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POCKET MULTITOOLS

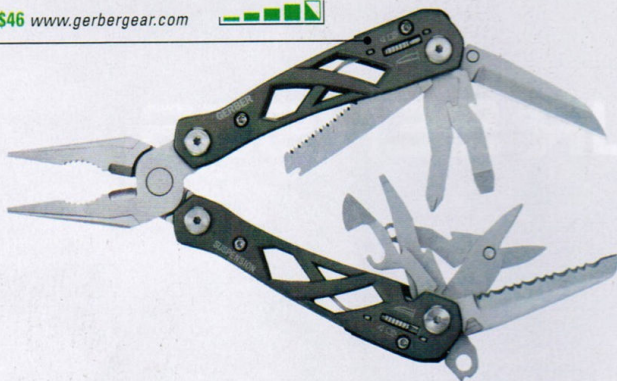
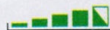
## Screw. Saw. Snip.

Multitools are lighter and more ergonomic than ever, with locking blades, specialty gadgets, and even LEDs. Stash one of these mini MacGyvers in your pocket – you never know when you'll need to fashion a cell phone from a paper clip, a transistor radio, and an Altoid. – JASON STEVENSON

### GERBER SUSPENSION

**WIRED** Comfortable 3.75-inch grip doesn't twist in hand while working. All tools open in the same direction, cutting hassle factor. Pliers and fine-edge and serrated saws tackle big tasks. Easy-to-use lock system. Inexpensive.  
**TIRED** Short 1.75-inch cutting edge on knife. Futuristic *Aeon Flux* styling might put off some traditionalists.

\$46 [www.gerbergear.com](http://www.gerbergear.com)



### Leatherman Squirt E4

**WIRED** IT geek's dream: five gauges of wire-stripping goodness and three case-cracking screwdrivers. Spring-loaded wire cutter/mini-pliers for delicate PC surgery. Just over 2 inches folded.

**TIRED** No scissors. Tools too tiny for anything but bench work.

\$40 [www.leatherman.com](http://www.leatherman.com)



### Swiss Army Voyager Lite Ruby

**WIRED** Compact (3.5-inch) arsenal carves, snips, files, plucks, prods, uncorks, illuminates, writes – and tells you the time.  
**TIRED** No saw, pliers, or locking blade. You'll have to tap into your Swiss bank account to afford this multifunctionality.

\$110 [www.swissarmy.com](http://www.swissarmy.com)

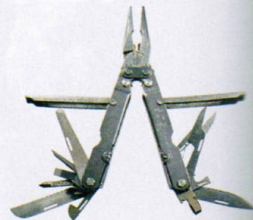


### SOG PowerLock S60

**WIRED** Pliers open wide and clamp down hard. Crimper, three-sided file, and spring-loaded locking system.

**TIRED** Toothy hinges catch on clothing. Tool covers hinder access. Full-range sawing blocked by huge (4.5-inch) handle.

\$105 [www.sogknives.com](http://www.sogknives.com)



HIKING WATCHES

## Time for Adventure

When trekking through the wilds, you've got more to keep track of than what time it is. These backcountry watches can tell the temperature, forecast the weather, show your direction, and calculate vertical distance from the peak. Onward! – SCOTT TAVES

### CASIO PATHFINDER PAW1200

**WIRED** Classy titanium housing is light and strong. Time calibrated to an atomic clock. Full solar charge powers watch for five months.

**TIRED** Daunting array of modes and submodes. Massive size overwhelms slight wrists. Digital compass overlay looks cheesy.

\$380 [www.casio.com](http://www.casio.com)



### Suunto Vector

**WIRED** Gorgeous. All the crucial nav features. Seven color choices, from cotton-candy pink to special-ops black. Bubble level on face assures accurate compass readings. Water-resistant to 30 meters.

**TIRED** Complex procedure for calibrating altimeter and barometer. Button labels on body hard to read.

\$199 [www.suunto.com](http://www.suunto.com)



### Silva Tech40 OC1

**WIRED** Clever, versatile design – body pops out of strap and clips onto included lanyard. Compass alerts user to deviations from programmed direction.

**TIRED** Water-resistant to only 10 meters. Light weight is nice, but feels cheap. Small screen readout. Confusing barometric data presentation.

\$199 [www.silvausa.com](http://www.silvausa.com)



### Avocet Vertech II Alpin

**WIRED** Big rubberized buttons easy to press, even with gloved fingers. Ski mode tracks descents in feet per minute; Hike mode measures climbs in feet per hour.

**TIRED** No compass – just barometer and altimeter. Weird design looks like a Transformer. No backlight. Water-resistant to a measly 3 meters.

\$160 [www.avocet.com](http://www.avocet.com)

