

Otex Launches New Photography Gloves Designed for Extreme Outdoor Conditions

Melbourne-based company introduces XT-801 and XT-850 gloves to support outdoor photographers in challenging environments.

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Australian outdoor gear company [Otex](#) has announced the launch of two new [photography gloves](#), the XT-801 and [XT-850](#), designed to meet the unique demands of outdoor photographers. These models aim to provide practical solutions for working in cold, wet, and variable conditions.

Founded by Melbourne-based photographer and adventurer Mark Phillips, OTEX was established to address the limitations of standard gloves used in outdoor photography.

"Photographers need their hands to function as precisely as their cameras, even in difficult conditions," Phillips said. "We developed these gloves to support photographers in maintaining dexterity, warmth, and control when shooting outdoors."

The XT-801 and XT-850 gloves incorporate features such as touch-screen-compatible fingertips, textured grip areas for secure camera handling, and water-resistant materials. Each model has undergone testing in various environments, including alpine areas, coastal weather conditions, and other challenging outdoor locations, to ensure they meet the practical requirements of outdoor photography.

Otex's design process included consultation with professional photographers, who provided input on the specific challenges encountered in field photography. The company emphasizes functionality and usability, making these gloves suitable for both professional and hobbyist photographers.



Designed for precision, Built to perform



Otex gloves are built for photographers who stay out there when everyone else goes home — precision, warmth, and control in every shot.”

*Mark Phillips, Founder of
OTEX*

In addition to technical features, OTEX gloves are designed to address the practical difficulties photographers face in extreme conditions. Maintaining hand warmth while retaining the ability to operate camera equipment is a common challenge, particularly during early morning shoots, winter landscapes, or wet and windy coastal conditions. The XT-801 and XT-850 provide materials and design choices that help manage these challenges without compromising mobility or precision.

Mark Phillips explained, “Our approach focused on

observing how photographers work in the field and identifying where standard gloves fail. These gloves are intended to provide consistent support for hands in conditions where traditional solutions may be inadequate.”

The launch of the XT-801 and XT-850 represents OTEX’s ongoing commitment to producing gear informed by field experience. By working directly with photographers, the company ensures its products address real-world requirements rather than theoretical specifications.

While these gloves were developed with outdoor photographers in mind, the company notes that the designs also benefit other professionals or enthusiasts who require fine motor control in cold or wet conditions. OTEX continues to gather feedback from early users to refine designs and inform future product development.

The company’s efforts to improve field photography gear reflect a broader trend of innovation in outdoor equipment. By introducing gloves that combine dexterity, protection, and durability, OTEX contributes practical solutions to a growing market of photographers and outdoor enthusiasts.

About OTEX

Otex is an Australian outdoor gear company specializing in photography gloves and accessories designed to support photographers working in extreme environmental conditions. Based in Melbourne, OTEX develops products that balance usability, durability, and performance to meet the practical needs of field photographers, both professional and amateur.

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