Tech Review - Work Boots

Ben Meadows

Ben Meadows offers the hard-working Hathorn Explorer Wildland Boots — a great choice when you’re on your feet for long periods. Whether you’re fighting fires, performing search and rescue, or keeping tabs on forest density and growth, these boots carry you through your day.

All-leather 5.5- to 6.5-oz. uppers, leather insoles, shanks, and heal bases, combined with a Vibram® rubber midsole make the Explorer Wildland Boots strong and supportive necessary equipment. Uppers and lug outsoles are sewn with no-burn Technora thread. Nylon laces and leather tongue guard secure these 10”H boots.

www.benmeadows.com

Carhartt

Carhartt footwear is designed to protect you on the job. Constructed with the finest materials, job-specific soles, premium waterproofing, and a variety of insulation choices, this footwear is as comfortable as it is durable.

All linings are abrasion-resistant, move moisture away from the foot, have anti-fungal properties, and keep feet warm and protected.

Carhartt’s steel toe 6” work boot features full grain waterproof leather and Dri-lex® lining to move moisture away from the foot as well as an oil-and-slip-resistant sole. The boot is EH approved and ASTM rated. www.carhartt.com

Carolina

Carolina offers a wide variety of boots, including the Men’s 10” Insulated GORE-TEX Steel Toe Logger. This boot features: steel safety toe cap; GORE-TEX® Waterproof Membrane; GORE-TEX® Axiom 4L Lining; 400 Grams of Thinsulate™ insulation; electrical hazard rating; triple-rib steel shank; removable AG7™ Polyurethane footbed; removable kiltie; leather welt construction; and Vibram® Tacoma outsole. www.carolinashoe.com

Caterpillar

The Caterpillar Second Shift Steel Toe Workboot for men with classic Cat® footwear styling and rugged detailing make this basic men’s steel toe boot an easy choice. The boot is made of full grain leather, nubuck leather, or pull-up leather and Nylon mesh lining. It’s slip resistant and features Climasphere insole and Goodyear welt construction. www.altrec.com

Georgia Boot

Since Georgia Boot introduced the G7313 Steel Toe, it has consistently been among its top sellers. Both the soft toe and steel toe boot are good values and feature the following: brown full grain leather upper; fully lined and cushioned collar; Georgia Waterproof System; covered cushion insole; solid stud hooks and eyelets set on steel washers; replaceable Goodyear welt construction; steel shank; abrasion resistant rubber “Georgia Logger” outsole; and sizing, M&W, 8-12, 13, 14, 15.
In addition, the outsole has excellent resistance to abrasion, oil, and chemicals. www.rockybrands.com

Hoffman Boots

Hoffman offers a variety of logging boots — winter, rubber, and leather calks. The #9000 boot has become one of the company’s best selling leather boots. This 10” boot features an oil-tanned leather upper for support. An oil-resistant cushion crepe mid-sole provides outstanding comfort and flexibility for easy break-in. An additional cushioned insole and a steel shank give extra comfort and support for all-day wear. The long-wearing composition soles feature Hoffman’s replaceable calk bottoms for outstanding traction. It’s also made in the USA. www.hoffmanboots.com

Lehigh Safety Shoes

The Lehigh steel toe work boot comes with a fully wrapped foam cushion insole, a polyurethane lite-lug outsole, and soft tumbled leather uppers. It also features a steel shank, stitched rubber bumper guard, and welt construction. The steel toe provides solution protection. The affordable boot, which is breathable, comfortable, and durable, is ideal for extreme work. www.lehighsafetyshoes.com

Red Wing

Red Wing offers, among others, the 218 Men’s 9” Logger/Lineman. It features a 9-inch black chrome leather upper with a steel toe. This Red Wing men’s logger boot meets AFPA Wildland standards. The durable Vibram® outsole also provides excellent traction, and loggers appreciate the Shock Absorbing Poron® Cushion Insole. www.redwingsafety.com

Sears

Among other boots, Sears sells the AdTec Men’s 9” Steel Toe logger boot. This 9” black full grain oil leather logger boot with steel toe comes with rubber outsole for dependable traction with Goodyear welt construction. Sizes 6-13 are available in D(M) and EE(W) width. www.sears.com

Timberland

The Timberland PRO® 8-Inch Waterproof Insulated Steel Toe is packed with features to ensure that you’ll be safe and comfortable at the worksite, including Timberland PRO® Rubber — a heat-resistant, durable, specially made rubber compound to offer improved slip resistance, abrasion resistance, and oil resistance. The result is better traction on all surfaces. The boots also feature waterproof leather, causing liquids to bead up and shed from the surface, as well as lightweight, high-lofted, quick-drying, moisture-resistant insulation to keep feet warm in any weather. Antimicrobial treatment to prevent and control odors and Timberland PRO® 24/7 Comfort Suspension™ meet the most rigorous work site demands — 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. www.shop.timberland.com

White’s Boots

The White’s Smoke Jumper has set the standard in the forest industry. It’s been imitated by virtually every boot manufacturer in the world, but when it comes to the quality of materials and care in craftsmanship, there is no comparison. Hand-sewn, stitch-down construction provides the flexibility and comfort that cannot be achieved any other way. It features: premium full grain leather
(oil tanned, water resistant); lace-to-toe Smoke Jumper; three rows of lock stitching; lace-in tongue guard with leather or nylon laces; reinforced toe box; and optional ASTM F2413-05 approved steel toe. White’s Boots are also completely rebuildable for years of extended life and value. www.whitesboots.com

**Wolverine**

Wolverine offers a variety of boots, including the W97201 Woodland 8”. It’s waterproof and comes with: Thinsulate insulation and a vibram sole; removable comfort cushion insoles; and tough, lightweight polyurethane midsole with protective TPU toe bumper. They also feature direct injected construction for instant strength and comfort. An exclusive Vibram outsole guarantees maximum traction on a variety of terrains including wet and cold surfaces. Wolverine boots are CSA Grade 1 approved with a steel toe and plate. www.wolverinecanada.ca