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variants: or less commonly multitool

## Definition of *multi-tool*

: a compact, portable device that has blades and extensions for many tools (such as knives, screwdrivers, pliers, scissors, openers, and saw blades) which can be folded into the handle ... it's good to know you have tools in the car to get you out of a pickle that your multi-tool can't ...— Jennifer Sherry To my mind, the coolest feature is the multi-tool, which sports a standard blade, serrated blade, screwdriver and bottle opener.— Doug Aamoth When a multitool is all that stands between you and, say, a ten-mile walk home, you develop a certain loyalty to the most reliable one. — *National Geographic Adventure*

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