

Fieldcraft Equipment

Primary Field Equipment



The *Fieldmaster* Swiss Army Knife

A pocketknife is one of the most important tools that can be carried in the outdoors. It is termed a "primary tool" because it can be used to fashion other tools. The ability to craft additional tools in the field is the most important factor in the choice of what pocketknife to purchase. One model of pocketknife that meets all of the basic needs in the field is the Victorinox Fieldmaster Swiss Army Knife.

The Fieldmaster has the standard complement of tools included in most models of the Victorinox line - a large blade, a small blade, a can opener with small screwdriver, a bottle opener with large screwdriver with wire stripper and a reamer/awl; and of course the Swiss Army Knife standard tweezers and toothpick.

In addition to the standard tools, the Fieldmaster has a Phillips screwdriver (instead of a corkscrew), a pull hook, compact saw blade and a set of scissors. It is the compact saw and scissors that make this model unique, and provide the capabilities that make this model a great primary tool choice for the outdoors and fieldcraft.



One of the reasons that I never hesitate to recommend a Victorinox Swiss Army Knife is the simple fact that the company was founded in 1884, and has not only demonstrated a history of the highest quality of knives available, but Victorinox has outlasted all of their previous competitors, even purchasing their closest competitor - Wenger - in 2005.

In addition to a long history of producing the best knives available in the class, each Victorinox Swiss Army Knife carries a lifetime guarantee.

When it comes to purchasing outdoor and "everyday carry" gear, I always remember the phrase "buy once, cry once"; and in the case of a piece of equipment as important as a primary tool like a pocketknife, I don't hesitate to recommend the Fieldmaster Swiss Army Knife. Personally, I own two.