



THE OZONE FROM WILEY X

WITH WARMER WEATHER on the horizon and the expectation for more outdoor work, I grabbed some Wiley X WX Ozone sunglasses. First pair with Matte Black frames and the new Captivate Polarized Grey lenses and the other with Matte Grey frames with Silver Flash lenses. I have owned several pairs of Wiley X glasses during my career, all of them are ANSI rated for safety. Several pairs of the classic blade style from the early 2000's, goggles and some more stylish but black frames for uniformed wear. Honestly, I have several pairs that are still serviceable, some of which is because of specific application. The goggles were used heavily while running UTVs and helo operations, because they had interchangeable lenses for day and night use (like the SG-1 or Spear Goggles). I have a pair of Saber (updated with the new Saber Advanced) glasses kit that are still serviceable with all three lenses and case from over 18 years ago. Think 90's Special Operations blade style glasses. Recently, at SHOT Show I stopped in the Wiley X booth and checked out their line-up in person. They still have a lot of protective eyewear for use in the military and law enforcement but have also kept up with the times offering many modern style sport frames and lenses. The Ozone is one of those new styles with several options for lens choices.



Wiley X Ozone L) Matte Grey with Silver Flash Lens R) Matte Black with Captivate Polarized Grey Lens



New Wiley X Ozone with Captivate Polarized Lens



Removable Full Frame Click Air Gasket



Click Air Gasket with Quick-Click Ventilation

Final Thoughts: I am impressed with the Captivate Polarized lenses with their visual clarity and color contrast. They seem to stay clear longer, with less need to be cleaned. The Silver Flash lenses are good for times when polarized is less favorable or those brighter days. These are stylish enough for everyday use and capable of all around protection for the range or other hazardous activities.

By the numbers:

- Comfort – 4/5 These are light glasses but very large lenses so I find that they push down on the bridge of my nose when wearing a hat.
- Durability – 5/5 Most of Wiley X glasses are ANSI Z87.1 rated for protection from dropped objects and flying fragments, this includes a shatter resistance quality. The Captivate Polarized lenses have an extra anti-abrasion coating protecting above the industry standard. The frames have a little flex and the earpieces have more to endure our rough treatment.
- Functionality – 4/5 As with any gasket protective eye protection it's almost impossible to get a perfect seal to all faces. I will get air flow through the gap above the bridge of the nose and that usually blows straight into the eyes, providing less protection than they were designed for. The Captivate Polarized lenses provide lots of protection and visual clarity.
- Weight – 5/5 For as big as these glasses are they are very light and even with the Click Air Gaskets installed feel light.
- Value – 4/5 These glasses are on par with other leading brands providing polarized lenses and ANSI ratings, but the non-polarized ones are only \$20 cheaper. The clear lenses are \$80 less making them a decent value.
- Overall rating – 4.4/5 As stated in my final thoughts, these are good glasses for on and off the range or whatever hazardous activities you may do. They will look stylish on and off the clock.

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ANSI Z87.1+ **RX READY**

As the newest member of our Climate Control series, the WX Ozone offers yet another premium feature that will place it at the forefront of your adventure lineup – the Click A.I.R. (Air Intake Regulator) Gasket. This new ventilation system combines exceptional protection from the elements with the option to allow airflow through the gasket to eliminate fogging. Pairing this technology with shatterproof lenses, ANSI-rated protection and clarity, and a sporty, lightweight build, the WX Ozone is ready to take on the rigors of even the harshest environments. .

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CCOZN09 NEW SPRING 2022
F: MATTE GREY
L: CAPTIVATE POLARIZED BLUE MIRROR (GREY BASE)
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CCOZN03 NEW SPRING 2022
F: MATTE BLACK
L: CLEAR



CCOZN06 NEW SPRING 2022
F: MATTE CHARCOAL TO GREY FADE
L: SILVER FLASH (GREY BASE)



CCOZN08 NEW SPRING 2022
F: MATTE BLACK
L: CAPTIVATE POLARIZED GREY
CAPTIVATE **BLACK OPS**



CLICK AIR GASKETS

Click Air Gaskets are designed to shield your eyes from harmful debris, while allowing you the freedom to customize airflow through the gasket to clear fogging. The Click Air Gasket creates resistance against fine dirt particles. Push down on the top of the gasket above the nose bridge to open and increase airflow. Click again and lock it down.

