



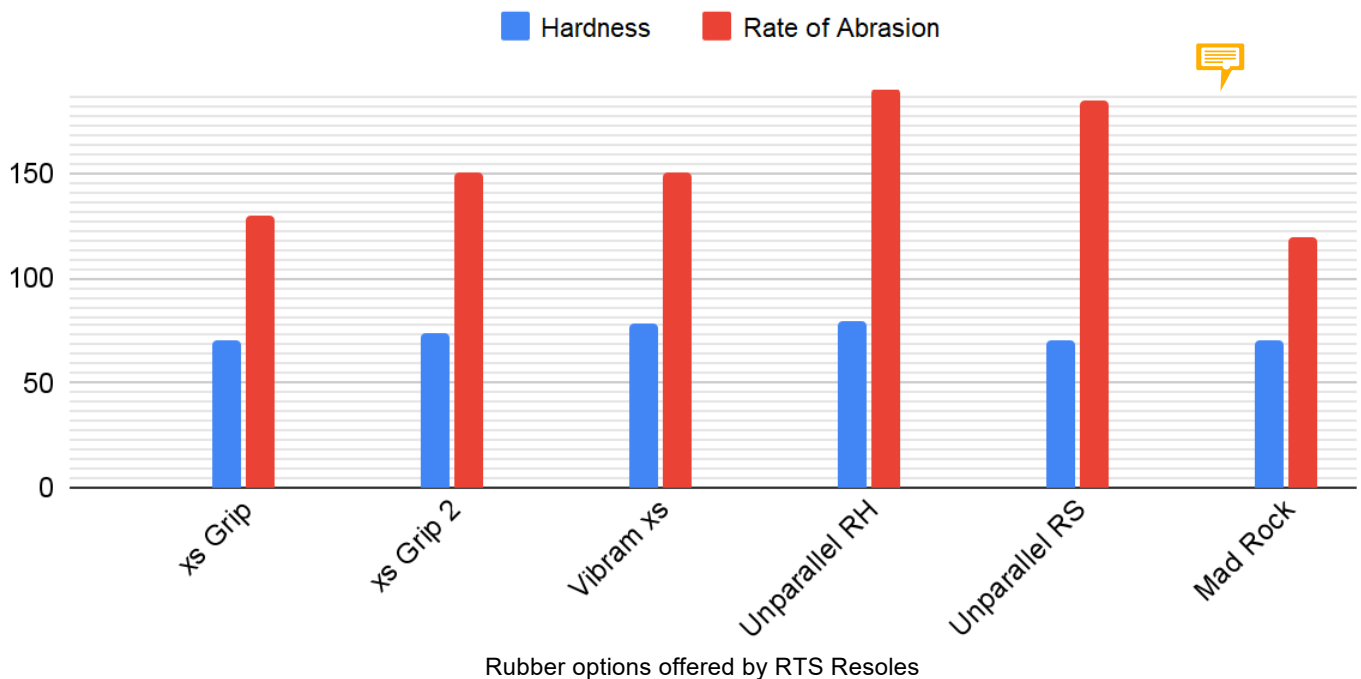
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CLIMBING SHOE RESOLES

Rubber Options and Information



Climbing shoe rubbers vary in their hardness and their susceptibility to wear and tear (abrasion).



Return to Sender's Rubber Recommendations and Observations

- Generally, the harder the rubber compound is the longer it will last, but with increased hardness comes decreased sensitivity.
- For performance sport climbing or bouldering, RTS recommends Vibram XS Grip 2 or Unparallel RS. The Unparallel RS is 0.5 mm thinner than the XS Grip 2, so it will have more sensitivity, but it will wear slightly faster. This is good for no-edge shoes.
- For long days out or trad climbing, RTS recommends Vibram XS Edge or Unparallel RH. These are harder rubbers, so they support your feet better and they are slow to abrade/wear away. However, some sensitivity is sacrificed.

For climbers who don't really care what rubber is on their shoe and just want to go climb some rocks, any of the available options will do! RTS would recommend a rubber that is middle-of-the-road for hardness and abrasion resistance. If you just need a cost-effective rubber that will last a while, we recommend [XXXX].

Rubber Wear Indicators



The problem: The sole has been worn down. The rand is **not** affected.

What you're gonna need: **A new half-sole.**



The problem: There's a hole (of any size/depth) in the rand.

What you're gonna need: **A new half-sole + rand.**



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Rubber Wear Indicators



The problem: The rubber has worn down completely but the leather is still intact.

What you're gonna need: **A new half-sole + rand.**



The problem: The sole has delaminated from the shoe. The rand is **not** affected.

What you're gonna need: **A new half-sole.**



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Rubber Wear Indicators



The problem: The rubber has worn away and the seam stitching has been cut or is otherwise compromised, but the leather is still intact.

What you're gonna need: **A new half-sole + rand + seam stitching.**



The problem: The leather has a hole.

What you're gonna need: **This shoe is unrepairable. R.I.P.**



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