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SWAT Officer Reviews the ASP XT DF Flashlight

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The Armament Systems and Procedures (ASP) XT DF flashlight.

As a member of the [special operations](#) community, having reliable and efficient gear is not just a necessity; it's a matter of life and death. The [ASP XT DF](#) Flashlight stands out as a beacon of reliability in the [tactical equipment](#) arena. Here's a detailed review for SOFREP readers.

Design and Durability: The ASP XT DF doesn't just impress with its sleek, black, anodized aluminum body; it's also built to endure. Its rugged construction can withstand the rigors of field operations, and its water-resistant feature ensures functionality in diverse environments. The textured grip provides a secure hold, which is crucial in high-intensity scenarios. It's also great for more mundane tasks like taking the trash out before dawn.



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Performance: The flashlight's dual-fuel capability is a game-changer. It can operate on either a rechargeable 18650 [lithium-ion](#) battery or two disposable CR123A cells, offering versatility in the field. The lithium-ion battery charges inside the flashlight using the supplied micro USB cable. There is no need for a separate battery charger. The high output of 1,000 lumens is a noteworthy feature, casting a powerful and clear beam essential for nighttime operations or low-light environments. It can also be operated at a more eye-friendly (and battery-friendly) 15 or 300 lumens.

Functionality: Ease of use is where the ASP XT DF truly shines (pun intended). The programmable single-pressure switch on the tail cap switch allows operators or sleep homeowners to customize brightness levels and strobe settings, adapting to various tactical or household needs. The flashlight also remembers the last used setting, a subtle yet critical feature for rapid response situations or just plain convenience.

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Portability: The compact size of the ASP XT DF makes it an ideal companion for [covert operations](#) or stuffing into your car's glovebox. It fits comfortably in a pocket or can be attached to a utility belt without adding significant weight, an essential aspect for operatives who are always on the move. The light measures 6.25" long and is about 1.4" in diameter. It is capable of casting a beam 243 meters. Not bad for an item of its size.

Battery Life: The flashlight's battery life is impressive. Even at its highest setting, it offers substantial operational time, reducing the need for frequent recharging or battery changes, a crucial factor during extended missions.

Overall Impression: The [ASP XT DF](#) Flashlight is a top-tier tactical tool. Its robust design, exceptional brightness, and user-friendly features make it a must-have for any special operations professional. It's not just a flashlight; it's a piece of reliable equipment that ensures visibility and safety in the most challenging situations.

Price: Currently retailing for \$212 on the [ASP site](#).

Rating: 4.8/5 – A highly recommended tactical asset for any member of the SOFREP community.

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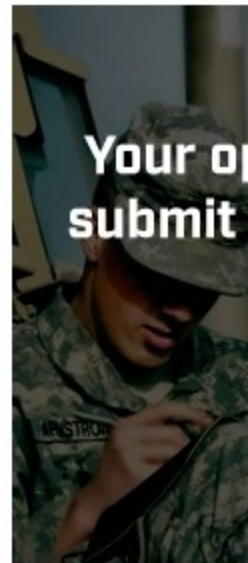
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