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## Revision ANT Tactical Goggles

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About a month ago I had a package thrown at me and was told to “Wring these out and tell me what you think.” Inside I found a pair of Revision Military Eyewear’s Tactical Goggles. I’m not one to sit on my laurels (despite what Borelli may say), so I grabbed my jump gear and headed out to the drop zone. My initial impression of these goggles was that they fit great and didn’t cover much facial area. I prefer a smaller goggle during the summer (especially on the east coast with humidity levels matching the temps), so I was looking forward to jumping these.



*Optional Rx carrier available.  
Secure “press fit” insertion  
positions corrective lenses  
optimally with a wide field  
of view.*

Many of you on active duty in areas with a great deal of sand already know about Revision Military Eyewear. This Vermont based company produces eyewear that does one thing exceptionally well, protect your eyes. The Bullet Ant Tactical Goggles come with a strap that can be worn over or under a helmet. Some goggle straps are too thick to be comfortably worn inside a helmet. This isn't the case here. They were very comfortable inside my jump helmet and didn't interfere with my communications gear. Without head gear the strap was able to keep the goggles stuck to my skull in freefall without having to tighten them until they hurt. It isn't much fun to exit the aircraft only to have your goggles fly off your head. Besides having to do the entire jump squinting through the tears, losing goggles sure does get expensive.

The Bullet Ant Goggles ship with three lens colors: clear, smoked (what they call "Neutral Gray"), and amber (or "High-Contrast Lenses). I had a chance to use all three colors and found all offer some advantages in different conditions. The High-Contrast lenses were very effective early in the morning as it cut through the marine layer well. These lenses are made of optical grade polycarbonate and showed no glare or distortions. Of course the lenses are 100% UV-A, B and C rated and you can change lenses without tools. The goggles ship in a "Microfibre Storage/ Cleaning Mitt" that I kept in a jump suit pocket.

Ventilation was excellent with holes over and under the actual lenses. When the temps on the ground are in the 90s and you've got an aircraft full of geared up sweating guys, goggles fog up at altitude pretty easily. The Ant Tactical Goggles had no problem staying clear even when Air Traffic Control had us do a hold on jump run due to an errant Cessna. The goggles are very comfortable, so much so that I didn't even think about them. Nice.

I had some errands to run this afternoon so I thought I'd try out these goggles on my motorcycle. Although I didn't reach the speeds I see in freefall I still liked having a lens I knew would protect my eyes from the errant rock or beetle. Once again, these goggles are very comfortable, offer great ventilation and aren't so big that I looked like I was going SCUBA diving in them. The strap design shows a great deal of thought and they were one of the most secure goggles I've tried. I'm thinking about ordering some Prescriptions RX lenses for them as Revision says that inserts are available. I'll let you know if/when I do.

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