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ust SparkForce Fire Starter with Durable Construction and Lanyard for Camping, Backpacking, Hiking, Emergency and Outdoor Survival, Orange, One Size (20-310-259)

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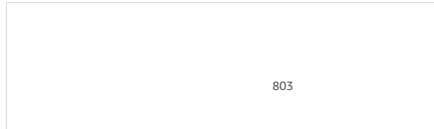
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Material	Acrylic
Color	Orange
Brand	Ust
Item	3.1 x 3.1 x 0.43 inches
Dimensions LxWxH	
Item Weight	0.06 Pounds
Included Components	UST - Ultimate Survival Technologies Spark Force, Firestarter, Orange
Number of Pieces	1

About this item

- DIMENSIONS: 3.1" L x 0.75" W x 0.4" D and weighs 1 oz
- EASE OF USE: Hold metal striker against the flint rod, apply pressure along the rod to create sparks and direct the sparks downward onto prepared surface to ignite the tinder
- DURABLE: The flint-based bar will last for multiple strikes and the striker is built into the detachable cap to protect the flint and prevent unintended sparks
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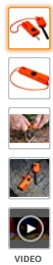
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Product description

A compact, high-performance flint-based fire starter, the UST SparkForce Fire Starter easily generates sparks in wet or windy conditions and ignites a wide variety of tinder (including UST WetFire and UST Light-Me Tinder, both sold separately). Featuring a high visibility orange ABS case, the striker's detachable cap (attached with included lanyard) protects the flint and prevents accidental or unintended sparks. Weighing just 1 ounce, the slim SparkForce fits comfortably in your pocket.

Product details

Is Discontinued By Manufacturer : No

Product Dimensions : 3.1 x 3.1 x 0.43 inches; 0.96 Ounces

Item model number : 20-310-259

Department : Unisex-adult

Date First Available : September 3, 2013

Manufacturer : Revere Supply Company Inc.

ASIN : B00F73B07S

Country of Origin : China

Domestic Shipping: Item can be shipped within U.S.

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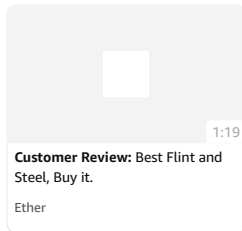
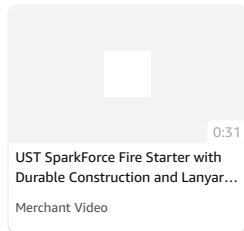
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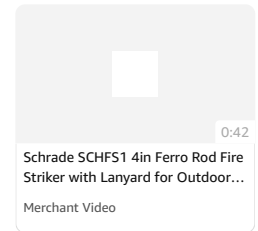
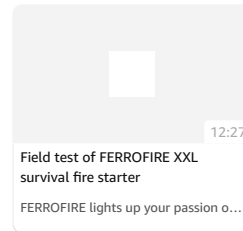
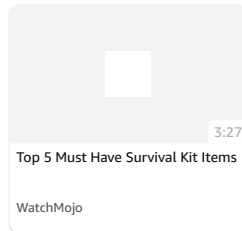
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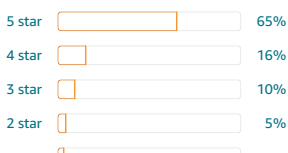
- 3 votes
- Question:** How many strikes will this last
- Answer:** About 8000 strikes. Have owned several. Just a heads up keep them well away from salts and oxidisers as these will cause the rods to pit and turn to a powder pretty quickly. I teach survival classes and have had this happen several times. Good product but I use the back of my knife that has a 90 degree spine on it to s... [see more](#)
By mark boston on February 15, 2021
[See more answers \(2\)](#)
- 1 vote
- Question:** what is the diamiter of the flint rod
- Answer:** The rod is 1/4 inch in diameter. The striker steel is also 1/4 inch wide. The exposed part of the rod is 1 11/16 inches long. The striker steel is 3/4 inch long.
By Somewhere in Montana on July 12, 2014
[See more answers \(1\)](#)
- 0 votes
- Question:** How does it compare with the GobSpark Armageddon?
- Answer:** I prefer the GobSpark Armageddon; it's a bit beefier and I like the ergonomics of the striker better. Still this is a pretty good steel and will work just fine, and it's a bit cheaper than the GobSpark.
By Robert C. Babcock on April 23, 2018
[See more answers \(3\)](#)
- 0 votes
- Question:** This, vs the bear grylls style?
- Answer:** This is like a lighter if you have cooton with you it irks like a beast even though it is not a lighter This is also smaller than bear grylls lighter
By Tradd Edwards on December 31, 2015
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Light weight	4.4
Easy to hold	4.0

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- works well
- strikeforce
- hot sparks
- year old
- black coating
- orange color
- like a charm
- bug out bag
- emergency kit

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justjessica

My idiot boyfriend says it works.

Reviewed in the United States on March 5, 2019

Verified Purchase

My idiot boyfriend thinks he's going to be capable of living off the grid. So, I bought him this to start his "bug out bag". He says it works, he messes with it all the time actually. I guarantee he'll die if he ends up needing to use this for survival, but it works for lighting papers on fire in the kitchen.

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Ether

Best Flint and Steel, Buy it.

Reviewed in the United States on May 6, 2015

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I have recently purchased several flint rods to see which I like best. This one is my favorite. it slides together to protect the flint, and the combo includes the steel so that you don't have to use a knife or another item to create a spark. This thing creates excellent spark wet or dry. If it is submersed in water, all you have to do is blow it off with your mouth to semi dry the flint and you are back in business. I use Jute Twine dipped in parafin wax as a tinder, and it makes a nice flame that lasts for about a minute, which should be plenty of time to get a fire going. The jute twine dipped in wax is also

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waterproof. These items can be picked up at a hobby store. I Have uploaded a video of this.

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Dick F.

Not nearly as good as the larger Strike Force version. The steel's too soft

Reviewed in the United States on April 3, 2019

Verified Purchase

It's smaller and lighter than it's big brother the Strike Force but it doesn't spark anywhere near as hot. It's still better than many of the others I've tried, though. If you're an ultralight hiker, it'll work, but if you really want a survival fire starter, carry a couple extra ounces and get the Strike Force. That one just plain works.

Actually, the problem isn't the rod. It's in cheap, soft steel they used. If you use a knife instead, you can get a far stronger spark. The good steel from the Strike Force will also get a strong spark with the Spark Force. They tried to save a nickle and ruined a great product.

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Dwight

Great reliability

Reviewed in the United States on August 29, 2014

Verified Purchase

Amazon just doesn't have a high enough rating scale for this product! I bought this after watching a YouTube video, thanks Chris from preparedmind101, and thought it has a great shower of sparks. Could it be the fact he is just use to the product? When I received it and tested I barely had any sparks with the first strike. Then changed the angle of the striker on the ferro rod and thought it was the 4th of July and I lit a sparkler. I figured ok let's have my 13 year old daughter try it. She never tried any fire starters prior; other than a lighter for fireworks. She almost jumped out of her skin from the sparks. I laughed. You want something that works? Buy it. You want to waste your time and energy? Buy something else. Oh and as far as field use, I live in Pacific Northwest and started fires on two separate camping trips. One was when it happened to be raining.

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Roger M n AR

It needs a ferro rod but, is functional.

Reviewed in the United States on May 13, 2021

Verified Purchase

This tool has good and bad aspects. I have bought one these ferro rod & striker combo's before. I bought this one to use on a neck chain. It is not only small enough but, main feature for me is it is self contained and sheltered by it's case from the corrosive effects of the salt in perspiration. Perspiration will cause a ferro rod to rust and become pitted. The two parts are solidly locked together and I use the lanyard to pull/ force them apart.

Another plus is the highly visible orange color. Starting a fire at dusk or during difficult conditions it is

pretty easy to mix dark colored equipment such as a ferro rod with the natural debris present. This can happen even in best conditions.

This rod and striker individually are small and awkward to use. It is not a big spark generator making it necessary to get up close and personal with the tinder. The tinder must be well prepared with positioning of the ferro rod so not to strike your knuckle with each attempt. I'll try different techniques but haven't found

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Mountainman

Ferro Rod material bad

Reviewed in the United States on February 12, 2021

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My first ferrocium rod or (ferro rod) to all you bushcrafters out there was this UST rod. I purchased it at none other than Walmart. It served me well and still is my pocket carry of choice (my old one)! I found while teaching children basic fire starting techniques using this type method that they could use my little UST successfully. So since I teach Wilderness Survival and do a lot of training I ordered three more of these but just can't get the new ones to spark like the older one. It has to be the material the rod is made from. So unless UST can restore my faith in their product I can't use this rod for training purposes nor can I recommend it to you or at least the new ones or at the least the lot these came from.

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Olivia

If a 8 year old can.....u can tooo

Reviewed in the United States on July 8, 2015

[Verified Purchase](#)

I bought this due to reviews. I'm so glad I did! My 8 year old is learning and is enjoying the outdoor while learning. And yes he's being supervised and no I don't need opinions on my parenting. My son is outdoors not inside playing video. We camp and to have him feel like he's needed. Priceless.



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Axilla

Not worth the money

Reviewed in the United States on April 10, 2020

[Verified Purchase](#)

I have the strike force and it's great. High quality rod and striker so I figured this would be the same but it's just not. The rod throws great sparks as it should but not with the striker that comes with it. The striker in mine is not sharp enough to adequately throw sparks at all. I use my knife and it works fine though. If you are deciding on a ferro at this price with striker go for the uco one. It's bigger and the striker is far superior. If you want a real nice ferro get the strike force. That one is worth every penny

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Amazon Customer

not good

Reviewed in the United Kingdom on November 7, 2019

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the striker is way to small and doesnt provide sufficient spark showers if any to light tissue aside from anything else, its a very poor product, when used with a different striker the rod is okay but i bought is purposely because it came in a self contained case so no risk of stabbing myself and when i have to add a additional striker the purpose i wanted is gone as i may have just stuck to my other ones rattling around in my pocket

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iRead

More than just what I was looking for.

Reviewed in the United Kingdom on January 5, 2016

[Verified Purchase](#)

This has exceeded my expectations and is ideal for what I wanted - something to carry around in my pocket much of the time. It's compact (about the size of a disposable lighter) and the lid with integrated striker means it doesn't get tangled up or interfere with other things. It's orange so I can find it more easily when I leave it somewhere. Oh, and it produces decent sparks - way better than 'just about good enough'. I don't think it replaces the 'Light My Fire Army' (or other good quality larger models) but if I found myself away somewhere with only this one, it would be no disaster.

The striker, as expected, is nothing to write home about, but works well enough, for certain. I do wonder how long it would last if only the integrated striker were used, but I'll probably only use that when I don't have something else handy.

The biggest problem so far has been thinking it isn't in my pocket, when in fact, it is. I may well buy another one or two.

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 ryan

5/5

Reviewed in the United Kingdom on April 28, 2021

Verified Purchase

I used these to start a fire when camping and felt like bare grills, awesome 😊

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 Murray

Tough case

Reviewed in Canada on December 16, 2018

Verified Purchase

This ust workforce fire starter is light but my goodness the Orange xxx case feels better than I thought and not very easily to break. I didn't have to push the striker hard on the fire steel to make sparks light draw made a lot of sparks. I feel that this item is in very high quality control no missing items and feels good in the hand when in use i would highly recommend this product.

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 Ash

Not flint, works great.

Reviewed in Canada on January 29, 2018

Verified Purchase

Lets be clear, this isn't flint, and thank god - it's a normal ferro ('firesteel') rod and striker. It's a bit smaller than some, but it works, the striker is good (works better than the spine of my knife)and it'll start your fires no problem if you've got halfway decent kindling. Only knock is the size, and the loop pattern isn't that ideal to attach to things, but it'll still go in a belt loop when you need it.

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