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5.11 Tactical Series
XPRT 3.0 Unisex Boots
Overall Score: 4.11
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Tester 1 of 3
Tested by a police officer from Nevada
Design 3.5
Performance 3.5
Ease of Use
Size 3
Quality 4
Durability 4
Storage
Versatility
Convenience
Application
Comfort 3
Accuracy
Cleaning & Maintenance
Individual Score 3.5

I received a pair of these boots in black, size 8.5. I wear a size 8 in Bates. The boots fit properly, I was initially concerned they would be too big. The boots overall have a clean design. There is no side zipper, and the tabs to pull them on are sturdy. The laces tighten nicely. I don't understand why 5.11 continued the four tab design on the lower portion of the boot. That area is where polish is applied, and it looks as if polish may accumulate in the little tabbed areas. It does not appear to be a big issue at this time. I have worn these for about two weeks and have not applied polish yet to see how they look. Surprisingly through desert sand, rocky terrain, and a rain storm they show some signs of dirt, but overall appear still appear very clean. The bottoms have held dry desert clay for about a week, I'm sure a scrub brush and water will clear it off the sole. My only major complaint with this boot, is that when laced up the tongue feels awkward against the leg. The material still feels like it hasn't broken in, and puts pressure against the leg. Overall the boot is comfortable, with this one exception. I tried it with thin Blauer socks, and with thick winter Carhart socks and it still hurt. I've tried adjusting the laces and moving the tongue around but I'm not sure what to do to fix it. They use a VIBRAM sole and a waterproof lining. Going through small puddles and working two shifts in the rain, my feet were dry. I would say the waterproof lining works as advertised. The boot has good traction on asphalt and on concrete. The boot felt fine in the desert sand and on rocky terrain. The design of the sole, prevent little pebbles and other stuff from getting stuck between the rubber. I did a 12 hour overtime shift where I was standing on concrete. The boot felt comfortable the entire time and I did not experience any discomfort or fatigue other than the issue I have with the tongue as described above. As far as 10 hour patrol shifts go, no complaints other than the tongue. I'm not sure who 5.11 was

marketing this towards. As far as a patrol boot, I prefer side-zippers and at least 8". This boot has a clean design without any frills, so I would say it would be good for patrol, formal events, and training. As far as going forward, I will most likely use this as a utility boot for the range, training, and hiking. Workmanship appears good and materials appear to be of quality.

Tester 2 of 3

Tested by a member from Pennsylvania

Design 4.5

Performance 4.5

Ease of Use 4

Size 4.9

Quality 5

Durability 5

Storage

Versatility

Convenience

Application 5

Comfort 4.5

Accuracy

Cleaning & Maintenance

Individual Score 4.68

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have been wearing the 5.11 XPRT 3.0 6 waterproof tactical boot for the last few months. I have always stuck to buying boots from traditional footwear companies. 5.11 has a great reputation for quality gear. When I first saw the boot it grabbed my attention just by the looks of it. The overall construction of the boot is great. The double stitching along all the seams makes a difference with the overall quality. 5.11 included finger loops on the tongue and the back of the boot. This makes it a breeze to put on. The boot is constructed with the Vibram megagrip outsole which helps with the grip of the sole. The inside foot bed provides a nice cushion and arch support. One complaint I do have is there seems to be a little bit of excess material where the tongue attaches. It made it uncomfortable around the upper ankle. It took some adjusting and some steady wear to negate that issue. But that was the only breaking in issue. Otherwise the boot felt great from the moment I put them on. The boot also boasts a Kevlar heel & side ankle abrasion protection. This is a nice feature because I usually buy an 8 boot and was concerned about the ankle support. There was nothing to worry about however. The waterproof lining provides protection but you never feel overheated. The boot breaths well. When you look at the bottom of the boot it looks similar to a running shoe or a trail running shoe. They are very light as well. It is an athletic looking and feeling boot. Most of the boot is made of waterproof leather. It also says it's blood borne pathogen resistant, though I fortunately have not had the opportunity to encounter a situation to provide any feedback on that feature. 5.11 has changed my mind regarding boot manufacturers. They have a command presence in this market segment. The XPRT 3.0 is quality footwear that I recommend for any detail from

directing traffic to tactical training.

Tester 3 of 3

Tested by a member from South Carolina

Design 4

Performance 4

Ease of Use 4

Size 5

Quality 4

Durability 4

Storage 4

Versatility 4

Convenience 4

Application 4

Comfort 5

Accuracy 4

Cleaning & Maintenance 4

Individual Score 4.15

These boots were very comfortable and fit my foot extremely well. I normally have to have a wide toe boot, but these fit great. Easy to take on and off. They performed well as I worked in some rainy/wet conditions. Having wet feet while working is horrible, but these boots kept me dry. I have recommended our department try to obtain some additional for prolonged testing.