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LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Two SureFire ways to keep out of the dark

SOME OF MY LEAST FAVORITE PARTS OF BEING ON the road: packing a bike in predawn hours, unpacking at night, or, even worse, being stuck on the side of the road in the dark. But as the saying goes, sh** happens. To shed light on the situation at those times I reach for one of these flashlights from SureFire.



Both the E2L Outdoorsman and E2D Executive Defender are constructed from rugged aerospace-grade aluminum, and feature Mil-Spec Type III hard anodizing making them tough. O-ring seals make these babies weatherproof

and a pocket clip keeps them at hand when you need them. Power comes from two 123A lithium batteries, and a tailcap switch allows for easy on-off, one-handed operation.

Although these flashlights are similar, they do have some big differences. The E2D is an incandescent flashlight that has a brilliant (60 lumens max. output), prefocused tactical beam, and features a

crenellated Strike Bezel. The brightness and bezel can be used for personal protection, hence the Defender designation. At 4.85" long and weighing a mere 3.2 ounces, it's a perfect everyday light that might even help you out of a jam should you be so unlucky. The price for this type of safety is \$110. The E2L is a LED flashlight. It uses a virtually indestructible power-regulated light-emitting diode (LED) to produce a smooth prefocused beam. Using a LED as a light source means that this flashlight has no filament to burn out or break, and in theory should last for thousands of hours. The maximum output of the Outdoorsman is 30 lumens; it's 5.25" long, weighs 3.5 ounces, and costs \$129.

Either of these two SureFire flashlights is my latest must-have while on the road. What they provide in such a small package is well worth their cost. If you don't agree I dare you to ask me for a light if you see me in a dark alley. AIM

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