Quick Review: 'Light My Fire' Original Swedish FireSteel Army Fire Starter

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- Compact fire starter designed to light fires in any conditions
- Provides 2,980-degree C spark in any weather, at any altitude
- Ideal for lighting campfires, stoves, and gas barbecues
- Striker lights up small piles of dry grass, paper, and other flammables
- Lasts for 12,000 strikes; approved by International Survival Instructors Association

This firesteel was originally developed for (and used by) the Swedish Army. I have used a number of firesteels and this is BY FAR the best! It keeps things simple and it's amazing at what it does.

The Light My Fire Original Swedish FireSteel is really easy to use: simply pile up a small quantity of dry tinder material, and then scrape the striker down the FireSteel. You'll then get a bunch of almost 3000 degree C sparks that will light pretty much any dry tinder.

They say the Light My Fire Original Swedish FireSteel will light even damp tinder, I say yes and no to this. It's shades of grey, when does damp become wet? If we use a bit of common sense here,
it's a yes; dripping tinder, it's a no. It's also worth mentioning this firesteel is great in windy conditions, where matches and lighters can struggle.

At around $15, there are cheaper firesteels around, but you usually get what you pay for with these kind of things. The bottom line is - in a survival situation, do you want to be relying on a $5 firesteel to get your fire started, or an army developed/tested quality firesteel? Around 400 reviews on Amazon giving it 5/5 tell a story.

Get one here: Light My Fire Original Swedish FireSteel