

AEROBIE AEROPRESS

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A yawn is a silent scream for coffee. With the AeroPress, your mouth will only gape in awe. This hummer wasn't designed for camping—Alan Adler, its inventor, simply wanted to make the best-tasting coffee in the world—but it just happens to be small enough to take on the road.

It works the same way as a French press, with total-immersion brewing and a plunger to create pressure. But unlike the filter on a French press, the one on the AeroPress is at the bottom, not the top. This placement prevents clogging and makes the unit much easier to clean. The press also comes with paper micro-filters that remove the finest of grit to produce clear, black gold. An added benefit is that the AeroPress can make both espresso and American-style coffee, duality a French press lacks.

As for the flavor? Some swear the AeroPress makes the best coffee on the planet. I'm no coffee connoisseur, but it tastes pretty darn good to me. Brew one up for an all-night push through the sparse climbing territory of the Midwest and be sending by morning, or get your caffeine fix before a day at the crag. No more watery instant coffee or gas-station garbage. The AeroPress allows you to make high-quality sending sauce just like at home.

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MOUNTAINSMITH COOLER TUBE

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"If you hauled beer up this rock, you're insane!" Jonathan Hemlock, a.k.a. Clint Eastwood, said when Ben Bowman offered him a drink in *The Eiger Sanction*.

"I may be insane, but I'm not stupid," Bowman replied. "I didn't carry it, you did! It's in your pack."

Climbing and après-climbing beverages go together like, well, beers in a beer tube.

The Mountainsmith Cooler Tube is exactly what it sounds like—an insulated tube with a shoulder strap, designed to carry a wizard-staff of cans. It can hold a sixer or, if you are bouldering in a tropical paradise such as Virgin Gorda, two bottles of Cruzan rum.

Best part? The Cooler Tube fits into a crash pad (also good for extra insulation). If you're not bouldering, throw the sling over your shoulder and carry it to the crag or ... even the top of a desert tower.

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