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# 6 Best EDC Flashlights You Must Have in 2021

Whether you are an avid hunter or outdoor camper, an edc flashlight should be the topmost priority for everyday use. Dimly-lit patch jobs or nighttime treks, you can use modern edc flashlights for any occasion. Modern edcs are lightweight, powerful, water and impact-resistant.

Due to its versatility with tactical and defensive capabilities, edcs have become an everyday choice for people. According to **Persistent Market Research**, a global firm specializing in business intelligence and data analytics, the global flashlight market is [predicted to reach \\$8.2 billion by the end of 2025](#).

Over the last few decades, I have used as many as 40+ edc flashlights from popular brands such as Thrunite, Fenix, Nightcore, and Olight, and lesser-known edc brands such as the Kootek and Gerber. So, based on the versatility and application, let me shed some light on the best edc flashlights that you must know before you buy one.

## Must know of EDC Flashlights:

Before proceeding further, allow me to discuss the basics of edc flashlights so that you have a clear understanding. At least, you won't feel like a beginner when you will go to buy for yourself, yeah?

## So, What does EDC stand for in a Flashlight?

EDC stands for everyday carry torch that is lightweight, strong, and powerful. It is small enough to carry in your pocket or backpack and offers many-sided adaptabilities. There are so many different sizes of EDC torches in the current market, from the size of your pinky finger to bulky ones.

## Different Parts of EDC Flashlights:

These EDC torches are not that technically complicated. However, at the primary stage, you must know the functionalities of the following parts:

1. **The Bezel:** It is the front part of the flashlight right where the lens is.
2. **The head:** It is the part that holds the LED, reflector, lens, and everything that makes the flashlight work. Many refer to it as LED housing.
3. **Battery Compartment:** Yes, you already guessed it. No need to explain further.
4. **Tail Cap:** The tail cap holds the battery in. Most edc flashlights have a tail switch making them more convenient and versatile to use.





## Few Technical Terms To Understand the Functionalities of EDC Flashlights:

How many lumens do you need EDC? Or, How many lumens should a good tactical flashlight have? Don't get awe-struck if someone asks you these questions.

### What is a Lumen is an EDC torch?

Lumen is the measurement of the intensity of lights coming out of flashlights per square meter. A higher number of lumen indicates brighter and intense light, whereas the lower lumen indicates the opposite. So a 60 watt of LED lamp at your house radiates 5,400 lumens. Put simply; one watt is 683 lumen.

On the market, you can find flashlights with a lumen range of .50 to 4,000.

### What are the general battery types for an EDC Flashlight?

The most common types of batteries are:

- **AAA:** AAA, also known as Tripple-A, is the best-selling in the states due to its small size. These batteries are slimmer and widely available. Each battery is \$.31 and is rechargeable. However, one disadvantage is that the charge may run out quickly.

- **AA:** This battery is similar to AAA but lasts longer and slightly more prominent. Each battery is rechargeable, and each costs \$.68.
- **CR123A:** Famous for its small size yet higher power output, each battery retails at \$2.49. It is also a rechargeable battery.
- **18650 Battery:** This battery, twice the length of CR123A, is popular due to its more extended power output and capacity. It retails around \$4.3 and is completely rechargeable.



Now that we have covered the basics of EDC flashlights let's dive into the best edc flashlights from my experience. Here, I will cover the following edc torches:

1. **Olight M2R Pro Warrior:** My most favorite due it slick-looking UI and versatile nature. A two-way clip will help you maneuver it in any style and can be a reliable defensive tool. (Price: \$ 109.95)
2. **Stremlight PROTAC 2L- X:** Quite small looking yet significantly sturdier. You can use two battery options 18650 USB battery or CR 123A. With a max performance of 500 Lumens, it can easily last 30 hours. Put simply, it is way better than other edc flashlights with similar output and price. (Price: \$ 59.99)

3. **Fenix TK16 V2.0 Tactical Flashlight:** It has many different lighting modes with two tactical tail switches and can be used as a defensive tool. (Price: \$ 99.95)
4. **ThruNight T2 Rechargeable Flashlight USB Type-C Fast Charging:** It is built for everyday use and has lockout mode to prevent accidental activation. You can enjoy 7.5 hours of output at medium use. Perfect for camping and all types of exploration. (Price: \$85)
5. **Fenix LR35R 10000 Lumen Rechargeable LED Flashlight:** Has a fascinating combination with its size and performance. Roughly smaller than the size of your palm, it produces an impressive output of 10,000 lumens. Huh? 😲 (Price: \$109.95)
6. **Streamlight Wedge 300 Lumens Slim Everyday Carry Flashlight:** Simple UI features with stable, long-lasting everyday performance, the Streamlight Wedge will not disappoint either your spouse or you. Quickly rechargeable and deep pocket carryable to any situation. (Price: \$ 109.95)

Here's a quick comparison of the products covered - Starting from the lowest to highest:

EDC Name	Max. Performance/Beam Distance	Rechargeable	Body Material	Weight/Length	Clip	Price
Streamlight PROTAC 2L-X	500 Lumens/ 165 meters	Yes	Aluminium Alloy	125 g/ 5.14 inches	One way	\$59.99
ThruNight T2	3757 Lumens / 158 meters	Yes	Aluminium Alloy	87 g/ 4.41 inches	One way	\$85.00

Fenix TK16 V2.0	3100 Lumens / 380 meters	Yes	Stainless Steel	112 g/ 5.63 inches	One way	\$99.95
Streamlight Wedge	1,000 Lumens / 110 meters	Yes	Aluminium Alloy	93.5 g /5.46 inches	One way	\$109.95
Olight M2R Pro Warrior	1800 Lumens / 300 meters	Yes	Aluminium Alloy	179 g/ 5.37 inches	Two way	\$109.95
Fenix LR35R	10,000 Lumens / 500.1 meters	Yes	Aluminium Alloy	238.9 g/5.5 inches	One way	\$199.95

## 1. Streamlight PROTAC 2L- X:

If you are looking for a sturdier bright, yet small flashlight, then it is for you. It is a little shy of 5 inches in length and weighs less than 3 ounces with batteries. So, it is pretty tiny. Said that you won't find any flashlights at a low price that is small yet capable of producing 500 lumens.

This flashlight gives you the freedom to use either one: a 18650 USB battery or a CR123A. Its aluminum body makes it light, extremely durable, and abrasion-resistant. Once the battery is dead, it takes 4.5 hours on average to charge it fully.

Max. Performance	500 Lumens
Beam Distance	165 meters or 541.3 feet

Charger Type	USB Li-ion protected 3.7V 2,600 mAh rechargeable battery
Powered By	Streamlight SL-B26 Protected Li-Ion USB Rechargeable Battery Pack, CR123A Lithium
Body Material	Aluminum Alloy Body
Runtime	<p>Super Bright Light:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500 Lumen -- 2.75 hours on CR123A or 3.25 hours on 18650 USB</li> </ul> <p>Low Light:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500 Lumen -- 30 hours on CR123A or 18650 USB</li> </ul> <p>Strobe for signaling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.25 hours on CR123A or 4.5 hours on 18650 USB</li> </ul>
Weight	125 g /4.4 oz
Length	5.14 inches/ 130.0 mm
Waterproof	Yes - 1 meter water-resistant
Battery Level Indicator	No
Clip	One way clip
LED Source	Neutral White LED
MAP Price	\$ 59.99

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQlpCfp8QTI>

<https://www.amazon.com/Streamlight-88063-Professional-Flashlight-Rechargeable/dp/B06X6DM9XH>



Pros:

- Great push-button for a selector
- Two battery options
- Water, impact, and scratch resistance.

Cons:

- It gets hotter if you set more than 260 lumens.
- Strobe mode is set in between high and low settings. So, putting the light in strobe mode might be confusing to some.
- The pocket clip may come off sometimes.

## 2. ThruNight T2 Rechargeable Flashlight USB Type-C Fast Charging:

For everyday use, nothing could be much better than ThruNight T2. It is small yet has a maximum output of 3757 lumens with a 158-meter beam distance. Extraordinary. With its USB Type-C cable, you can quickly recharge it.

Another valuable feature of the T2 is its lock-out mode which prevents accidental activation in your bag or pocket.

Max. Performance	3757 Lumens
Beam Distance	158 meters or 518 feet
Charger Type	Built-in Type - C USB Charger
Powered By	a rechargeable 5000mAh 21700 Lithium-Ion Battery
Body Material	Aluminium Alloy Body with seven different colors
Runtime	Turbo mode:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3757 Lumen -- 2 mins</li> </ul> <p>Strobe mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1450 Lumen -- 5 hours</li> </ul> <p>High mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1712 Lumen -- 3 mins</li> </ul> <p>Medium mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 366 Lumen -- 7.5 hours</li> </ul> <p>Low mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 Lumen -- 77 hours</li> </ul> <p>Firefly mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• .3 Lumen -- 69 days</li> </ul>
Weight	87 g /3.06 oz
Length	4.41 inches/ 112 mm
Waterproof	Yes - 2 meters underwater
Battery Level Indicator	Yes. While charging Blue (>21%), Red (11-20%), Flashing Red (<10%).
Clip	One way clip
LED Source	Neutral White LED lights
MAP Price	\$ 85.00

<https://www.amazon.com/ThruNite-T2-Rechargeable-Flashlight-Charging/dp/B08CB7X1BY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqMdlicH1PU>

Pros:

- Simple UI and everyone can use it
- Lockout mode to stop accidental activation

- Long-lasting performance in medium mode.

Cons:

- Keeping turbo mode on for more than 10 mins may generate heat.
- The low mode can produce a yellow-tinted light
- It can't be used in a self-defense situation

### 3. Fenix TK16 V2.0 Tactical Flashlight:

The Fenix TK16 V2.0 features an impressive performance with its maximum capacity of 3100 lumens covering 380m. It is quick, versatile to operate with six different lighting modes, and has two tactical tail switches. If you have a specific preference for stainless steel body and versatility, it is made for you.

I love this Fenix model in particular because it has a powerful, lightweight, and simple UI. It's small in size, and its glass breaker ring on the lens makes it a defensive tool as well.

Max. Performance	3100 Lumens
Beam Distance	380 meters or 1247 feet
Charger Type	USB Charger
Powered By	21700 rechargeable li-ion battery
Body Material	Stainless Steel
Runtime	<p>Strobe mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3100 Lumen -- 2.40 hours covers 380m or 1247 ft</li> </ul> <p>Turbo mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3100 Lumen -- 2.40 hours covers 380m or 1247 ft</li> </ul>

	<p>High mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1000 Lumen -- 2.50 hours covers 220m or 722 ft</li> </ul> <p>Medium mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 350 Lumen -- 8.20 hours covers 125m or 410 ft</li> </ul> <p>Low mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150 Lumen -- 19.10 hours covers 80m or 262 ft</li> </ul> <p>Eco mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 Lumen -- 43.20 hours covers 40m or 131 ft</li> </ul>
Weight	112 g /3.95 oz excluding battery
Length	5.63 inches/ 143.0 mm
Waterproof	Yes - 2 meters underwater
Battery Level Indicator	Yes
Clip	One way clip
LED Source	Neutral White LED lights
MAP Price	\$ 99.95

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TX\\_RTXyDm-A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TX_RTXyDm-A)

<https://www.amazon.com/Fenix-Tactical-Flashlight-Rechargeable-Organizer/dp/B08V8H42RB>

Pros:

- Fantastic build quality with simple UI
- Versatile and effective beam
- Provides consistent performance with long runtime

- Outstanding balance in output and side illumination

Cons:

- The light green tint in low mode
- Don't have many light options

#### 4. Streamlight Wedge 300 Lumens Slim Everyday Carry Flashlight

For everyday light application use, the Streamlight Wedge EDC is perfect. Its ergonomic design offers an EDC that is easy to carry but offers high performance. With almost the size of your pen, you can easily slide it down to your pocket for everyday use.

You can use either of the two modes:

- a 300-lumen 69 meters constant carry on a mode that runs for 3 hours or
- A 1,000 lumens with 110m beam with 35 seconds burst.

I prefer this particular model over others because I can recharge it very quickly, and it provides stable long-lasting battery performance. If I want to clip in my hat, I can do that as well. So, I am biased toward this particular model over all the other models with a similar price range and versatility.

Max. Performance	1,000 Lumens
Beam Distance	110 meters or 360.8 feet
Charger Type	USB-C Fast Charger (Approximate full charging time 3 hours)
Powered By	a 1500mAh rechargeable Lithium-polymer Battery

Body Material	Aluminium Alloy Body
Runtime	<p>THRO mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10000 lumen - with a 35-second burst</li> </ul> <p>Constant mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 300 lumen - 3 h</li> </ul>
Weight	93.5 g /3.3 oz
Length	5.46 inches/ 138.68 mm
Waterproof	Yes - 1 meter underwater
Battery Level Indicator	Yes. (Green will illuminate for 5 seconds to show the battery has sufficient power. Steady red indicates the battery needs to be charged soon. Blinking red indicates the battery is depleted, and shutdown is imminent. )
Clip	One way clip
LED Source	Neutral White LED lights
MAP Price	\$ 109.95

<https://www.amazon.com/Streamlight-88810-Everyday-Flashlight-Packaged/dp/B08XMG5TMW>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZwmvT4M7fI>

Pros:

- Rotatable Switch for mode change
- Straightforward UI
- Quickly rechargeable

Cons:

- Mainly built for light application and prolonged performance. So, not suitable for an emergency
- No multi-colored lights available

## 5. Olight M2R Pro Warrior:

This slick-looking flashlight is the upgraded version of the Olight two-button tactical flashlight. It is one of my favorites due to its impressive long-distance (300 meters) and 1800 lumens comprehensive cover.

It has a firm-grip, easy-to-operate two tail options, and a battery level indicator. You can also charge it quickly using the magnetic USB charging cable once the battery is dead. Just in case, if required, you can use its crenelated bezel made from the aerospace-graded aluminum body as a powerful defensive tool.

Olight M2R Pro Warrior has a max performance of 1800 Lumen and covers a distance of 300 meters. Stunning, right?

Max. Performance	1800 Lumens
Beam Distance	300 meters or 984.3 feet
Charger Type	MCC3 Magnetic USB Charging cable
Powered By	Customized 5000mAh 21700 rechargeable lithium battery
Body Material	Aluminum Alloy Body
Runtime	Level -1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 1800 Lumen -- 4.5 mins</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 750 Lumen -- 145 mins</li> <li>● 250 Lumen -- 45 mins</li> </ul> <p>Level -2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 750 Lumen -- 2.20 hours</li> <li>● 250 Lumen -- 40 mins</li> </ul> <p>Level -3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 250 Lumen -- 10 hours</li> </ul> <p>Level -4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 60 Lumen -- 40 hours</li> </ul> <p>Level -5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 15 Lumen -- 130 hours</li> </ul>
Weight	179 g /6.31 oz
Length	5.37 inches/ 136.50 mm
Waterproof	Yes - 1 meter water-resistant
Battery Level Indicator	Yes (Green > 75%, 75% > Yellow > 30%, and Red < 30% )
Clip	Two way clip
LED Source	Neutral White LED
MAP Price	\$ 109.95

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wbVY-hG1XAc>

<https://www.amazon.com/OLIGHT-Magnetic-Rechargeable-Switches-Flashlight/dp/B07YP6P91F>

Pros:

- Light in weight and durable due to the aluminum shell



- Versatile in performance due to two-way clip, dual switch options, battery level indicator, and runtime
- Quick Magnetic Charging
- It can work as a defense tool

Cons:

- Only one light option
- Can get hot
- Few had difficulty following the instruction manual.

## 6. Fenix LR35R 10000 Lumen Rechargeable LED Flashlight

If you are looking for a flashlight with monstrous performance for quite an extended period, then this is built for you. A portable Fenix 10,000 Lumen flashlight has astounding performance, yet it is not bulky. Its beauty is its sheer performance capacity. If you think it is stocky, then you are not correct. It is about 5.5 inches in length and 2 inches head diameter. So, it perfectly the size of your palm.

Max. Performance	10,000 Lumens
Beam Distance	500.1 meters or 1641 feet
Charger Type	USB-C Fast Charger (Approximate full charging time 3.50 hours)
Powered By	a rechargeable 5000mAh 21700 Lithium-Ion Battery
Body Material	Aluminium Alloy Body
Runtime	Turbo mode: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10000 lumen - 1 hr 25 min</li> </ul> High mode: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3000 lumen - 1 hr 35 min</li> </ul>

	<p>Medium mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1200 lumen - 3 hr 15 min</li> </ul> <p>Low mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 450 lumen - 8 hr 20 min</li> </ul> <p>Eco mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 50 lumen - 80 hr</li> </ul> <p>Strobe mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10000 lumen - 80 hr</li> </ul>
Weight	238.9 g /8.43 oz
Length	5.5 inches/ 139 mm
Waterproof	Yes - 2 meters underwater,
Battery Level Indicator	Yes. (Green Continuous - 100% - 85%, Green Flashing - 85% - 50%, Red Continuous - 50% - 25%, Red Flashing - 25% - 1%)
Clip	One way clip
LED Source	Neutral White LED lights
MAP Price	\$ 199.95

<https://www.amazon.com/Fenix-LR35R-Rechargeable-Flashlight-Organizer/dp/B08BTRSZYD>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLvVBGdq8Fg>

Pros:

- Have complete lockout mode
- Have super high performance

- Lightweight and sturdy
- Nice to carry and most straightforward UI

Cons:

- Not ideal to use it in emergencies
- Gets hot in high mode. Using gloves recommended

Finding suitable EDC flashlights is not an easy task, especially when there are hundreds of flashlights in the market. The options seem endless, from poor quality or high graded quality and high price to low price. However, I have tried my best to provide a short-listed overview of the best edc flashlights.

### **One most commonly asked question is - What are good EDC Flashlights?**

Well, there is no one-line answer for these. Each edc flashlight is made uniquely - keeping certain types of scenarios and applications in mind. So, before buying an edc, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Is the look of the flashlight necessary or the performance?
2. Is the flashlight easy to use and has versatility? For example, can I attach it to my cap, or need to hold it all day long?
3. If I needed to use it in a self-defense situation, can I use it?
4. How long the performance of the flashlight I expect? For example, using an edc for 2-3 days of camping is different from using a 1-day hunting trip.

Lastly, I would recommend Olight M2R Pro Warrior and Streamlight Wedge for everyday use.

And Fenix LR35R for long-distance activities such as hiking or hunting. Performance and versatility are the topmost factors for me when I buy these everyday carry flashlights.

The other edc mentioned also offer impressive performance and versatility, and I am delighted with it. Make sure to share your experience with us in the comment section. Which one is your favorite edcs?

## Affiliate Products:

Product Name	Amazon Affiliate
Stremlight PROTAC 2L- X	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Streamlight-88063-Professional-Flashlight-Rechargeable/dp/B06X6DM9XH">https://www.amazon.com/Streamlight-88063-Professional-Flashlight-Rechargeable/dp/B06X6DM9XH</a>
ThruNight T2 Rechargeable Flashlight USB Type-C Fast Charging	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/ThruNite-T2-Rechargeable-Flashlight-Charging/dp/B08CB7X1BY">https://www.amazon.com/ThruNite-T2-Rechargeable-Flashlight-Charging/dp/B08CB7X1BY</a>
Fenix TK16 V2.0 Tactical Flashlight	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Fenix-Tactical-Flashlight-Rechargeable-Organizer/dp/B08V8H42RB">https://www.amazon.com/Fenix-Tactical-Flashlight-Rechargeable-Organizer/dp/B08V8H42RB</a>
Streamlight Wedge 300 Lumens Slim Everyday Carry Flashlight	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Streamlight-88810-Everyday-Flashlight-Packaged/dp/B08XMG5T MW">https://www.amazon.com/Streamlight-88810-Everyday-Flashlight-Packaged/dp/B08XMG5T MW</a>
Olight M2R Pro Warrior	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/OLIGHT-Magnetic-Rechargeable-Switches-Flashlight/dp/B07YP6 P91F">https://www.amazon.com/OLIGHT-Magnetic-Rechargeable-Switches-Flashlight/dp/B07YP6 P91F</a>

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<https://www.amazon.com/Fenix-LR35R-Rechargeable-Flashlight-Organizer/dp/B08BTRSZYD>