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The umpteenth flashlight
was completely corroded
out by a battery
that leaked despite the fact
that it was delivering power.
It almost
wrecked a nice cabinet
along with it. So, I just got a
flashlight
with crank from Costco.
Duracell KP028, two for
\$15, even has a radio
with weather band in there.
Now I am curious: Does
anyone know what

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kind of batteries are in
there? Maybe even a
super-cap?

IMO, Duracell batteries are prone to leaking.
If they are used in your crank flashlight, then
that will fail, too.
Get a flashlight that uses lithium cells.

Hmm. They also had a four-pack of others but I figured a
brand name
might be better. Plus the radio feature is nice in case the
really big
shaker comes.

I've been buying Fuji Novel alkalines, they don't leak and they are cheaper
than Eveready or Duracell, seem to last just as long.

It's hard to find brands other than Duracell out here since that is what
Costco and other discounters carry. At the supermarkets batteries are
really expensive. Had to do the scraping and vinegar thing on our
emergency lantern yesterday. Same thing: Lit up brightly on both tubes
but one D-cell had oozed all over :-)

Google didn't lead to any
hints and according to the
Duracell site
they don't even make them
(!). Then again their site
isn't very good,
lots of "The system cannot
find the path specified."

I am not a fan of LEDs, they
just aren't as bright as
regular
flashlight bulbs.

The 1W and 3W Luxeon LED lights are

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pretty good.

But this thing is pretty good.
One minute of cranking and
it
lights long enough to find
stuff, even keeps its charge.
Ok, they say
30 minutes but it gets dim
after 5–10 minutes. Good
enough for me, if
the battery holds up over the
long run.

IF.

Well, great, here you just blotted out my optimism ... Oh
well, let's
hope it lasts.

For what you paid, it was an OK buy, IMO.

Yeah, I guess. It also has an amber blinker LED. I want to try that
during our evening dog walks. Sometimes we chat with neighbors and
whoops, it's dark. The usual lanyard blinker gizmos are mostly junk,
fell apart on us. Costco also has a headlamp, maybe I'll see if I can
mod that to red and wear it "in reverse". It's all a 25mph zone here but
some of those kids really tear down the road.

Off the shelf Bicycle Red "Superbright" LED flashers might be simpler –
most have steady and multiple flashing modes, and the unexciting example
that's on my beater utility bike just keeps working. I've seen them for
\$2 in surplus outlets, more at bike shops.

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Cats, coffee, chocolate...vices to live by

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