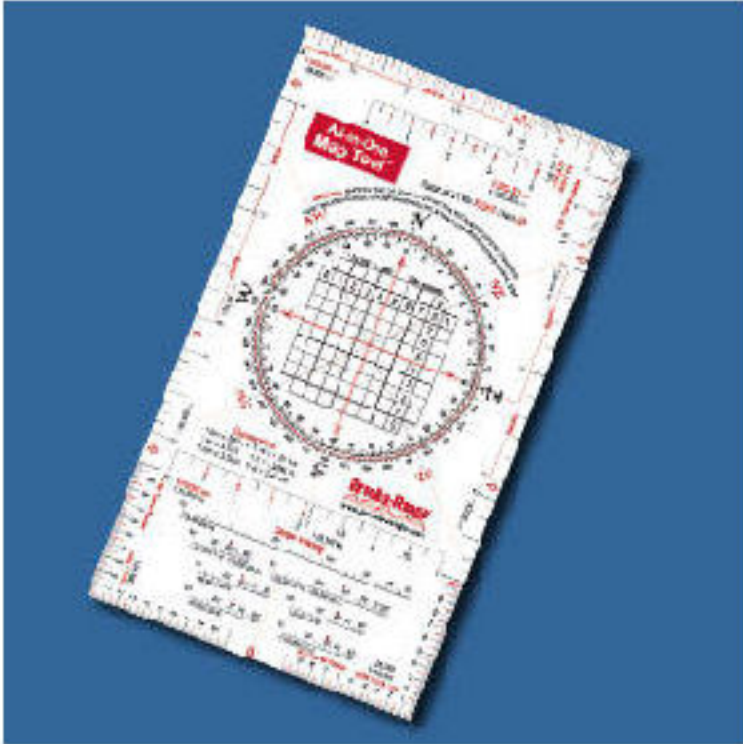


## Gear Review - All-In-One Map Tool

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All-In-One Map Tool by Brooks-Range Mountaineering Equipment Co.



- 4x7 inches in size
- Non-Glare
- Flexible Plastic to prevent tearing or cracking
- Seven Slope Indexes
- A compass rose
- A UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator) Grid
- 3 UTM corner Readers

I got this product to test months ago. I feel terrible that it's taken me this long to review it. It has traveled from the Brooks-Range Mountaineering headquarters in Fremont, CA all the way to Kentucky. Then back out to California with one of our gear testers who didn't get a chance to use it. So now it's back in my hands and after some procrastinating I have the low down for ya.

This tool contains all scales typically used on topo maps in the US, Alaska, Canada, Europe, New Zealand and Japan. Scales include: 1:24,000 mi; 1:25,000 mi/km; 1:50,000 mi/km; 1:62,500 mi; 1:63,360 mi; 1:100,000 mi/km; 1:125,000 mi/km and 1:250,000 mi. The tool comes with instructions for how to use the various features (Just in case you don't know the difference between an ATM and a UTM). The tool says it's anti glare, and although i didn't have a problem with this I did notice a slight glare in very bright areas. The flexibility of the tool is nice and I can see where it would be very difficult to crack or break. I have put it through some stress and didn't see any signs of wear.

The tool, along with a compass and good map, is all you really need for basic orienteering. I am not the best orienteer, so a tool like this is very helpful for me when trying to measure distances and do simple things like get from one feature to another. I am also impressed with the "No Hassle" policy this product comes with. If you don't like it... just send it back in 30 days.

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