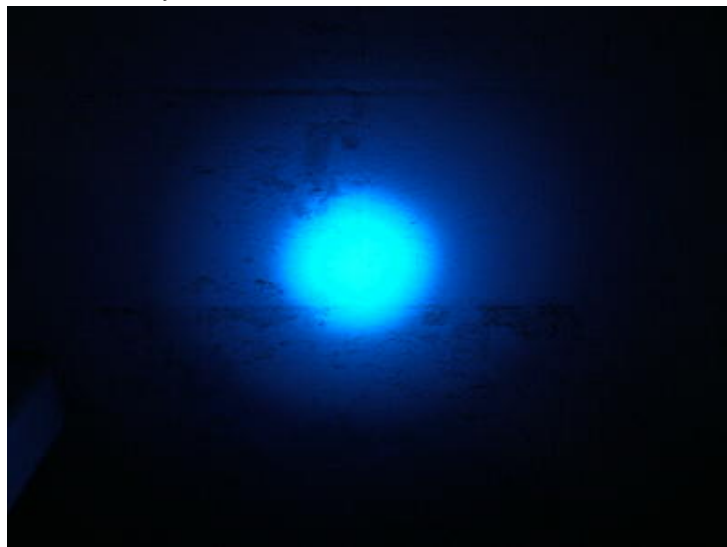
I've used the E2L extensively at work and during a few nighttime outdoor excursions since I received it. It's been used to illuminate darkened basements and attics for photographing code violations and it's been used for searching bags, etc as people come into our courtroom. The E2L puts out an absolutely awesome beam with a good amount of sidespill to make those tasks very easy with this light. The tailcap click switch and knurled design also makes it a good accoutrement for a handgun during low-light room/area searches and shooting. In the woods, the E2L makes walking a trail very easy. It's powerful beam has sufficient throw to reach out there and to penetrate light brush. It lights up the inside of a tent to near daylight conditions.



Here's a 36" beamshot comparison in my darkened basement. In order, left to right; the SureFire E2L, the SureFire L1 on high, and a Peak 1.5W Caribbean:



Here's a 36" beamshot with the accessory blue filter on the E2L:



The blue filter makes it easy to spot blood at work and in the field. It also makes the light useable in a motel/hotel room with others sleeping nearby - taming the light so as not to bother other's sleep, while still producing enough light

to easily maneuver, read, etc.

I'd rate the SureFire E2L very highly - probably a 9 out of 10. It's a *great* light. I have but one minor criticism - that being the long pocket clip. When traversing heavy brush, the long clip tends to attract every twig and briar. SureFire has assured me that the E2L can be retrofitted with the shorter clip from the L1 to minimize that problem. I'm anxiously awaiting the retrofit part. The E2L and L1 are now my go-to lights for serious business and serious play...

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