

# Walther Accessories

## Top Quality Tools for the Field

The name Walther is long established as a manufacturer of high quality firearms, but how many shooters are aware that this company also puts its name to a large number of other shooting related items?

Some time ago I reviewed a selection of torches bearing the Walther brand, as was most impressed with the quality and usefulness of the various models. Walther recognise that apart from the actual firearms, shooters in the field also need a variety of equipment to ensure a safe and enjoyable hunt. With this in mind, I called in to Frontier Arms and was handed an interesting selection of items for review.

### Walther SLS210 Torch

This extremely compact torch weighs a mere 38 grams and is 131mm in length. Don't let the exterior dimensions fool you though as this little unit puts out a beam in excess of 70 meters from its LED light source. Powered by a pair of AAA batteries its Luminous Flux is rated at 130 lm. Around 50 hours is the run time for these batteries. The local possum family, some 25 meters up a gum tree were not too impressed with its illuminating powers!

OK, so it slips into your pocket and is a handy torch but what else can it do? Well, included in the pack are two rubber housings (see photo) with Perspex extensions – one bent and one straight. These are very handy for lighting up the bore in your firearm to identify any nasties that might be left in there. Very handy for lever actions, etc, where one cannot look straight thought the bore.

Also supplied is a lanyard, which is always handy for those situations where dropping the torch might prove costly. Walther does not claim this torch to be water proof, so be warned and use a lanyard. When in your shirt pocket there is a retainer clip, similar to that of any good pen.



Walther SLS 210 mini torch with accessories.

I took the SLS210 out on a couple of spotlighting nights, and whilst it does not really double as a spotlight, it was extremely handy to use when searching for downed game such as rabbits. Its intensity range is quoted as Pure White, and I can attest to that as I inadvertently looked at the lens and lost my night vision for some minutes!

With a Hi-grip black finish, it certainly has a professional look about it. Check gun shops for price.

### Walther Multi Tac Knife

There are many multi-function knives on the market, all sporting a variety of tools and uses. In the case of the Walther Multi-Tac, it can perform 18 separate functions.

This unit is 195mm in length, and its black partially serrated (440 stainless) spear point blade extends 80mm. It can be opened with just one hand using your thumb, and at 248g it won't weigh you down either. There is no provision for a lanyard.

The multi-functions are all contained in-

side the handle out of the way until required. There is a choice of a pair of pliers with cutters, a bottle opener, a can opener, a screwdriver and a swing out bit holder. The latter is used with the nine bits supplied in a holder inside the knife pouch. The pouch itself is made from a tough nylon material, used in all the pouches in this review.

Another important feature is a hardened metal point which can be used as a glass breaker. I have seen a demonstration of these points and they will easily shatter a windscreen or side window in a rescue situation.

I believe there is a place for a multi-function tool in every vehicle, and of course in your pocket or pack. You never know when you will need one and it sure is nice to have one handy. My local gunshop has these for \$69.00

### Walther Hunting Knife Set

Readers who have been hunters for a number of years probably already have a



collection of knives of various shapes and sizes. These would have been sorted out over the years into skinners, boners and the like. In my case I had some nice butcher's knives as I figured that those folks knew their business and their tools.

However, we all have to start somewhere and this hunting knife set from Walther contains just about everything you need for butchering your own game meat. All blades are 440 grade stainless steel, and all have rubberised grips for safer handling.

Having hunted down your chosen game animal, the first task is to get the skin off. The Walther Skinner and gut hook will do this job admirably. The 115mm blade is shaped in the classic skinning knife style, complete with a thumb rest for helping to guide the blade around difficult areas. Straight out of the box it was razor sharp.

For more intricate work the smaller knife with its 85mm blade is very handy. I found the grip to be a little small for me, but the thumb and finger rests made up for it. It too was razor sharp and ready for work.

The third item in the set is a small bone saw, which would come in handy for sectioning up various

**ABOVE: With the Multi-Function Axe and the imposing MacTac Machete, you will be ready for anything in the bush.**

**RIGHT: All you need to get started with preparing your game meat.**



cuts of meat. Yes, it is small and the actual saw blade is 64mm – over length of the tool 146mm.

I did not have a convenient carcass to try these items out on, but by good fortune a mate of mine dropped off half a dozen goat legs which still had the skin on. I set too with the Skinner and found that removing that hairy covering was a simple task. I even used the gut hook to run down the legs to open up the original cut. This knife did it with ease. For trimming off the excess fat (and these were legs from goats obviously in prime condition), the smaller knife was an excellent choice. Although there was no actual need, I cut through one of the leg bones with the saw, and whilst it did take some effort and patience, I managed to cut right through without incident.

All three items are carried in a very sturdy pouch which features plastic inserts in the actual sheaths to prevent damage to pouch or blade. It can be worn on a belt or just carried in your pack. All three instruments are drilled for a lanyard if desired. Price on these should be around \$90.00

## Walther MFA 1

At first glance it looks like any other tomahawk but the MFA (multi- function axe) is a very sturdily built item. Like the other accessories, it is matt black all over, with a carbon steel head. The blade was extremely sharp and would make short work of any reasonable sized task. The back of the axe head has a slightly rounded surface ideal for hammering tasks, such as tent pegs.

This small axe may be carried on your belt by using the sheath provided. It is quite

compact at a weight of 875g. Overall length is 365mm, the blade cutting edge is 88mm and the blade width from front to back is 165mm. Blade thickness is 17mm. For me, the balance in the hand was just right.

Whether you are chopping wood for the campfire or just removing a prized set of antlers, the MFA 1 would be a handy addition to your hunting kit. One of these will set you back around \$120.00


## Walther MachTac 1

The MachTac 1 is a machete, and a very well made one at that. With a blade length of 400mm and an overall length of 550mm it is an imposing piece of kit. The blade is 440 stainless steel, and the handle is synthetic. The blade design is spear point with a gut hook. The thickness is 4.5mm and this contributes to the overall weight of 482 gms

There is no provision for a lanyard and I think this is a mistake, as a lanyard would prevent the machete from travelling any distance should it come out of your hand during use. Just my opinion, though.

If you have need of a machete, this might be the tool for you. To me it feels a little front heavy, but that is the nature of the beast. For hacking your way through thick brush it would excel. Just be aware that a machete was designed for cutting green brush and the like. Stainless steel is not quite as tough as the carbon steel as used in the MFA 1, so don't go attacking hard objects with it.

The MachTac 1 is supplied with a sturdy black nylon sheath which may be hung from a belt if desired.

Around \$90.00 should get you one of these. 



**A handy multiple function tool for hunting or at home.**