THE BEST TACTICAL SUNGLASSES TO DEFEAT FLYING BRASS AND BLINDING SUNLIGHT

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Whether you are a 20-year Green Beret, a newly-minted landscaper fresh out of high school, or somewhere in between, outdoor eye protection is an absolute essential. Everyone understands the kind of damage UV light can cause, but tactical sunglasses provide extra levels of protection to one of your most valuable assets: your eyesight. When your work environment or a weekend trip to the range involves fast-flying debris of one kind or another, having a quality pair of Magpul, Oakley, or Wiley X shades will clear your mind of minor threats and free you up for distraction-free decision-making.

Whether your next step involves identifying a potential threat to your teammates or something involving a little less urgency, the right pair of tactical sunglasses will keep your eyes clear and protected while you accomplish the mission at hand.

WX VALOR

Finding a pair of tactical sunglasses with good quality and a reasonably affordable price tag can be a challenge, but Wiley X Valor shades do a heck of job fitting the bill. The half-frame Valor features matte black polymer frames with an optional Kryptek® Typhon upgrade and shatterproof Selenite polycarbonate lenses available in either a three-pack of interchangeable lenses (smoke, amber, and clear) or a single set of polarized lenses (with an upgraded price tag). The Selenite lenses are designed to withstand extreme ballistic impacts, meeting or exceeding ANSI Z87.1 (Z87+), OSHA 1910.133(b)(1)(1), and MIL-PRF-32432 standards. The T-Shell Lens coating provides good scratch resistance, and the low-profile, double-injected rubber temples provide a non-slip surface to provide comfort and security with and without ear protection. The Valor provides complete protection against UVA and UVB light while eliminating visual or color distortion and reducing glare. These Wiley X shades are also available in a prescription version, should you need a budget-friendly solution for tactical Rx sunglasses. Need something for a narrower face? Try the Wiley X Saint.



Pros

- Comfortable
- Good value
- · Non-slip nose pads, ear pieces
- · Full UVA, UVB protection
- Scratch-resistant lenses
- Compatible with helmets, helmet-mounted optics, and ear protection
- Include three Interchangeable lenses
- Meet ANSI Z87.1. OSHA, and MIL-PRF-32432 standards
- Polarized lenses available
- · Prescriptions version available

Cons

- Somewhat pricey
- Polarized lenses must be purchased separately
- Polarized lenses are expensive



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ANSI Z87.1+ BALLISTIC RX READY BLACK OPS

Whether you're shooting indoors at the range, or outdoors on the range, the ballistic-rated WX Valor stands up to its name with bold style and fearless spirit. Available in single, two, and three-lens kits, you can adapt your eyewear needs to each unique environment and lighting condition with a quick switch of lenses. We applied a sleek, modern design to a durable, semi-rimless frame, incorporating subtle lines and curves to rubber-tipped temples for a secure and comfortable fit with sporty flair. https://www.wileyx.com/wx-valor





CHVAL06

F: MATTE BLACK

L: SMOKE GREY / CLEAR / LIGHT RUST



CHVAL07

F: MATTE BLACK

L: SMOKE GREY / CLEAR



CHVAL08

F: MATTE BLACK

L: POLARIZED SMOKE GREY

BLACK OPS