



Rechargeable LED Flashlights/Torches

Rechargeable flashlights are the way to go, and these three - (from left to right) **Streamlight** PROTAC HL 5-X USB, **Coast** POLYSTEEL 600R and **Peli's** 8060 LED) - bring a breath of fresh air for tactical lighting. They eliminate the need to have spare batteries on hand and allows the user to keep a much cheaper set of alkalines as a backup plan.

Coming in as the brightest of this batch, the **Streamlight PROTAC HL 5-X complete USB rechargeable system** comes with a charge cord and two 18650 button top batteries that feature integrated micro-USB charge ports, it offers three different user selectable programmes (TEN-TAP programming): An amazing 3,500 lumens (lm) on high (runtime 1.25 hours with a 385m beam at 51,000 Max Candela), 1000lm on medium (2.30h, 237m) and 250lm on low (10.3h, 120 metres). The rubber sleeve provides excellent thermal insulation and a sure grip, with a multi-function push-button head switch, a gasket-sealed glass lens with anti-reflective coating and an anti-roll head. It did not withstand the drop test, though, as one of the rechargeable 2,600mAh 18650 lithium ion batteries broke upon impact. Nevertheless, the 23.65cm long (barrel diameter: 3.15 cm, head diameter: 5.97cm, tri-lobe diameter: 5.81 cm) weighs 625 grams and is a great light to have. The lightest of this batch is the **Coast POLYSTEEL 600R hybrid flashlight**, powered by the company's lithium battery pack (using a micro USB, you can recharge the battery outside of the light; the battery also features a USB out port, which allows for the charging of external USB devices; it also able to take four AA batteries), is impact resistant, IPX8 waterproof at 3m and its LED is virtually unbreakable. POLYSTEEL 600R is encased in a stainless steel core and features a deep crosshatch polymer body, Coast's patented Pure Beam Optics System, Twist Focus, impact resistance rating of 2m, anti-roll tail cap, tactical style rear switch and a simple partial depression to cycle among three light outputs: 710lm on high (runtime 2.15 hours with a 247m beam), 245lm on medium (5.15h, 142m) and 73lm on low (40h, 78 metres) at 19.98cm long weighing 340 grams. It is powerful but importantly when the focus is fixed at spot, having the perfect balance of brightness between the hot spot, beam and the light area about the hot spot. Meaning: Ultra View Flood Beam has a consistent circle of light up to 3.5m in diameter at 1.8m in distance and by the twist of the head you get a Bulls-Eye Spot Beam, 234m downrange with a transition halo around the spot to increase the effective viewing area. Every Coast light I have received to far comes with an abundance of extras: AC adapter designed for 12V outlets, equipped with a USB insert that is compatible with both of Coast's Pro-Flex Charging Cable and USB Flex Charge Cable; an Alkaline Pack, i.e. a battery cartridge that holds four AAA alkaline batteries (compatible with the HP7R, HP8R, A25R, TX9R, and TX7R rechargeable LED torches); the Lithium Ion battery pack that comes with a built-in USB connection and cables. It's hard to beat this! Great light and a keeper in MONCh's Gear Box.

Peli's all new full size, full power and self-programmable 8060 LED is packed with power! Powered by a rechargeable NiMH battery pack (can use 4C cells), the 32.2cm long Peli 8060 LED brings 803lm on high (runtime two hours with a 359m beam), 447lm on medium (4h, 265m) and 25lm on low (69h, 62 metres), is rated IPX4 and weighs 658 grams. It lies well in hand and withstood everything we threw at it. Emitting a strong tight beam of white light and including a full list of features (high/strobe/medium/low/flashing mode options, and no-slip grenade grip) it is self-programmable and has a built in low battery level indicator, alongside two different optional in-vehicle charger cables a desk/dash charger base, rechargeable battery, and 110V wall charger. As with almost all of Peli's products, the performance of this light far exceeded expectations!