

# **COLD STEEL®**

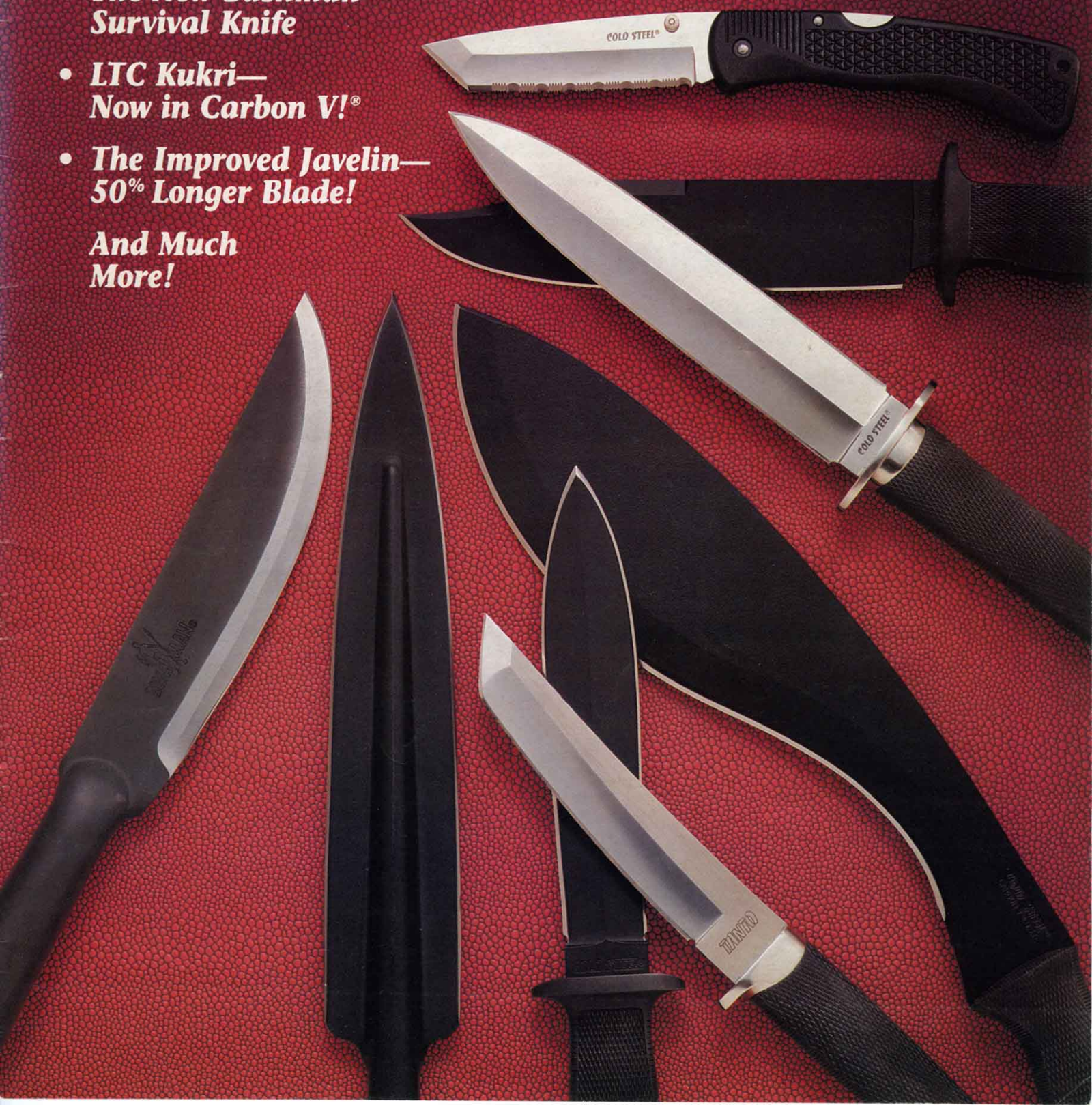
*High Performance Knives*

Fall 1995

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Now in Carbon V!®**
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50% Longer Blade!**

**And Much  
More!**





# Performance

Good looks are important, in knives as much as in life! Perfect fits, clean lines, precise grinds and beautiful polishes all add value and satisfaction when you buy a knife. But often the true beauty of a knife only becomes apparent when the knife is used! Solid, dependable performance will give years of faithful service and happy memories long after the "new-

ness" is gone. That's why at Cold Steel®, we believe that all our knives must perform. That means from the smallest and least expensive to the finest and most expensive. All must deliver extraordinary performance for their asking price. In other words, they must deliver "more than their money's worth". In order to achieve this goal, we are vitally

interested in all the elements that are critical to performance. When it comes to the blade, these include profile, thickness, blade geometry, edge geometry, steel and heat treatment. Every one of these factors is studied in great detail to arrive at the optimum combination for a specific use. If the knife is a folder, we

concentrate on the locking mechanism to ensure the strongest, safest construction. For handles, we strive to develop the perfect mix of materials and ergonomics to offer the most comfortable secure grip available. And, above all, we TEST what we make! Rigorous testing is the only way to ensure we get the level of performance we demand.

## Tests of Strength



The Carbon V® Trailmaster® under extreme pressure at about 23° of torque. This blade returned to true after over one hour in this position. Most knives shatter or permanently bend well before they reach this point.



The original Tanto penetrating a car door. Critics say that practically any knife can be hammered through a car door... but unlike other knives, the Tanto's point is remarkably unaffected by the ordeal.



Hammering a knife into hard maple and then snapping it out sharply to the side is an extreme test of point strength. Virtually all other knives fail this test: bending or breaking at the tip. Cold Steel® is undamaged.



Manila rope is very tough on a knife edge. Its exterior repels all but the sharpest edges while its interior is abrasive enough to dull even the finest custom knives. Edges that can repeatedly cut this rope will last indefinitely under normal field use.

## Tests of Sharpness



Shaving is a quick, easy indicator of sharpness. The cleaner and closer the shave, the sharper the knife. Most factory and custom knives do not exhibit this sharpness when first used. All Cold Steel® knives will shave right out of the box!



Cutting wood cleanly and leaving a polished cut surface indicates superior sharpness. Retaining a fine edge while repeatedly cutting pine (wood) indicates superior fine edge retention. We maximize this potential in our knives.

# Steel & Heat Treatment

## AUS 8A

The words "stainless steel" are misleading, because, in fact all steel will stain or show discoloration if left in adverse conditions for a sufficient time. Steel is made "stainless" by adding Chromium and reducing its Carbon content during the smelting process. There is a serious performance trade-off with stainless steel: As the Chrome increases and the Carbon decreases, the steel becomes more "stainless". But it also becomes more and more difficult to sharpen, and the edge-holding potential is seriously impaired. This is usually why most stainless knives are rarely razor-sharp and quickly lose the little edge they have. In contrast, at Cold Steel® we use AUS 8A a high carbon, low chromium steel that has proven, over the last 15 years, to be the ultimate compromise between toughness, strength, edge holding and resistance to corrosion.

## San Mai III™

An expensive, traditional style Japanese laminate. Hard, high carbon stainless forms the core and edge of the blade, while two layers of tough, spring tempered stainless support and strengthen it. The resulting blade possesses the best qualities of both types of steel.

This laminate is 25% stronger than the incredibly tough AUS 8A stainless in the original Tanto. The tell-tale sign of genuine San Mai III™ is a thin line near the edge that runs the entire length of the blade. This line is created in the grinding process as the layers of steel in the blade are exposed. The distance the line is from the edge varies from knife to knife because every piece of San Mai III™ steel is unique.

Like our AUS 8A stainless, San Mai III™ is treated in modern, precise conveyor furnaces and subjected to a sub zero post hardening process. This improves the microstructure of the steel by eliminating retained austenite. The resulting blades are more elastic and have better edge holding characteristics than standard stainless steels.

## 420J2

Due to its low carbon, high chromium content, this steel is an excellent choice for making tough (bends instead of breaking), shock absorbing knife blades with excellent resistance to corrosion and moderate edge holding ability. It is an ideal candidate for knife blades that will be subject to a wide variety of environmental conditions including high temperature, humidity, and airborne corrosives such as salt in a marine environment. This extreme resistance to corrosion via its high chrome content also makes it a perfect choice for knife blades which are carried close to the body or in a pocket and blades which will receive little or no care or maintenance.

## Carbon V®

An exclusive carbon alloy steel, formulated and extensively treated to achieve exceptional properties. Carbon V® was developed and refined by using both metallurgical and performance testing. Blades were subjected to the "Cold Steel® Challenge" as a practical test, and then they were sectioned, so that their microstructure could be examined. In this way we arrived at the optimum steel AND the optimum heat treatment sequence to bring out the best in the steel. We buy large quantities of premium high carbon cutlery steel with small amounts of elemental alloys added in the smelting stage. These elements enhance the blade's performance in edge holding and elasticity. The steel is then rolled to our exact specifications to establish optimum grain refinement and blades are blanked to take full advantage of the grain direction in the steel.

The blanks are heated in molten salt, quenched in premium oil and tempered in controlled ovens. Then they are ground. The new blades are then subjected to expert heat treatment, involving rigidly controlled austenizing temperatures, precisely defined soak times, proper selection of quenching medium and carefully monitored tempering times and temperatures. This heat treatment sequence results in blades which duplicate and often exceed the properties of the most expensive custom forgings.

## Premium U.S. High Carbon

Cold Steel's® Premium Carbon Steel is used in a variety of our low cost highly functional knives. Chemical content and microstructure from the mill is specified by Cold Steel® and each lot is subjected to the same metallurgical examination before being used in production as our world famous Carbon V®.

The Steel is a very clean, fine grained material with a high carbon content for toughness and response to heat treatment. Cold Steel® has designed a special heat treatment for this material which maximizes toughness in combination with more than acceptable edge holding ability, resulting in a blade which will satisfy even the most discriminating user.

## Seeing is Believing

Now with any order you can get the Cold Steel® video (VHS) for just \$4.99. This is 30 minutes of amazing torture testing on the full Cold Steel® line: Featuring knives hammered through car doors and steel drums; knives bent in vises and feats of rope cutting!



Cold Steel® Video  
#VC29N  
Sugg Retail: \$4.99

## Warranty

We stand behind our knives 100%. We subject them to the highest standards in the industry and strive to make each one as perfect as possible. Right now our return rate for defects is 1/2 of 1%! This is remarkably lower than the industry standard. While we are growing in popularity, and producing ever larger quantities of knives, we are determined never to forget that we live or die by one word, **QUALITY**.

Our fixed blade sheath knives have a 5 year warranty to the original owner against defects in materials or workmanship. And our folding knives are warranted for one year. If you ever have a warranty problem with one of our knives, please return it with **your original receipt** and a short note and we will be happy to evaluate the problem and resolve it.

Please remember **any knife** can be **broken or damaged** if subjected to sufficient abuse and that all knives eventually wear out (just like your boots) and must be replaced. Most of the tests shown (above left) are dangerous and they should not be duplicated. These destructive tests constitute gross abuse of a knife. Duplicating them will void your warranty.



# American Made Throwing Knives

## True Flight Thrower

At one time or another probably everyone has enjoyed the sound of a perfectly thrown knife as it "thunks" into a target. The only problem is finding a good knife that can stand up to the stress and strain of repeated throws.

Sure, there are a lot of throwing knives on the market but they all seem to be made out of cheap thin steel that's easily bent, or even worse, stainless steel that breaks. That's why Cold Steel has designed the ultra-versatile True Flight Thrower. We believe it's the toughest, strongest throwing knife ever made.

Take a minute to read some of these features and we're sure you'll want to buy several for yourself and some more as gifts for friends.

- The Thrower's  $\frac{3}{16}$ " thick blade is ground to a strong spear point to withstand tens of thousands of throws.
- For versatility, we gave the knife a strong utility edge that's plenty-sharp yet safe enough (with care) for those who prefer the "blade hold" throwing technique.
- For the steel, we specified U.S. Premium high carbon with a custom heat treatment process to ensure a hard yet resilient blade that will "bounce back" undamaged from any throw.



- Plus, for comfort and versatility, we have wrapped the handle in five feet of parachute cord.

- Each knife is given a handsome, dark oxide finish to protect the blade from rust and eliminate glare.

## The Warhead

The Warhead is a modern interpretation of what may be the most versatile edged weapon/tool ever made. It's made right here in the USA from premium high-carbon steel, and carefully heat treated for the utmost strength, toughness and durability. The Warhead features a sharp, durable utility edge that will stand up to the heaviest cutting and chopping strokes. And it's easy to transform into a host of useful and effective weapons:

**It's a Warclub:** Just tie, lash, tape or glue the Warhead perpendicular to any stout shaft and you're in business!

**It's a Thrower:** Imagine a 14" long double-edged spear point blade that hits like a "ton-of-bricks" yet is tough enough to withstand thousands of throws.

**It's a Spear:** The spear is known as the king of weapons because it can enormously extend the user's reach to dispatch a target with a thrust or a well placed throw.

**It's a Combat Knife:** At 2" wide and 9" long, the Warhead's twin edges pierce like a dagger and deliver fearsome chopping and slashing strokes. You can customize your warhead at home with some leather, or hardwood or just a piece of radiator hose (Lynn's favorite).



**Warning:**  
Always use adequate eye protection when throwing these knives, and do not allow minors to throw these items without adult supervision.

Specifications:		
Blade Style:	Warhead	True Flight
Blade Length:	9"	6 1/2"
Overall Length:	14"	10 3/4"
Blade (Thick):	3/16"	3/16"
Weight:	14.4 oz	8.5 oz
U.S. Premium High Carbon Steel		

The optional Leather Sheath for the Warhead is shown here (below).



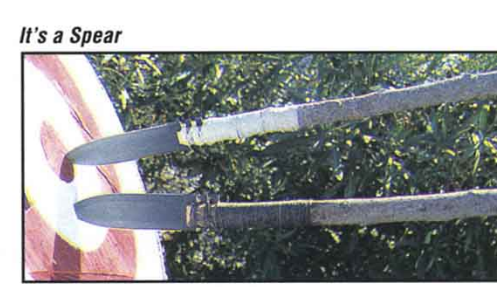
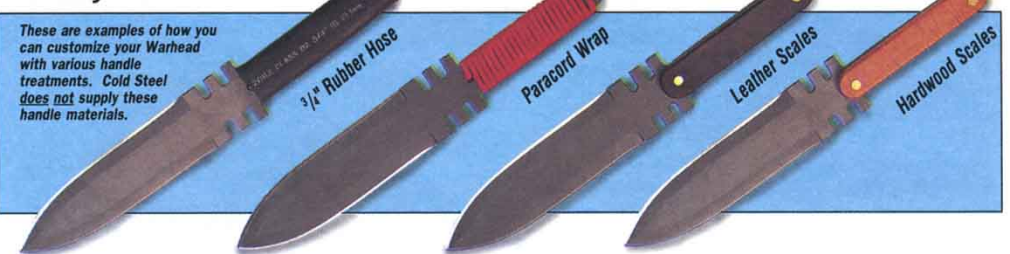
**#80TFT**  
**True Flight Thrower**  
Suggested Retail: \$24.99

**#S80TFT**  
**Optional leather sheath**  
Suggested Retail: \$6.19

**#80WH**  
**Warhead**  
Suggested Retail: \$44.99

**#SL80WH**  
**Optional leather sheath**  
Suggested Retail: \$12.44

### Customize your Warhead! It's easy!





## Non-Metal Fiber Glass-Filled Plastic Knives

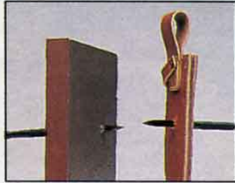
# Delta Dart

NOT FOR SALE IN CANADA

You may have seen plastic knives before, but not like the Delta Dart. That's because unlike other knives, its ultra-sharp point and triangular blade cross section unite to offer unprecedented penetration. The Delta Dart is 8" long and 1/2" in diameter, yet it weighs only 1/2 an ounce! It's so light you could carry half a dozen, because they can be taped, tied or tucked just about anywhere! The comfortable handle is knurled for a positive grip and the butt is smooth and rounded, so it's perfect for both thumb and palm reinforced grip positions.

### Incredibly Strong

The Delta Dart is made entirely of extremely hard Zytel®, glass-filled nylon, not the cheap, flexible plastic found in other darts. We use the highest level of glass to nylon available, 43%, so the point is tougher, lasts much longer and is easily re-sharpened with a nail file.



**Incredibly strong!** The photo, below, shows the dart hammered through a hollow core door and a thick leather sheath with virtually no damage!

### #92DD Delta Dart

Suggested Retail \$4.99

#### Specifications:

Weight: 0.7oz  
Diameter: 1/2"  
Length Overall: 7 7/8"  
Blade Length: 3 1/2"  
Material: Zytel®



# The CAT<sup>Covert</sup> Action Tanto

NOT FOR SALE IN CANADA

Black, silent and totally undetectable! The CAT is a featherweight reproduction of Cold Steel®'s famous Tanto! It shares all the design features that made the original Tanto so popular, including the sure-grip handle shape, the reinforced point and the "skull crushing" pommel. The CAT is made of 43% glass-filled Zytel® nylon, which has been UV and heat stabilized to be impervious to the elements.

With the CAT, you have a super-light, full size knife that you can really get a grip on and generate tremendous penetration. The CAT can be taped, tied or tucked away just about anywhere, and since it's also invisible to metal screening devices, it can easily pass unnoticed through security checks. To complement its covert nature, the CAT is totally "sterile" with no markings to indicate the point of origin.

Just look how far the CAT Tanto can flex in a vise



This CAT Tanto returned to true afterwards.

#### Specifications

Weight: 3.2oz  
Length Overall: 11 1/4"  
Blade Length: 5 3/4"  
Material: Zytel®

### #92CAT CAT Tanto

Sugg. Retail: \$7.99



This optional heavy duty handsome leather sheath is also available.

### #S92CAT CAT Tanto Sheath:

Suggested Retail: \$8.69

The picture, above right, shows the dent in a car door from impact with the skull-crushing pommel of the CAT. As you can see the pommel is completely undamaged! Below, the CAT Tanto is stabbed through multiple layers of heavy cardboard. It has tremendous penetration.



# Introducing...

The Bushmen of Africa's Kalahari desert are renowned for their ability to survive in one of the world's most hostile environments. Today, a Bushman hunter/gatherer regularly travels on foot 10-30 kilometers a day in his search for game or edible plant life. Everything he carries on those exhausting expeditions must be functional, light-weight and above all versatile. For example, his entire kit is carried on a single shoulder and consists of a digging stick, light bow (20 lb. pull), bark quiver, 5 poisoned arrows, fire sticks, knife and a short spear for dispatching large animals.

Now Lynn Thompson has combined the survival lessons learned from the Bushmen with modern cold forging technology to produce a new survival/outdoor knife we have named the Bushman in honor of the hardy tribe that inspired it.

### Strong:

For the money, the Bushman may very well be the strongest survival/outdoor knife in the world! Unlike most hollow handle survival knives, there is no joint or seam between the blade and handle that requires a mechanical fastener. Instead the Bushman's blade and integral handle have been expertly cold forged out of a single piece of 2.5mm thick SK-5 high carbon steel. The resulting knife has been heat treated and tempered to RCS4 and when subjected to factory tests, has withstood over 2 tons of pressure on its blade/handle transition point without failure!

### Sharp:

Every Bushman blade has been carefully ground to an extra thin edge, and then honed and buffed by hand until razor sharp.

Re-sharpening is easy, just give it a few licks on a butcher's steel when it starts to fade and it will "pop back" sharp as ever. And for those without a "steel" the Bushman's SK-5 high carbon blade can be easily and quickly restored on any stone or popular re-sharpening system.

### Versatile:

When it comes to versatility, the Bushman offers two advantages. One is its hollow handle which will accept survival supplies or a variety of handle extensions to maximize reach, leverage, or ease of throwing! The other advantage is its broad, thin, continuously curved blade, which is ideal for skinning (plenty of belly), and will pierce, cut, slash, slice, and shear like you won't believe. The Bushman can also be used as a:

- Hunting-Skinning Knife
- Kitchen/Filet Knife
- Bait Knife
- Utility Knife
- Survival Knife
- Butcher Knife
- Agricultural Knife
- Boat Knife
- Camp Knife
- Throwing Knife

With an extended handle, it can be used as a:

- Machete
- Spear
- Javelin

### Convenient:

Due to its size and moderate weight (10.1oz.), the Bushman will prove to be one of the handiest and most useful sheath knives you have ever owned! Just think of all the ways you can carry it:

- On your Belt
- In your Boot
- In a Duffle or Seabag
- In the Glove Compartment
- In your Tackle Box
- In an Earthquake Kit
- Webb Gear
- In a Backpack
- In a Saddle Bag
- In your Tool Box
- In a Survival Kit



# The Bushman

## Unbeatable Guarantee

If you crack, bend or break your Bushman for any reason within three years of purchase, just send it to Cold Steel with your original receipt and \$7.00 to cover shipping and handling and we will replace it. No questions asked!

The Bushman sheath is NOT subject to this special guarantee.

### Specifications:

Weight: 10.1 oz.  
Overall Length: 12 1/4"  
Blade Length: 7"  
Steel: SK-5 High Carbon 2.5 mm thick

### #95BUS

### Bushman

Suggested Retail \$19.99

The Bushman comes complete with this quality leather sheath.

The sheath features an internal hard plastic liner for safety.

Replacements of the Bushman sheath are available...

#SL95BUS:

**Standard Bushman Sheath (Replacement)**

Sugg. Retail: \$7.00

The handle is a hollow cylinder, perfect for carrying small objects! Put your things in a plastic bag, tape in place, and you're ready to go!

### Versatile Design!

The Bushman attaches easily to a shaft so it can be used in an emergency as a hatchet, machete, or a spear.

### Fifteen to One!

For the price of just one Chris Reeve Survival Knife (Sugg. Retail \$299.95) you could buy fifteen Bushmen!





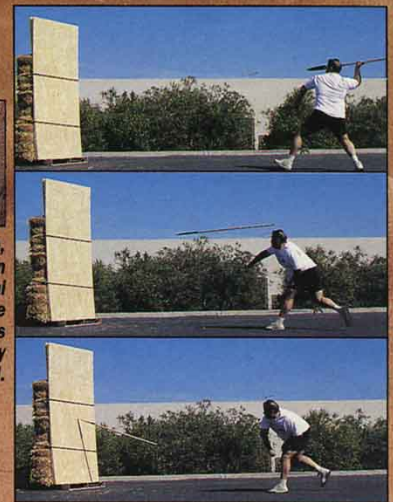
# High Performance Spears



Here, Lynn throws a Javelin through a 55 gallon steel drum. In the insets below, you can see that the Javelins and Assegals cleanly punctured the steel of the drum.



In this incredible sequence, you can see Lynn Thompson throwing the Assegai through 3/4" plywood. The close up inset above shows how the Assegai clearly perforated the panel.



## The New Improved Javelin

This is a superb throwing spear. It is a scaled down version of the Assegai, so it can be thrown further with less effort. But its penetration is still awesome. The blade is now 10 1/2" long and almost 2" wide and like the Assegai, it is extremely sharp. It comes complete with a full length throwing shaft made of premium American Ash.

## The Assegai

The original Assegai was invented by the legendary Zulu King, Shaka in the early 1800s. Its long, broad blade and short handle revolutionized tribal warfare in Southern Africa. Our Assegai has all the features that made the original so deadly. The blade is 13 1/3" long and 2 1/2" wide and extremely sharp. It is available with a two foot long shaft for thrusting or a full length throwing shaft. Both shafts are in premium American Ash.



### Optional Leather Sheaths

For minimizing accidents and to prevent blunting of the edge or point of your spear, these sheaths make an excellent accessory. Each sheath is made of quality leather and is firmly stitched and riveted for hard use. (Includes belt loop)

**\*S95JSL**  
Leather Javelin  
Spear Sheath

Sugg. Retail: \$9.99

**\*S95AS**  
Leather Assegai  
Spear Sheath

Sugg. Retail: \$12.44



# Silent, Primitive, and Deadly!

The history and use of spears spans every corner of the globe. Even today it is common to find people around the world who rely on the spear to provide food and protection. It's easy to imagine spears in the hands of aboriginal natives in the rain forests of South America, the outback of Australia or the broad savannas of Africa. But the use of spears is much more widespread in 20th century society. In South Africa for instance, the Assegai is still the weapon of choice for the Zulu nation. These broad bladed, short handled thrusting spears are commonly seen in television news reports. Unrest in the townships of Johannesburg, and clashes between Zulu's and the ANC or the heavily armed South African police often end in deadly confrontation between guns and spears. And quite frequently the spears prevail!

In China, spears were even an item of standard military issue as late as W.W.II. During the rape of Nanking, historic film footage clearly shows Chinese soldiers going into battle, against the Japanese, armed with wicked looking spears trimmed with red horse hair tassels. These traditional Chinese spears had a well earned reputation as the "king of weapons".

The reach advantage offered by spears is the key to their effectiveness. When used as a thrusting weapon they clearly out-distance even the longest sword. And when thrown, they have no competition. Arrows or bullets simply do not have the same impact as several pounds of razor sharp wood and steel. Try to imagine the damage that can be done by a Maasai Spear that weighs four lbs. These spears are traditionally used to hunt lions. It is said that when correctly thrown, they are capable of completely transfixing a full grown lion from head to hips! This is truly incredible penetration.

Lynn Thompson has dreamed of creating an affordable line of spears since 1986. But it was only with the development of the Special Forces Shovel that this dream became a reality.

Now, finally, with cold forging technology, Cold Steel can offer high performance thrusting and throwing spears at unbeatable prices.

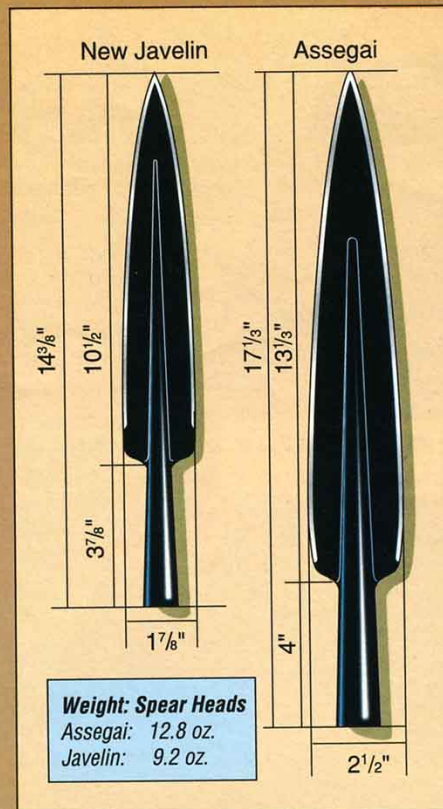
## New Technology for Ancient Wisdom

Both of these spears are cold forged from top quality 1035 medium carbon steel. Like traditional spears, the steel is not fully hardened. Instead it is tempered to absorb impact stress. The idea behind this tempering process is that under impact, the spear head should bend rather than break. Then any bends that occur can be removed with a hammer or in a vise without shattering the blade. The seam on the spear socket is fully welded for strength and drilled to accept two screws that will secure the shaft.

## Practice Makes Perfect

You will be amazed how quickly your aim improves with a little practice. And as your skill improves the deadly efficiency of the spear will become apparent. In experienced hands these spears can be used for hunting game\* and can also be tremendous weapons for self-defense.

\*It is important to check local laws before hunting any game with a spear.



### Weight: Spear Heads

Assegai: 12.8 oz.

Javelin: 9.2 oz.

## From Our Mailbox...



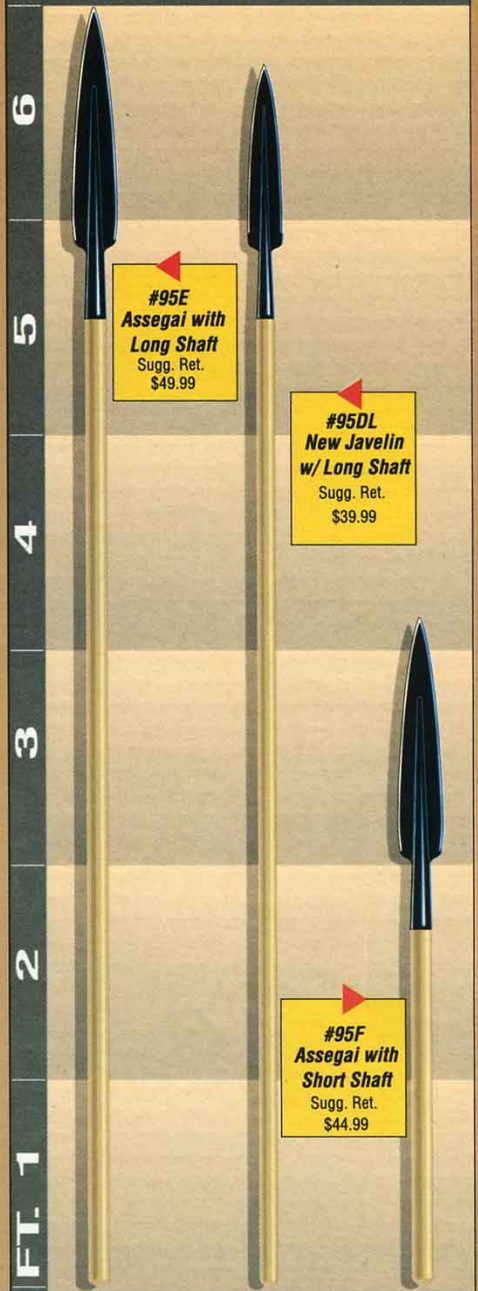
Here in Central Texas we've been hunting wild boars with dogs, horses, and rifles for some time. This February, I'd ordered three of your Assegai's and decided to try one out on one of our feral/Russian crosses.

The dogs and horses did their part and I ran on in and nailed the 240 lb. boar you see here. I've killed a number of other hogs with .308, 35 Whelan, & 357 Mag. I was amazed at the speed with which this one passed on. The only caliber that was anywhere near as fast was the 35 Whelan.

I speared the hog and it went down and expired almost instantly. Everyone there was surprised at (the Assegai's) effectiveness.

—D. Blevins, Pontotoc TX

## Relative Lengths



#95E  
Assegai with  
Long Shaft  
Sugg. Ret.  
\$49.99

#95DL  
New Javelin  
w/ Long Shaft  
Sugg. Ret.  
\$39.99

#95F  
Assegai with  
Short Shaft  
Sugg. Ret.  
\$44.99

We have tried our best to make these spear heads as straight, strong, and affordable as possible. However, any item can be broken or damaged if subjected to sufficient abuse (and yes, everything eventually just plain wears out and must be replaced). We guarantee these spear heads against defects in materials or workmanship but please be fair and remember all spear shafts, no matter how well made, will eventually break under hard use and must be replaced. Eye protection is a must when throwing these spears.



# Boar Spear

## Historical Background

The European boar spear reached a pinnacle of popularity during the 16th century when it was widely used in conjunction with hunting dogs and netted traps to take foxes, hares, bears and wild boar. It became so popular that it wasn't long before it became a standard weapon of war. England's Henry the VIII was particularly fond of this weapon and owned several dozen of them, some with fancy gilt and crimson velvet trimming. Even his Almain mounted mercenaries in France were equipped with boar spears.

For 200 years, the boar spear reigned supreme as the staff weapon of choice in the forests and often the battlefield as well. Only the invention of reliable firearms in the 18th century could fade its renown. It would have disappeared altogether if not for the decadent tastes of the Northern European nobility. To them, hunting with a firearm was a pale substitute for the thrill of hand to hand combat in the forest with nothing but a spear.

Now you too can enjoy the same excitement with Cold Steel's modern re-creation of this classic spear. Cold forged out of medium carbon 1035 steel and heat treated to a spring temper, the massive blade is designed to flex under stress instead of breaking. It has an overall length of 18 1/2" and weighs a whopping 1 1/4 pounds! What's more, each blade comes fully sharpened to a utility edge and features a sturdy reinforcing rib to make it as stiff as possible for maximum penetration. The spear head comes with an extra stout premium ash shaft that measures by 1 1/2" by 71". When fully assembled, the overall length is 82 1/8"!

## Hunting

At a total weight of 4 1/4 lbs, our boar spear makes a formidable hunting arm. Its 13 1/2" long blade can be easily driven (or thrown at close range) through the toughest muscle, hide, or even bone. And its twin 2 7/8" wide edges, when fully sharpened, cut a tremendous wound channel capable of felling any animal in North America.

## Self Defense

While just about impossible to conceal on one's person, the boar spear can still be a highly effective weapon, even against attackers armed with firearms. You see, 50% of all firearm assaults occur at slightly beyond arm's reach and full 90% occur within 21 ft. At these close ranges, a man defending himself with our boar spear only has to take a single lunging step to impale an attacker ten feet away! And, with practice, the boar spear can easily be accurately thrown 21 ft. or more to counter 90% of all armed attacks.

### #95BOA Boar Spear

Suggested Retail: \$71.99



### Optional Leather Sheath

Made of quality leather, and firmly stitched and riveted for long hard use, this sheath makes an outstanding accessory for your Boar Spear. Includes a belt loop on back.

### #SL95BOA Boar Spear Sheath

Suggested Retail: \$13.75

#### Specifications:

Weight: 1.25 lbs (Spear Head Only) 4.25 lbs. (With Shaft)

Steel: 1035 medium carbon

Length: 18 1/2" (Spear Head -Overall) 13 1/2" (Blade)

82 1/8" (Overall-With Shaft)

Shaft: 71" X 1 1/2" Premium Ash Wood w/ dark walnut stain



# Sjambok

(SHAM-BOK)

**Genuine police issue!  
Now available in two  
different lengths!**

*Ever since I first read Wilbur Smith's book "Men of Men" I have been fascinated with the Sjambok. In 1989 when I first went to Africa I made it a point to find some samples for my own collection. I have not been able to find a good, legal supply of hippo hide Sjamboks to offer through Cold Steel, but, after extensive testing and "in the field" reports, I can say with confidence the synthetic, genuine police issue Sjamboks we offer here are darn near as good!*

— Lynn Thompson

Unlike most western style whips the Sjambok is not plaited from thin leather strips. Instead it is carved whole out of the thick back skin of a hippopotamus. Hippo hide is incredibly thick, often measuring 3" or more, and as you can imagine it's very tough and durable.

Turning a piece of Hippo hide into a Sjambok is a laborious process. First a suitable strip of hide is carefully hand carved into a tapered lash between 3 and 5 feet in length. The diameter of the whip at the butt is about 1" to 1 1/8", tapering to 3/8" or so at the tip. This rudimentary lash is then rolled continually for hours between two heavy steel plates to make it as uniform as possible.

The whip must now be made pliable, so it is kneaded by hand until the desired flexibility is achieved. Sjamboks range from quite stiff, like a rod, to semi-flexible with a more whip-like character. Finally the handle is drilled for a wrist loop or in very fancy models, a decorative grip or turned wooden handle is attached.

In Africa the Sjambok is a cattle prod, a whip, a riding crop, and a means of self protection. It is also known throughout Africa as the premier snake killer. Its considerable reach, lightening speed and devastating impact make child's play of dispatching even the biggest snake. And since the Sjambok is swung like a rod, not cracked like a western style whip, the weight, speed and flexibility of the Sjambok does all the work and little physical strength is required.

In fact, in the hands of a determined man or woman, a Sjambok is an awesome non-lethal tool for self defense. A light blow can raise a serious welt while a heavy stroke can cut through thick clothing like rotten cheese cloth, leaving a fearsome wound that is extremely painful and guaranteed to deter virtually any aggressor.

## Synthetic Sjamboks

(genuine police issue)

*Devastating Sjambok power at bargain prices!*

The Sjambok was adopted by the South African police as a riot control weapon. Because of the large numbers of Sjamboks that were needed, the issue item was made from precision molded black plastic.

Try one and you'll soon see why it earned its awesome reputation!

*Warning-While our synthetic Sjambok is ideal for moving heavy, thick-skinned stock like cattle, it is too severe for disciplining horses!*



13 1/2"

5"

82 1/8" (6 ft. 10 1/8 in.)

63 5/8" (5 ft. 3 5/8 in.)

**#X95BOAS  
Boar Spear  
Replacement  
Shafts**

*Suggested Retail:  
\$27.50*

### Sjambok

Length:	41"	54"
Part #:	#95SA	#95SAXL
Suggested Retail:	\$8.99	\$13.99

### Specifications:

Extruded virgin black plastic  
Length: 41" or 54" (Approx.)  
Diameter: Butt: 1" Tip: 3/8"





# Special Forces Shovel

## Specifications:

Weight: 28.6oz  
 Length: 50cm (19.68")  
 Handle: Hardwood  
 Steel: Medium Carbon

The Special Forces Shovel is modeled after the original Soviet Spetsnaz shovel. The Spetsnaz were the Soviet army's most elite unit and were world renowned for their deadly efficiency and ruthlessness. The Spetsnaz were trained to travel light, so they trimmed their packs down to the bare essentials. Of all the items in their pack, the Spetsnaz were particularly fond of their shovel. It was incredibly versatile, with three sharpened edges and a broad, flat blade. It can be used:

- To dig foxholes, trenches, bunkers.
- As a paddle.
- As a hammer to drive nails or pound stakes.
- As a cleaver, hatchet, even an axe.
- As a riot baton (body blows with the flat of the shovel).
- Like a throwing tomahawk (with three cutting surfaces to stick instead of one!)
- As a fearsome and deadly battle axe.
- As a defensive shield against fists, boots, knives, bayonets or even other shovels.

The original Spetsnaz shovels are quite crude, with rough handles and thin blades. Since the breakup of the Soviet Union, they are extremely difficult to obtain. So we decided to make our own version. Our Special Forces Shovel follows the overall Soviet design as faithfully as possible but the result is actually an improvement on the original, especially in terms of steel (twice as thick) and heat treatment.

This is a precision-made tool that is also a battle-proven, improvised weapon. Take a look at all these features. We think you'll agree that there's a place for the Special Forces Shovel in your life!

## Features:

- Shovel head and socket are forged from medium carbon steel, then heat treated for maximum strength.
- All shovel edges have been sharpened to a sturdy utility/axe edge. This can easily be improved to razor sharpness with a little effort.
- Each shovel is approximately 50 centimeters long so it can be used as a measuring tool (two shovel lengths equal 1 meter).
- Each shovel is equipped with a heavy-duty wooden handle, suitable for hard service.

## #92SF: Special Forces Shovel

Suggested Retail: \$21.99

## #H92SF: Replacement Handles

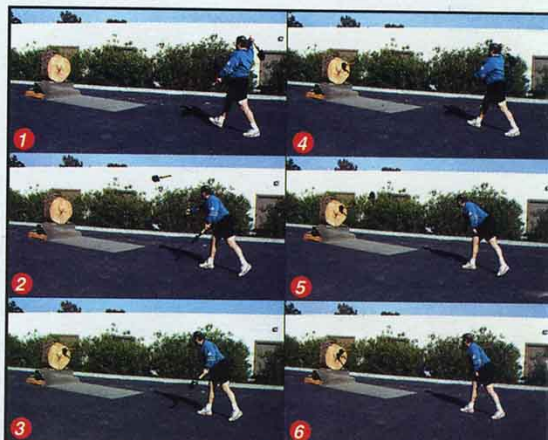
Suggested Retail: \$6.25  
 (Includes screws)

## Genuine Leather Shovel Sheath

This is a new solid leather sheath made specifically for the Special Forces Shovel. It fits like a glove, and, like the shovel, it's designed for long hard use. It features an extra wide belt loop and pack loop made of 1.5" black military webbing. The shovel is secured by two straps of the same webbing and mil spec black snaps. This is a big sheath and it's well made, so it doesn't come cheap. But it's an excellent accessory that will allow you to safely take your shovel anywhere!

## #SL92SF: Special Forces Shovel Sheath

Suggested Retail: 19.94



Our Special Forces Shovel throws unbelievably well! Just look at the pictures above. It has three sides to stick instead of just one and it's incredibly accurate! It's also a lot of fun.



The Special Forces Shovel is ideally suited for outdoor activities like hiking and camping. With the addition of the Special Forces Shovel Sheath, it can be strapped to a backpack with ease.

The photos above show the proper technique to use when digging with this shovel.

**WARNING:** Always use adequate eye protection when throwing the Special Forces Shovel, and do not allow minors to throw this item without adult supervision.

**Warranty:** We guarantee these shovels against defects in materials or workmanship. This does not include breakage or damage caused by abuse. Any item can be damaged or broken if subjected to sufficient abuse.



# The Bad Axe

## A note on sharpening your Special Forces Shovel or Bad Axe:

For throwing purposes, we recommend that you retain the factory supplied edge. If you wish to develop a razor edge, we suggest that you only hone one edge to shaving sharpness. This will allow you to choose between the factory utility edge or the razor edge when doing a specific job. Some cutting chores benefit from an extremely fine edge. Others, such as chopping through very hard materials can damage a fine edge, but can be accomplished handily with a utility edge. With a little time and experimentation you will find the right edge format for your own use.



The Special Forces Shovel is supplied with a factory sharpened utility axe edge (above, right) protected by a layer of tough black enamel. With a little effort it can be honed to razor sharpness (left).



Above, Lynn Thompson takes aim with a specially sharpened shovel and severs a 1 1/4" manila hemp rope in a single stroke.

The picture below shows just how thick that rope really is in relation to the shovel.



The chopping power and throwing accuracy of the Special Forces Shovel were really impressive. So we decided to use the same construction method to make a real battle axe! And the result is awesome!

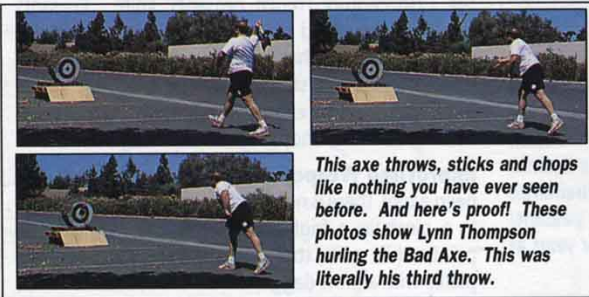
Like the Special Forces Shovel, the Bad Axe is made of medium carbon steel, over 2mm thick and fully heat treated for strength. The edges of the Bad Axe have been factory honed to a sharp utility edge that can easily be improved to razor sharpness without much effort. The handle is of premium hardwood finished in clear lacquer. You'll find the Bad Axe is light enough to swing with one hand and there's plenty of space on the handle to allow a double handed grip for full power strokes.

The twin edge design offers double the cutting potential. When one edge begins to dull, the other is still razor sharp. Plus the axe cuts in either direction.

It has the necessary weight for serious chopping, and it's a dream to throw! With all its points and cutting surfaces it sticks in virtually any position. You'll look like an expert practically from your first throw!



**#92BX**  
**Bad Axe**  
Suggested Retail: \$29.99



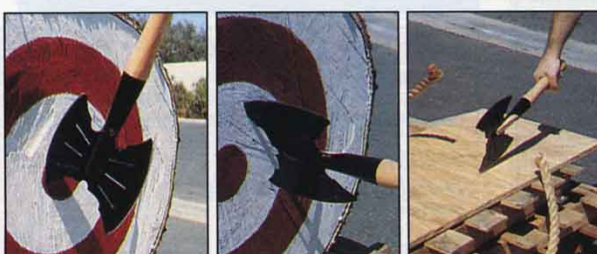
This axe throws, sticks and chops like nothing you have ever seen before. And here's proof! These photos show Lynn Thompson hurling the Bad Axe. This was literally his third throw.

**WARNING:** Always use adequate eye protection when throwing the Bad Axe, and do not allow minors to throw this item without adult supervision.

**Specifications:**  
Weight: 26 oz. Width: 8 1/4"  
Length: 20" Overall 7 1/4" (Blade)  
Steel: Medium Carbon  
Handle: Hardwood

**Please note:** Throwing the Special Forces Shovel and Bad Axe is great fun, but can be hard on the handles. Replacement handles are available.

**#H92SF**  
**Replacement Handles**  
Suggested Retail: \$6.25  
(Includes screws. Same handle fits S.F. Shovel)



The photo (left, top) is a close up of the axe in the target! It really was a bull's eye. Right below this is a photo of a later throw that clearly shows the sticking action of the axe points. Right, Lynn chops through a 1 1/4" manila hemp rope so cleanly that the two halves are hurled apart!





## Scalping Knife

Writers and romantic history buffs never seem to tire when it comes to embellishing all the gory details of Indian-White warfare. One of their wildest inventions was the story of a unique, specially made knife designed and outfitted by the Indians to aid them in their grisly business of raising hair. Over the years, these tall tales have become so lurid that just the mere mention of a scalping knife conjures up images of such blood chilling horror that even the infamous assault rifle (the current liberals favorite bogeyman) can't compare.

So what's the truth? Were there specially made scalping knives? Not likely. Research shows that the term "scalping knife" first surfaced at the conclusion of the French and Indian War when English fur traders, angry over recent atrocities, decided to dramatize them by referring to the common French peasant/kitchen knife they had sold to the Indians for years as a scalper.



This "scalp" made from horse-hair resembles the real thing.

### Scalping History...

Scalping was a gruesome practice adopted by the Red Man and European alike. The reason it was so widely practiced in the earlier years on the frontier and later during the wild west, was twofold. One, it provided convenient and convincing proof of the demise of an enemy and could be readily exchanged during various periods for a sizeable cash bounty (\$10 in 1781) or rewards in the form of trade goods or services.

To take a scalp was a simple matter. First, the selected victim was clubbed over the head with a war club, rifle butt, or Tomahawk. Next out came the scalper or trusty butcher knife and a circular incision was made around the crown of the head, about 3" in diameter. Finally, a foot was used as a brace behind the person's head while one hand got a death grip on the hair. Then the scalper gave a quick hard tug that forced his victims head backwards and popped the scalp neatly off the skull. The resulting trophy was then stretched like a miniature beaverskin on a willow hoop, dried thoroughly, painted for identification and then hung about the person or lodge or traded for a reward.

Even today there is a lingering fascination with the scalping knife. That's why Hudson Bay Knife and Tool Works™ decided to resurrect a new historically correct version of this fur trade classic. So do us a favor, please take a moment and read all about what our new Scalping Knife has to offer. But please, give scalping your pesky neighbor a miss!

**Useful Tool** - The original scalping knife was first and foremost a tool. Indians, long hunters, fur trappers and settlers used it to perform all kinds of utility chores. And when it came to field dressing, skinning or even quaterning big game, the scalper was hard to beat.

**Versatile shape** - The scalping blade is derived from the 17th century French peasants' knife. Peasants could usually afford only one knife, one capable of yeoman service. That's why our Scalping Knife features a sharp, yet sturdy point for piercing, and a moderately curved extra thin edge that facilitates all cutting, slashing, chopping and shearing strokes!

**Improved Weapon** - While the scalper has always been a tool, there is no doubt it could (and has) served in a pinch as a frighteningly efficient weapon. Its point, while quite strong, is still very sharp and will pierce with almost dagger like ease. And its broad flat ground blade with its curved extra thin edge is capable of delivering astonishingly deep cuts and slashes.

**Tremendous Value** - Perhaps the very best feature of our authentic Scalping Knife is the tremendous value it represents for the money. Where else can you get a 7" long knife with a 1/8" thick Carbon V® blade that has been flat ground to an extra thin edge?

#### Specifications: Scalping Knife

Weight:	6.4oz.	Blade Thickness:	1/8"
Blade Length:	7"	Handle Length:	4 1/2"
Steel:	Carbon V®	Overall Length:	11 1/2"

### Craft Your Own Handles...

Create your own personalized version of the Scalping Knife or the Butcher Knife. We offer the blades and solid brass cutlery rivets (handle slabs are not available through Cold Steel).

**#39HB1B**  
**Scalping Knife Blade Only**  
Suggested Retail: \$13.75

**#39HB2B**  
**Butcher Knife Blade Only**  
Suggested Retail: \$13.75

**#R39**  
**Solid Brass Cutlery Rivets (3 Sets)**  
Suggested Retail: .95¢



Hudson Bay™ Knife and Tool Works is a wholly owned division of Cold Steel® Inc. Its mission is to produce all manner of historical tools and weapons dating from 1670 right up to the present. Every effort will be made to insure all products are of the highest quality and workmanship. And furthermore, that they at all times represent a tremendous, unbeatable value for the money.

**#39HB3**  
**Scalping Knife with Premium Sheath**  
Sugg. Retail: \$27.50 each

**#39HB1**  
**Scalping Knife Only-Without Sheath**  
Sugg. Retail: \$21.00



THIS SHEATH ALSO FITS OUR BUSHMAN KNIFE (PAGES 4-5)

### Hudson Bay Sheath...

The sheath for the Hudson Bay Knife and Tool Works line is also available as a separate item. It is made of sturdy leather and for safety, features riveted construction and an internal hard liner.

**#SL39HB** **Brown Hudson Bay Sheath**  
Suggested Retail: \$18.69

#### Blades



#### Solid Brass Cutlery Rivets







# Butcher Knife

Hudson Bay™ Knife and Tool Works™ is proud to introduce an exact reproduction of the classic frontier knife. This butcher knife was originally made by the prestigious firm of I. Wilson® in 1750. It is a historically correct and timeless pattern that has been made for literally hundreds of years with little or no modification. It is undoubtedly the quintessential frontier knife and could be considered an appropriate accessory for any time period from the French and Indian War to the present day. If you're interested in emulating a character or style from just about any period of our country's development, from flint locks to the 03 Springfield, this is the knife for you. Please take a few moments and read all about the features our big butcher reproduction has to offer and we're sure you'll gain a new appreciation for the real knife that won the west!

**It's a cooking knife** - Whether you're cutting up a chicken, chopping up vegetables or slicing a tomato paper thin, we're sure you'll have nothing but praise for our Butcher Knife. As you can see from the photos in this catalog, Lynn loves to eat, and made sure our butcher is equally adept at slicing, dicing, cutting, chopping and even shearing through chicken bones.

**It's a butcher knife** - As its name implies, this knife was designed to butcher animals. And when it comes to gutting, skinning, quartering and even breaking big chunks into table size portions, it can't be beat. It's the perfect knife to use on deer, bear, elk, wild boar and

moose and you'll be hard pressed to find a better all around hunting knife.

**It's a survival knife** - Just the word survival stirs up images of desperate situations and hostile environments. There are few knives that are better equipped to help you overcome and/or endure unseen trials than our butcher blade. After all, mountain men in the early 1800's went off into the wilderness for years with little more than a butcher blade, an axe, and a muzzle loading rifle. You too can profit by our butcher blade's versatility as you consider the following:

**Digging** - It isn't a shovel, but the wide broad tip of the butcher blade can act as one in a hurry. If you are sufficiently motivated, it can be of great help in digging a ditch, trench, fire pit, latrine or spyder hole.

**Chopping** - The butcher's 7" long blade, while not ideally suited for chopping, can still get the job done, due again to its broadness, fat point and ideal flat grind that really bites deep in wood. Some of its uses would be to chop fire wood, kindling, branches and poles for shelter and even small bones!

**Whittling** - The relatively long, straight portion of the butcher's blade is perfectly suited to whittling, paring and peeling. It could be readily used to sharpen wooden spears and make skewers for roasting.

**Slicing** - While it isn't likely you will need your butcher to slice bread, in a survival situation you will find it very valuable for other jobs. The blade's width, and top to bottom flat grind, offer an efficient "V" shaped wedge that slices through almost any soft medium with ease. Some slicing tasks awaiting you might be preparing fruit and vegetables, making jerky and turning natural fibers into nets, cordage and baskets.

A good piece of steel. That's what all the real mountain men wanted to buy before they left the rendezvous for another exciting, yet uncertain year in the mountains. And that's exactly what they bought by the thousands. Nothing fancy mind you, just a sturdy butcher or scalper with a simple wood handle and a good carbon steel blade that would hold an edge, yet be easy to re-sharpen.

But one knife they almost certainly didn't buy, was one stamped Russel® Green River®, or any combination of the same. What you say, "that's sacrilege, everyone knows the Green River® was the 'true' mountain man's knife." Besides, just about every book or tall story eventually repeats that famous quote, "Give it to 'em up to Green River®." Well, tall stories and dime novels are certainly the place for that fanciful piece of fiction because Green River® never made it to any rendezvous! Our research shows that the very earliest reference to a Russel® Green River® knife occurred in 1843, several years after the last major rendezvous! So take note all of you muzzleloaders out there. We think you'll be a whole lot more authentic, packing our I. Wilson® style Butcher Knife or our new Scalping Knife, which are exact reproductions of pre-1840 knives.

**It's an improvised weapon** - Although our butcher at first glance, may not appear to look much like a weapon, it could and often did serve in this capacity in the past. Red and white men alike often resorted to their trusty butchers as makeshift fighters and when used with strength, skill and daring, were remarkably effective.

The broad wide point offered two advantages. One, it was strong enough that it resisted bending, breaking or chipping. And two, it was sharp enough to facilitate a deep insertion. What's more, the butcher's deep "belly", near the tip was not only good for skinning, it also facilitated deep cuts and slashes.

Specifications: Butcher Knife			
Weight:	6.6 oz.	Blade Thickness:	1/8"
Blade Length:	7"	Handle Length:	4 1/2"
Steel:	Carbon V®	Overall Length:	11 1/2"

**#39HB4**  
Butcher Knife with Premium Sheath  
Sugg. Retail: \$27.50

**#39HB2**  
Butcher Knife Only-Without Sheath  
Sugg. Retail: \$21.00



These are examples of how you can customize your Hudson Bay Knife with various handle treatments (Handle slabs are not available through Cold Steel).



# Drop Forged Tomahawks

Beware of imitations that use inferior cast heads, cheap oak handles and shoddy, compressed/glued together sheaths made of scrap leather!

## Vietnam Tomahawk

It took Peter LaGana a lifetime of armed combat and months of design and testing to perfect the distinctive weapon we know as the Vietnam Tomahawk. The first 500 of these "hawks" were produced in April, 1966, ready to make history in Vietnam.

Now, Cold Steel introduces an exact replica of this historic weapon. Like the original Vietnam Tomahawk, our copy is light enough to be carried all day without causing undue fatigue. Plus in combat, this lightness translates into speed; allowing quick changes in direction, even in mid-stroke!

The blade of the "hawk" offers a wide, upswept primary edge for tremendous cutting, slashing and chopping potential. The secondary edge on the lower side of the head is specially curved and partially sharpened for both a cutting and hooking attack. When combined with the "V" shaped spike on the back of the "hawk" head, the whole thing is wickedly efficient. An absolutely deadly, no-frills combat weapon.

In 1966 the original price was \$9.95 with the leather case. This price quickly rose to \$14.95 and by the time the last of the original 3,800 tomahawks were produced, the price had reached \$25! Today, collector prices for perfect examples are as high as \$500. At Cold Steel, we thought it was time to make this excellent tomahawk available once more, at less inflated prices.

Every Vietnam Tomahawk comes complete with a heavy duty leather sheath, in the original oxblood color.



**#90VT**  
**Vietnam Tomahawk with Sheath**  
Sugg. Retail: \$54.99

**#H90VT**  
**Replacement Handle**  
Sugg. Retail: \$4.94

**Specifications:**  
Overall length: 13 1/2"  
Hawk length: 8 1/2"  
Primary edge: 2 3/4"  
Straight Grain Hickory Handle  
Approx 1 lb  
Top Quality Leather Sheath  
Drop forged 5150 Steel

Above left, Lynn Thompson used the blade of the Vietnam Tomahawk to shear effortlessly through this heavy gauge ammo container, with no damage to the edge. On the right, you can see the Vietnam Tomahawk's spike punched through 3/4" plywood.



# Rifleman's and Plainsman's Hawk

These superb tomahawks are precision drop forged from medium carbon S150 steel. During the forging process a metal ingot is heated almost white hot and then formed into shape in a series of progressive dies. The large steel dies are fixed to enormous compressed air hammers with hundreds of tons of power behind every strike. Each die hammers the hot metal into a gradually more finished shape. During this forming process the steel is kneaded and compressed into a completely homogenous mass. And this, in turn, makes it extremely tough and strong. Like all good tomahawks, these are differentially heat treated. This means that the cutting edge and hammer face is fully hardened, while the balance of the head is left relatively soft to absorb the shock of striking blows. We have these tomahawks made under contract with one of the largest hand tool makers in the world. The plant is in Taiwan and a Cold Steel® representative supervises each step of production to ensure that our quality standards are maintained in every production run.

Both tomahawks feature a factory honed cutting edge that is 3 1/2" wide. The distance from the edge to the shaft is a whopping 5" for serious chopping power and lethal penetration. The factory edge is sharp and very durable, and due to the high quality steel and heat treatment, with a little effort it can be readily made razor sharp.

Both hawks also feature a flattened butt for hammering stakes. However, for serious hammer work like

pounding nails, we recommend the Rifleman's Hawk, with its functional hexagonal hammer poll.

These hawks throw and stick extremely well. If you prefer less weight, the Plainsman's Hawk fills the bill. When used as a weapon, especially by medium build fighters, the lighter weight also offers some advantages in speed. These include recovery after a swing or swift changes in direction even in mid-stroke. But if you have a heavier build, or want something that hits like the proverbial "ton of bricks" then the Rifleman's Hawk is for you!

Our tomahawks are both reminiscent of early American designs. The Plainsman's Hawk is probably the more traditional of the two. This type of styling was very popular with the early settlers, while the Rifleman's Hawk offers a "peace pipe" appearance that was commonly used by Native Americans.

The shafts of our tomahawks are of finest quality straight grain American hickory.

These tomahawks are the strongest, most indestructible hawks available and we challenge any of our competitors to prove otherwise! They are deadly accurate as a throwing weapon yet truly useful for chores, either one of these Tomahawks is an excellent choice.

## Plainsman's Hawk

## Rifleman's Hawk

Both Rifleman's and Plainsman's hawks can be thrown with deadly efficiency. Plus they offer the weight and blade length to deliver serious chopping power.



**WARNING:** Always use adequate eye protection when throwing the Vietnam, Plainsman's, and Rifleman's Hawks, and do not allow minors to throw these items without adult supervision.

**#90RH Rifleman's Hawk**  
Suggested Retail: \$39.99

**#90PH Plainsman's Hawk**  
Suggested Retail: \$37.99

**#H90RH Replacement Handle**  
Suggested Retail: \$6.19

### Specifications: Rifleman's Hawk

Overall length 18 1/2" Hawk length: 8 1/8"  
Weight (Approx): 32 oz. Primary edge 3 1/2"  
American Hickory Handle

### Specifications: Plainsman's Hawk

Overall length 18 1/2" Hawk length: 6 5/8"  
Weight (Approx): 26 oz. Primary edge 3 1/2"  
American Hickory Handle



## Elk Hunter



Red River Knives™, a division of Cold Steel® Inc., is dedicated to manufacturing a wide variety of knives from the action packed era of the Wild West. And like its sister division, Hudson Bay Knife and Tool™, every effort will be made to deliver both high quality and tremendous value so every customer will feel he has received more than his money's worth!

Red River Knives™ is proud to introduce our version of a century old knife we call the Elk Hunter. This knife was originally designed in the late 1800's and was so successful that it was eventually adopted by butchers and even the meat packing industry at large!

The secret to the Elk Hunter's success and longevity can be traced to its unique blade shape. The edge runs in a mild, continuous curve,  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the way up the blade where it changes to a more pronounced curve (forming the perfect belly) before terminating in a sharp, useful point. This shape has proved ideal over the last 100 years for peeling the hide off any critter larger than a field mouse.

The  $\frac{1}{8}$ " thick steel used in each blade is Cold Steel®'s famous Carbon V® which is smelted and rolled right here in the USA! After each of these blades are blanked out, they are stress relieved and then heat treated and quenched in a special agitated oil bath. To assure maximum strength and flexibility, the blades are then triple drawn (or tempered). This costly step, while very time consuming, assures optimal internal grain of the steel and eliminates the possibility of unrelieved stresses.

And finally, to assure maximum cutting, slicing, and shearing potential, each blade is carefully flat ground from top to bottom on our new precision German grinders. These machines are truly state of the art and

allow our blades to be ground extra thin ( $15/1,000$ ) before final honing so that they can take a razor edge, yet be easily resharpened on any whetstone.

The handle of the Elk Hunter measures  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " by  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " and will accommodate just about any size hand. It is made out of two tough hickory slabs that have been machine shaped and sanded before being permanently bonded to the full tang knife via solid brass cutlery rivets. This construction method, while simple and relatively inexpensive, has proved very durable and will yield years of hard service!

### Red River Sheath...

This sheath (photo, right) for the Red River Knife line is also available as a separate item. It is made of sturdy brown leather and for safety, features riveted construction and an internal hard liner.

### #SL39RR Brown Leather Sheath

Suggested Retail: \$18.69

### Craft Your Own Handles...

Create your own personalized version of the Elk Hunter or American Hunting Knife. We offer the blades and solid brass cutlery rivets (handle slabs are not available through Cold Steel).

### #39RR1B Elk Hunter Knife Blade Only

Suggested Retail: \$12.45

### #39RR2B American Hunting Knife Blade Only

Suggested Retail: \$12.45

### #R39 Solid Brass Cutlery Rivets (3 sets)

Suggested Retail: .95¢

### Specifications: Elk Hunter

Weight:	6.4oz.	Blade Thickness:	$\frac{1}{8}$ "
Blade Length:	6"	Handle Length:	$4\frac{1}{2}$ "
Steel:	Carbon V®	Overall Length:	$10\frac{1}{2}$ "

### #39RR3

### Elk Hunter with Premium Sheath

Sugg. Retail: \$25.00

### #39RR1

### Elk Hunter Only-Without Sheath

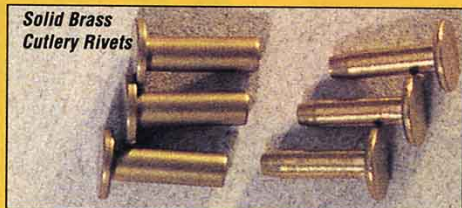
Suggested Retail: \$18.95



### Blades



### Solid Brass Cutlery Rivets





# American Hunting Knife



Clothing, gunleather, and accessories, courtesy Red River Frontier Outfitters

Specifications: American Hunting Knife			
Weight:	6oz.	Blade Thickness:	1/8"
Blade Length:	6"	Handle Length:	4 1/2"
Steel:	Carbon V®	Overall Length:	10 1/2"

**#39RR4**  
**American Hunting Knife w/ Premium Sheath**  
 Sugg. Retail: \$25.00

**#39RR2**  
**American Hunting Knife w/o Sheath**  
 Suggested Retail: \$18.95

Ever since Jim Bowie bit the dust at an early age (40) fighting for freedom at the Alamo, men have strived to emulate his renowned courage and the knife that bears his name. After his heroic death, demand for his famous knife swelled to hurricane proportions as knife makers from New York to Sheffield to Salem (India) scrambled to fill it with Bowie knives of every shape, size and description. But when the howling winds of desire had subsided and the crumbling dust of demand had settled, one blade style emerged to corner the market and it was called the clip point.

Why the clip point? Because in an age of unreliable percussion firearms, the clip point Bowie proved to be the most reliable and versatile backup weapon/tool a man could carry. In a pinch, it could hew down a tree, dig a splinter out of the hand or skin an elephant if need be. When a gun misfired or all of its chambers were empty, there was nothing that could match this knife's wicked effectiveness.

For many years, it looked like nothing would put a damper on the big clip point Bowie's popularity. But with the introduction of the new brass-cased center-fire cartridges, firearms became more reliable and the necessity of carrying a big heavy knife for self defense, quickly declined.

But even meteoric advances in firearms and ammunition could never extinguish the Bowie knife and its influence on knife design. It wasn't long before its versatile clip point was adopted by the burgeoning American knife industry where it soon became the standard blade pattern for what we call the American Hunting Knife.

This new shorter, lighter Bowie—sans guard and with a simple wood handle—swept the nation as it expanded westward. Settlers, miners, ranchers, cowboys and hunters all needed a good reliable, camp/hunting knife at a reasonable price. Literally, hundreds of thousands were sold.

melt verified by a certified metallurgist before we accept it from the steel mill.

**Heat Treatment** - If the steel is the heart of a knife, its soul is heat treatment. Why? Because even the best steel in the world can be ruined by a less than perfect heat treating cycle. That's why we spare no expense in ensuring that every blade is heated to a critical temperature, quenched in agitated oil and then drawn (tempered) three times!

**Blade** - The broad clip point offers plenty of "belly" for efficient skinning, yet terminates in a needle sharp tip that is capable of dagger like penetration. What's more, 2/3 of the lower portion of the blade is fairly straight so it can be readily used for cutting, slicing, shearing and whittling.

**Rugged** - The American Hunting Knife was designed for years of dependable service. The 6" blade is a full 1/8" thick and features a full tang for added strength. It is flat ground from top to bottom with an extra thin, sharp edge that can be easily honed to full hair shaving sharpness!

**Weight** - At only 6 ounces, the American Hunting Knife is a joy to carry all day long on the hip and will go virtually unnoticed in a fanny or back pack.

**Handle** - Like its brothers and sisters, the American Hunting Knife features a simple slab handle. The slabs are made from select American hickory secured by solid brass cutlery rivets. This handle is quite comfortable and affords many hand positions. Plus it can be easily stained and decorated to suit its owner's fancy.

Now Red River Knives™ is pleased to bring you our version of this American classic. Please take a minute to read about some of its features. We are sure you'll want to buy several for yourself and friends!

**Steel** - World famous Carbon V® steel that is specially smelted for us right here in the USA and then hot rolled to our exact specifications. Since the steel is the heart of the blade, we go an extra step and have the finished

These are examples of how you can customize your Red River Knife with various handle treatments





# Big Sticks...



**"Speak Softly but  
Carry a Big Stick."**

This excellent piece of advice was tendered by President Theodore Roosevelt almost a hundred years ago. And now, with our own "Big Stick Company" we specialize in the biggest baddest sticks around.

## Indian Police Lathi (Lah-Tee)

### The Blow of the Rattan

Now, in cooperation with Windlass Steel Crafts, we are proud to introduce our new video on the history and use of the Lathi throughout India. Shot by professional film makers in breathless color and punctuated with exotic Indian music, this superb quality, 75 minute video will give an in depth look at how to wield a Lathi. What's more, there are numerous fight scenes, riot footage, demonstrations, competitions, comparisons, and a good overview of other unique and effective Indian weaponry.

Sugg. Retail: \$31.99

**#VBOR Lathi Video**

**SORRY, ABSOLUTELY NO RETURNS ON VIDEOS UNLESS DEFECTIVE!**



India has a rich history of hand-held weaponry. From "tiger claws" to katars (push daggers) to the wickedly curved talwar (sword). Practically every home has a generous supply of weapons, including a rattan stick called the Lathi (Lah-Tee).

The stick is a universal weapon. And nowhere is it used more widely than in India. Virtually everyone from beggars to priests carries a Lathi. It is used for everything from self-defense to carrying heavy loads (like a yoke over the shoulders).

India is a society of over a billion people speaking hundreds of different dialects and worshipping through a multitude of religions. The two main religious groups, Hindus and Muslims, are fiercely antagonistic. Strife and civil disorder can flare up at any time and often the only defense between law and anarchy is the "thin blue line", the Indian police, who rely on one main weapon in crowd control... A four foot long Lathi! It is issued as standard equipment and there is a long tradition of how to use it. The reason for the Lathi's popularity as a crowd control device is its versatility and non-lethal effectiveness. It is not unusual to see a few brave policemen wading into a vicious mob, generously and vigorously applying their Lathis until the violent gathering breaks up.

Lathis actually come in all shapes and sizes, from four feet to six feet in length and from 1" to over 2" in diameter. However we have found that a diameter of about 1 1/8" to 1 1/4" to be ideal.

At six feet the Lathi becomes an excellent hiking or camping staff. In fact it has sufficient length so that it can be cut to exactly fit the user. With the bark left on these sticks they are virtually impervious to the elements. Additionally, there is a significant weight and cost savings between rattan Lathis and traditional hardwood staffs. They even fit well into martial arts applications where they can stand in for expensive Oak Bo's from Japan or other impact weapons.

Our five foot Lathi features a decorative brass cap and ferrule. This adds a little finish and a lot of authority to the Lathi. The five foot length offers great reach but in a fairly manageable form. It makes an excellent hiking staff and improvised self-defense tool, while its decorative finish belies its potential as a weapon.



At four feet, the standard police length in India, the Police Lathi is more intimidating than a billy club or walking stick because it offers an enormous reach advantage. It even has the edge over most swords (which are typically less than 3' long). But it's not so long that it's unwieldy in crowded streets.

Lathis are ideally suited for two-handed use poking, jabbing, thrusting, pushing, whipping, or delivering heavy strokes with the butt. Plus, in shorter lengths they can be swung easily one handed for lightning quick blows. Now you can experience the benefits of the Lathi. You may love guns and knives but it's a good idea to develop a less than lethal response to the self-defense challenges that surround us. The Lathi fills this need. It is relatively inexpensive, easily replaceable and a cost-effective alternative to a traditional walking stick. Every house should have one by the door, ever ready for life's emergencies.

**#91PL4 4 ft. Police Lathi**  
Sugg. Retail: \$14.99

**#91PL5 5ft. Police Lathi With brass fittings**  
Sugg. Retail: \$24.99

**#91PL6 6ft. Police Lathi**  
Sugg. Retail: \$19.99

**Specifications:**  
Finest Rattan  
Extra Thick Skin  
Length: 4.5, & 6 ft.  
Diameter: 1 1/8" - 1 1/4"



If you have been looking for a training stick that's lightning fast and rugged enough to withstand hard use, look no further. Our new training stick, made out of the same tough rattan as our Police Lathi is approximately 3 feet long and is approximately 3/4 - 1" in diameter.

## Three Foot Training Stick

Since Lynn uses up sticks in his training like most people use up pencils, we have bought an enormous quantity and are delighted to be able to offer you such a high quality training tool.

The Crook Top Cane is widely believed to have evolved from the shepherds crook staff. This useful tool was indispensable to early nomadic/herding societies where it was used daily to guide, sort, retrieve, correct and even defend man's flocks and herds.

## Crook Top Cane

In the 1800's we saw a tremendous revival of interest in the cane as a fashion accessory and the crook top grew in prestige as man shortened it and adapted it to his now primarily urban existence. In time the crook top cane swelled in importance until by the early 1900's no man who considered himself a gentleman would think about leaving home without his crook rattan or malacca cane on his arm!

The zenith of the crook cane probably came during World War I when many officers on both sides of the conflict went "over the top" into the mouths of massed machine gun fire with no more weapon than their trusty rattan crook top.

Today we find just as many reasons if not more to carry a cane as man did at the turn of the century. And everyone who is even remotely interested in purchasing a cane should take a good hard look at the advantages to be had in the versatility of the crook top cane.



Crook Top Cane

### Versatility:

The first and perhaps most obvious advantage of the crook top is support. Anyone who has difficulty in walking, maintaining their balance, traversing rough, hilly terrain, or suffers from back, knee, or hip pain will benefit from the crook top cane.

Its long shaft acts as a very efficient lever that can drastically reduce stress on the lower body. What's more, the crook handle distributes the body's weight evenly and squarely throughout the palm and fingers for unparalleled comfort over long periods of use.

Second, the crook handle is totally innocuous in appearance. It is widely used by people in all walks of life, and is the least likely of all walking sticks to create the impression of being armed in public.

Third, despite its benign appearance, the Crook Top can be a highly effective emergency self-defence tool when made of the appropriate materials. The long straight shaft can be used in the same manner as any other straight stick or cane. Plus the crook top can be used with sufficient training as a hook to facilitate traps, hooks, joint locks, sweeps, and throws.

Today, Lynn Thompson has found it increasingly difficult to find a Crook Top cane equal to those so popular during the turn of the century. Sure, crook tops are readily available at drug stores etc., but they are fairly expensive and are invariably made either out of cheap wood that will break, or of ugly orthopedic aluminum. That's why we have contracted with our Lathi supplier to make a crook top cane to our exact specifications duplicating 19th century performance and quality.

### A word about Rattan...

Despite its resemblance to bamboo, rattan is not hollow. It is composed of thousands of tough, thin fibers that are densely packed together and encased in a smooth hard skin. This construction gives it enormous strength and substantial flexibility. Rattan sticks flex rather than break. So when they strike hard objects they absorb shock rather than transferring it to the user. The bark is left on because it adds tremendous strength to the rattan. In fact, when combined with the fiber core, it is tough enough to offer good defense against even edged weapons. Our Police Lathis are made of select Rattan of the highest quality. They are picked for us by one of the major suppliers of Lathis to the Indian Government.

Since Lynn uses up sticks in his training like



Three Foot Training Stick

**#91TS 3ft Training Stick**  
Sugg. Retail: \$7.50

**#91CTC Crook Top Cane**  
Sugg. Retail: 11.99

**Specifications: Both Canes**  
Length: Approx: 3ft  
Diameter: 3/4"-1"



# The Carbon V® Trail Master® & Recon Scout®

## #16C Carbon V® Trail Master®

Suggested Retail: \$262.00

### Specifications: Trail Master

Blade Length: 9 1/2"	Overall Length: 14 1/2"
Blade (thick): 5/16"	Steel Carbon V®
Guard: Virgin Brass	Handle Kraton®
Weight: 16.7 oz	Sheath Cordura

Why buy a Trail Master®? That's simple. Because it is without a doubt **the most knife** for the money ever commercially built! In terms of sharpness, edge holding and strength, it will out perform — by a wide margin — any factory made knife we know of and 99% of all hand forged knives as well!

We know we're "going out on a limb" with that statement, but since 1987 we have challenged the industry to make a better knife and yet, to this day, we've had no takers. So before you spend \$200 or more on one of our competitor's inferior knives, take a moment to review all the advantages offered by the Cold Steel® Trail Master®.

### Steel

It takes almost 3 lbs. of our famous Carbon V® steel to make just one Trail Master®! This exclusive steel is especially smelted right here in the USA, then hot rolled at exact temperatures until a fine and uniform grain structure is achieved (see page 2 for more information about Carbon V® Steel).

### Heat Treatment

No expense is spared as every blade is heated to critical temperature then quenched in agitated oil. To ensure maximum strength, the blades are then triple drawn (tempered) to eliminate any unrelieved stresses which could undermine performance.

### Almost Unbreakable Point

The Trail Master's® broad clip point is extremely resis-

tant to bending or breaking. This is largely due to the fact that the tip is actually thicker near the point than other knives. However, this does not mean the point is dull or blunt. On the contrary, the point is almost needle sharp and offers tremendous penetration.

### False Edge

The blade-back is equipped with a slightly concave false edge that measures approximately 3 1/2" long.

### Curved Flat Ground Blade

The Trail Master's® blade is flat ground for shearing power and the edge has a slight curve along its entire length. This curve allows the blade to be used in a draw

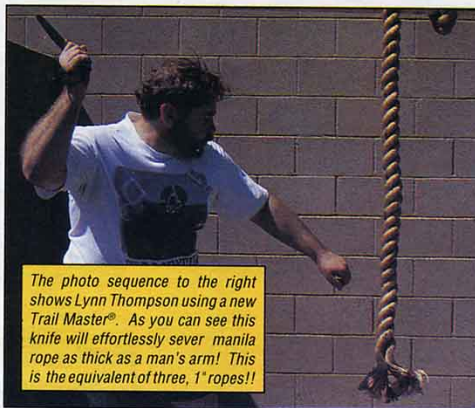
cut as well as a chopping stroke. Plus the extra curve near the tip provides plenty of "belly" for skinning and facilitates long range cutting and slashing.

### Razor Sharp

Every Trail Master's® edge has been honed by hand then given a high speed buff until it is truly razor sharp and capable of easily shaving hair. Warning—this knife will cut at the slightest touch!

### Weight

At 16.7 ounces the Trail Master's® substantial weight increases the momentum of each stroke and reduces arm fatigue.



The photo sequence to the right shows Lynn Thompson using a new Trail Master®. As you can see this knife will effortlessly sever manila rope as thick as a man's arm! This is the equivalent of three, 1" ropes!!



The Recon Scout® is shown here at actual size.

## #37C Recon Scout

Suggested Retail: \$171.99

### Specifications: Recon Scout

Blade length: 7 1/2"	Overall length: 12 1/2"
Blade (thick): 5/16"	Weight (knife): 15oz.
Steel: Carbon V®	Handle: Kraton®
Sheath: Black Cordura	



The Trail Master® is shown here at actual size.



### Balance

The Trail Master® balances approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$ " in front of the guard for a slightly blade-heavy feel that is ideal for delivering heavy chopping and slashing strokes.

### Handle

The Trail Master's® Kraton® handle is 5" long and deeply checkered for a non-slip, shock absorbing grip. What's more, its contoured cross section helps prevent the knife from shifting or turning in the hand when striking full power blows.

### Guard

The double guard is satin polished and rigidly fixed into place. It is long enough to keep fingers off the blade, yet short enough to avoid being tangled in clothing or equipment when the Trail Master® is drawn.

### Finish

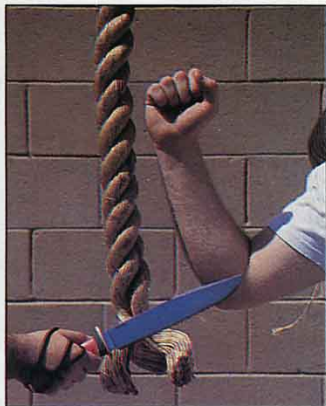
Each Trail Master® blade has a rich, satin polished finish.

### Maintenance

To minimize or eliminate staining or rusting, treat your Trail Master® like you would your favorite rifle. Clean the blade with soap and water, then dry it carefully and coat it liberally with oil.

### Sheath

Every Trail Master® comes with an extra heavy, black Cordura sheath complete with a sturdy tie down cord. Its belt loop will easily accommodate any belt including a G.I. pistol belt.



## Sheaths



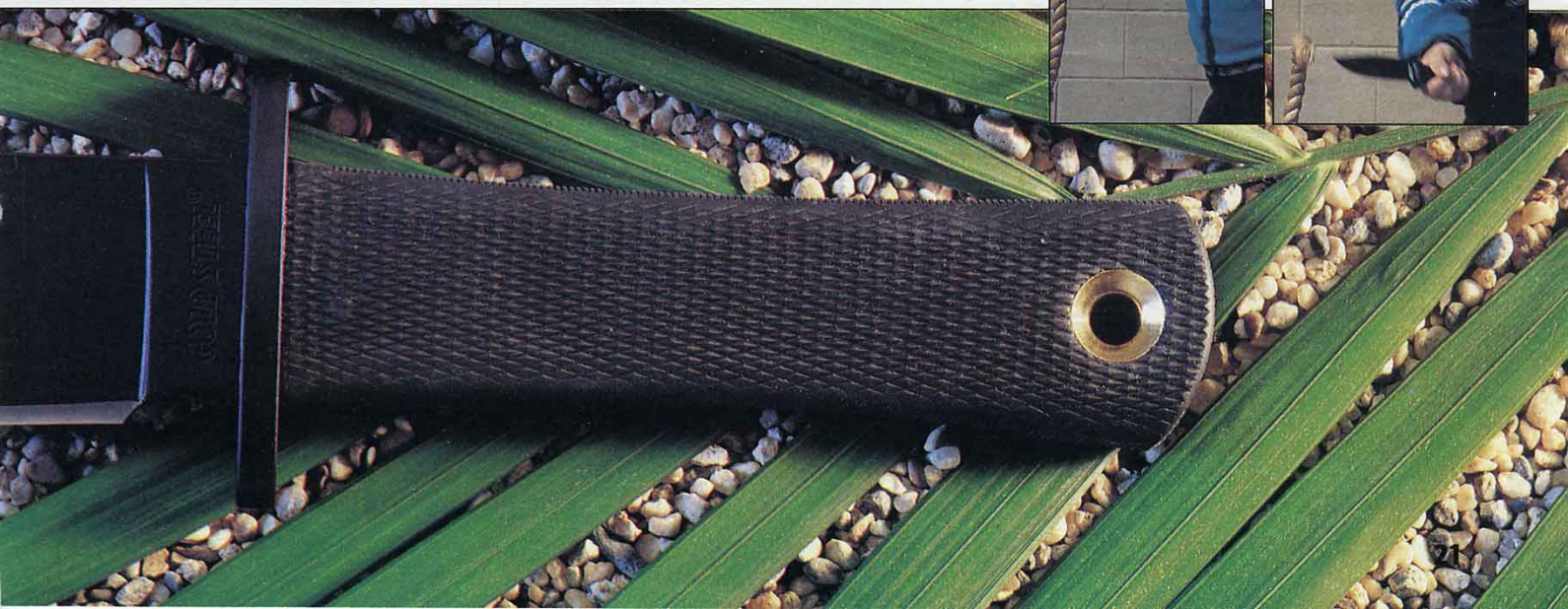
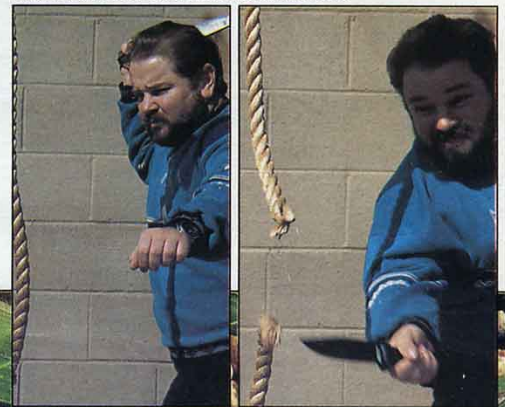
**The Trail Master® and the Recon Scout® both come complete with top quality Cordura sheaths. The sheaths include leg tie down lanyards.**

## The Recon Scout®

In almost every respect, the Recon Scout® is simply a  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " Trail Master® Bowie. It offers the same steel, heat treatment, blade thickness, and blade shape and handle. Only the satin polish has been changed, in favor of a rich, baked-on black epoxy finish. This helps to control rust, minimize light reflection under combat conditions and deliver years of rugged service!

We believe the Recon Scout is the strongest, toughest,  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " combat knife in the world. And when you consider the price it is offered at and compare it to the competition, we think you'll agree it's the greatest bargain in combat knife history!

*This great sequence (below) clearly shows Lynn Thompson using the Recon Scout to sever a free-hanging,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " manila hemp rope in a single stroke. The razor sharp edge and overall weight of the Recon Scout make this feat effortless.*





# The New LTC Kukri—Now in Carbon V®



The American Bando  
Association Rates  
the Cold Steel Kukri #1

## #35LTC LTC Kukri

Suggested Retail: \$85.99

### Specifications: #35LT

Blade Length: 12" Overall Length: 17 1/2"  
Blade (thick): 1/8" Weight (knife): 17 oz.  
Steel: Carbon V®  
Kraton® Handle Cordura Sheath



The LTC Kukri comes with this sturdy black cordura sheath.

The Greek Kopis and the Roman Machaira were both possible inspirations for the Kukri. These ancient, forward curved blades could both deliver tremendous chopping cuts. And some scholars believe that it was the heavy Roman presence in India that began the Kukri tradition there.

Today the Kukri has been made famous throughout the world by Nepal's ferocious Gurkha mercenaries who have used it to strike terror into the hearts of Great Britain's enemies around the globe.

Now Cold Steel® is pleased to present our version of this historic knife. Please take a moment to read about its features.

**Steel:** It takes over 3 lbs of our famous Carbon V® Steel to make just one LTC Kukri. This exclusive steel is especially smelted right here in the U.S.A., and then hot rolled at exact temperatures until a fine and uniform grain structure is achieved.

**Heat Treatment:** Every LTC Kukri receives the same custom heat treatment as the Trail Master® to insure maximum strength, toughness and edge retention.

**The Blade:** The curve of our Kukri's blade is very important because no matter what part of the blade makes contact with a target, the edge is always presented at an angle. This in turn creates a shearing motion, so that the edge slices through the target as the weight of the blade drives it deeper. This combination results in extremely efficient cutting in almost any medium. It is actually this unique blade curvature that allows the LTC Kukri to out-cut machetes and swords twice its size!

**Balance:** The LTC's blade is much wider near the tip than the handle. This shifts the balance point of the knife forward to rest 3 1/2" in front of the handle. This blade-heavy weight distribution is vital for maximum cutting power and allows a substantial blow to be struck with minimal physical effort. Why? Because once the LTC's blade is swinging, inertia itself is often enough to complete the cut. Just think what you could do if you put all your weight and power behind a blow!

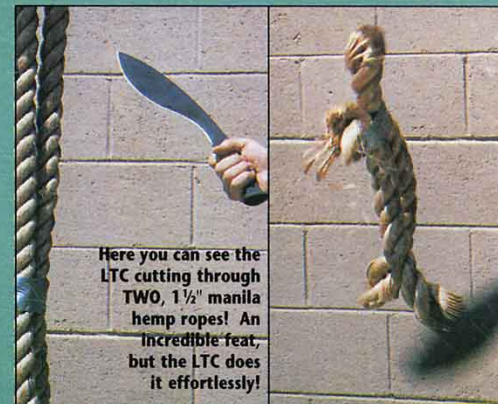
**Weight:** At 17 ounces, the LTC is no cream puff (a Trail Master Bowie weighs 16 ounces) But it's no awkward heavyweight either, and offers several advantages over bigger, heavier knives and swords. These are speed and maneuverability. A lighter Kukri like the LTC can strike in the blink of an eye and change direction or angle of attack so fast it's just a blur of razor sharp steel.

**Sharpness:** Unlike the cheap, dull Indian government Kukri, the LTC won't take you two hours with a file and stone to get sharp. Why? It's already sharp; razor, hair shaving sharp. And with its thin cross section, it will chop, cut and slash like you won't believe. It will easily cut wood, brush or other soft objects. But please remember this is a knife not a chisel or a pry-bar. Nails, rocks, metal or bone may chip or dink its fine edge!

**Handle:** The LTC's handle is five inches long and ergonomically designed to form a superior shock absorbing grip. It shields the user's hand from the effect of hard chopping strokes. A lot of thought was devoted to the shape, which has been carefully contoured to prevent the hand from sliding forward

onto the blade or backward off the handle. The value of this is readily apparent when piercing with the point or chopping. For extra traction, the handle has been deeply checkered like a pistol grip and is made entirely of Kraton®. This space age rubber compound was first pioneered in the knife industry by Cold Steel® in the early 1980's. Unlike many other materials, it won't rot, warp, crack, or mildew. This durability, combined with its other excellent benefits makes Kraton®, in our opinion, the world's finest handle material.

**Sheath:** The LTC sheath is made of heavy black Cordura® with a thick welt and nylon stitching that won't rot. Plus, each sheath comes with a leg tie down lanyard and a durable belt loop (3") that will fit almost any belt. For safety, the LTC's sheath has a slotted back and tough retaining strap that makes it a breeze to quickly and safely sheath and un-sheath the knife.



Here you can see the LTC cutting through TWO, 1 1/2" manila hemp ropes! An incredible feat, but the LTC does it effortlessly!



## The SRK Survival Rescue Knife

Survival/Rescue operations demand a versatile knife able to withstand extreme abuse. The SRK was designed by Lynn Thompson with this in mind. No expense was spared in steel, heat treating and construction. Only expensive surface polishes have been eliminated. Instead, the blade has a rich black epoxy powder coat to help protect the Carbon V® steel from the elements. The blade features a tremendously strong clip point that's fine enough for delicate work, yet possesses enough belly for efficient cutting, slashing and skinning strokes.

At  $\frac{3}{16}$ " of an inch thick, the SRK offers the sturdiest possible point and edge configuration, without sacrificing sharpness. Plus, every blade is hand honed to a superb edge that is hair flinging sharp!

The SRK comes complete with a high quality, black Cordura sheath.



The SRK is shown here at actual size

### #38C SRK Survival Rescue Knife

Suggested Retail: \$83.99

#### Specifications:

Blade (Long):	.6"	Blade:	$\frac{3}{16}$ " (thick)
Steel:	Carbon V®	Weight:	8.2oz
Handle:	Kraton®	Finish:	Epoxy Powder Coat

#### From our Mailbox...

**"Your SRK is, hands-down, the very finest utility knife I have ever owned."**

"...How in the world can you people make a knife that holds an edge like this? All I have had to do to maintain the edge is work it out on an Arkansas soft stone once in a while for five minutes or so, and it is once again razor sharp!!!

I am no knife expert, but over the last 25 years or so, being a life long hunter and fisherman, I have at one time or another owned and used all of the name brand American knives...compared to the Cold Steel SRK, they are all garbage!

Your SRK is, hands-down, the very finest utility knife I have ever owned. And folks, I have owned dozens!

I would not trade my two SRK's for any comparable knife made by anyone. They are just small enough to be handy, and big enough to be bad. As an ex-marine, I can tell you, I would not go into combat without your SRK at my side.

— W. Caswell, Keatchie Louisiana



# Classic Push Knives

The push knife was made popular during the Gold Rush in California. The reason for the success of this knife style was a combination of compact size, deadly efficiency and unparalleled grip. Now, Cold Steel® makes the finest production push knives in over 100 years; featuring our unique non-slip checkered Kraton® handle, which molds comfortably to the fist for a grip that's practically impossible to

dislodge. These knives are tremendously popular with military and law enforcement personnel around the world, as the ultimate in lightweight personal backup, mainly because unlike an automatic, this weapon never jams, even under the worst circumstances!

The Defenders are particularly popular with Secret Service agencies because of their very compact size

and "big knife" cutting and piercing potential. They can be carried on tactical web gear, in a boot, tucked in the waistband of pants, or strapped to wrist or ankle.

Low profile black leather sheaths give the Defenders an inconspicuous, tool-like appearance. These top quality sheaths also feature a handy boot/belt clip.

## The Defender I

You may have seen this knife in the blockbuster movie "Platoon". It's the ultimate double-edged push knife. The extra-wide blade is deeply hollow ground and unlike other boot knives is thin enough at the edge to be breathtakingly sharp. Just the look of this knife is wicked enough to make a potential aggressor think twice! Plus, the Defender's "T" shaped handle allows easy "punching" blows and is so secure in the fist that it's practically impossible for even a novice to be disarmed.

This is why the Defenders are also the natural choice of people who might not feel comfortable with a traditional fixed blade knife.



Charlie Sheen comes face to face with a Defender I in a major scene from "Platoon"

## The Defender II

An original Cold Steel® favorite, this great little boot knife brings added utility to the push knife concept.

Its single edge design means you can "choke up" on the blade for extra fine work, plus the false edge offers superior point strength for penetration. There's even sufficient "belly" in the blade for skinning big game. For law enforcement applications, the false edge offers the advantage seen below. In emergency situations the sharp edge will cut away seat belts and heavy clothing with minimal risk to the victim.



### #12-II Defender II

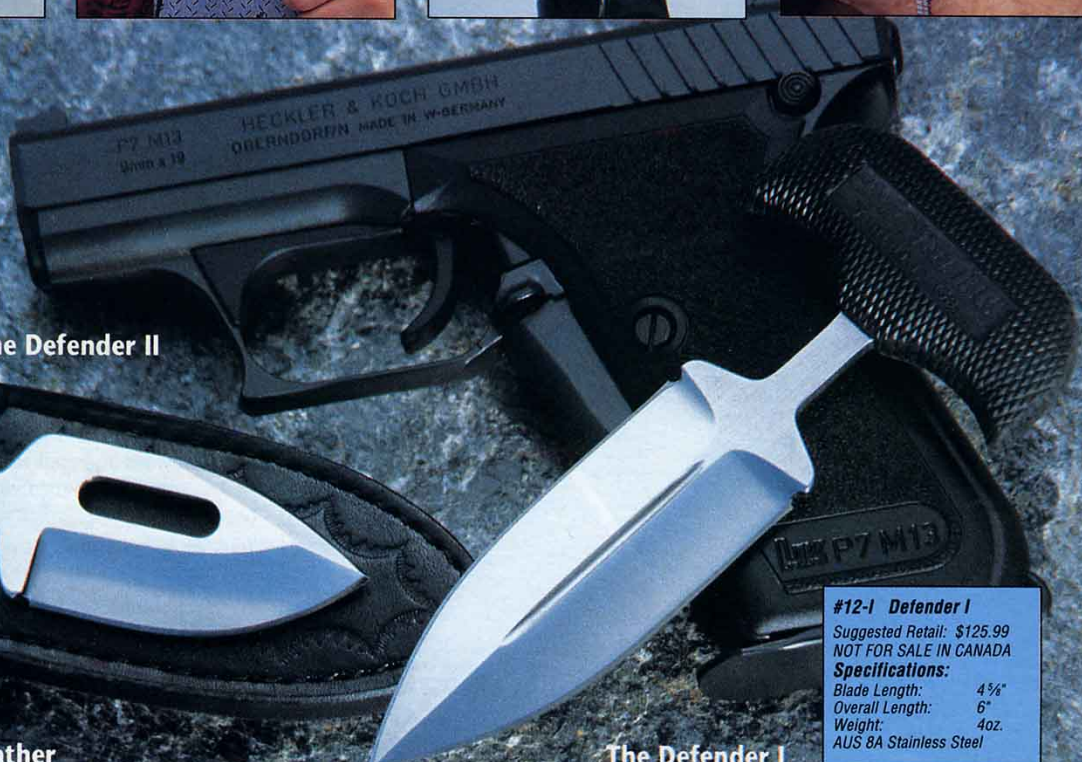
Suggested Retail: \$101.99  
NOT FOR SALE IN CANADA

#### Specifications:

Blade Length: 3 3/4"  
Overall Length: 4 3/4"  
Weight: 3.5oz  
AUS 8A Stainless Steel

### The Defender II

The Defenders come with heavy duty black leather sheaths with a steel boot belt clip.



### The Defender I

### #12-I Defender I

Suggested Retail: \$125.99  
NOT FOR SALE IN CANADA

#### Specifications:

Blade Length: 4 3/4"  
Overall Length: 6"  
Weight: 4oz  
AUS 8A Stainless Steel



# Peace Keepers

Are you tired of looking at those expensive, double edged knives that are so dull out of the box that they won't cut butter? Are you sick of those Pakistani numbers that bend like a wet noodle? What about that well known American model that's so weak and brittle it can break if dropped in the sink? Well now you have an alternative. Cold Steel is proud to introduce the Peace Keepers—a brand new series of double edged knives that will pierce like a stiletto and cut like a straight razor. Just look at these features:

**Steel:** Available in world famous Carbon V® for maximum strength or Tanto tough AUS 8A stainless steel for lower maintenance.

**Heat Treatment:** Cold Steel's exclusive custom heat treatment designed to coax out of each steel the utmost in strength, toughness, and edge retention.

**Double Edged Point:** Unlike most boot knives and daggers, the Peace Keeper's spear point offers considerable resistance to bending or breaking and is well suited for long range cuts and slashes.

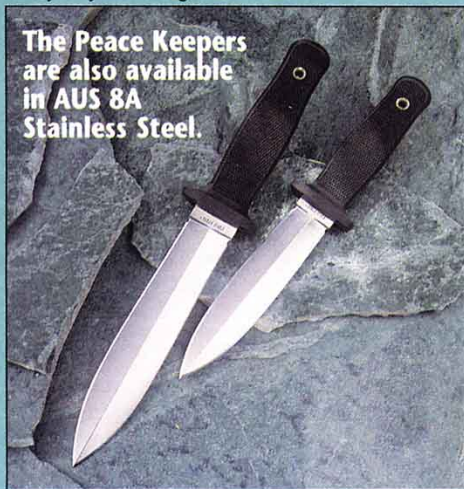
**Blade:** Each of the Peace Keepers feature a  $\frac{3}{16}$ " thick blade which receives a high, double grind to produce extremely thin edges that will really "bite". However, they are not suitable for prying.

**Sharpness:** Each edge is honed and buffed until it's hair flinging sharp and will cut at the slightest touch.

**Blade Finish:** All stainless steel Peace Keepers come with a rich satin polished blade while the Carbon V® models feature a black, baked on epoxy coat that helps to control rust and minimize light reflection.

**Handle:** Both of the Peace Keepers offer a deeply checkered Kraton® grip which has been specially contoured to resist rolling, twisting or shifting in the hand. And, for added utility and security, they feature a handy lanyard hole grommet.

The Peace Keepers are also available in AUS 8A Stainless Steel.



**#10D Peace Keeper I (AUS 8A Stainless Steel)**  
Suggested Retail: \$161.99

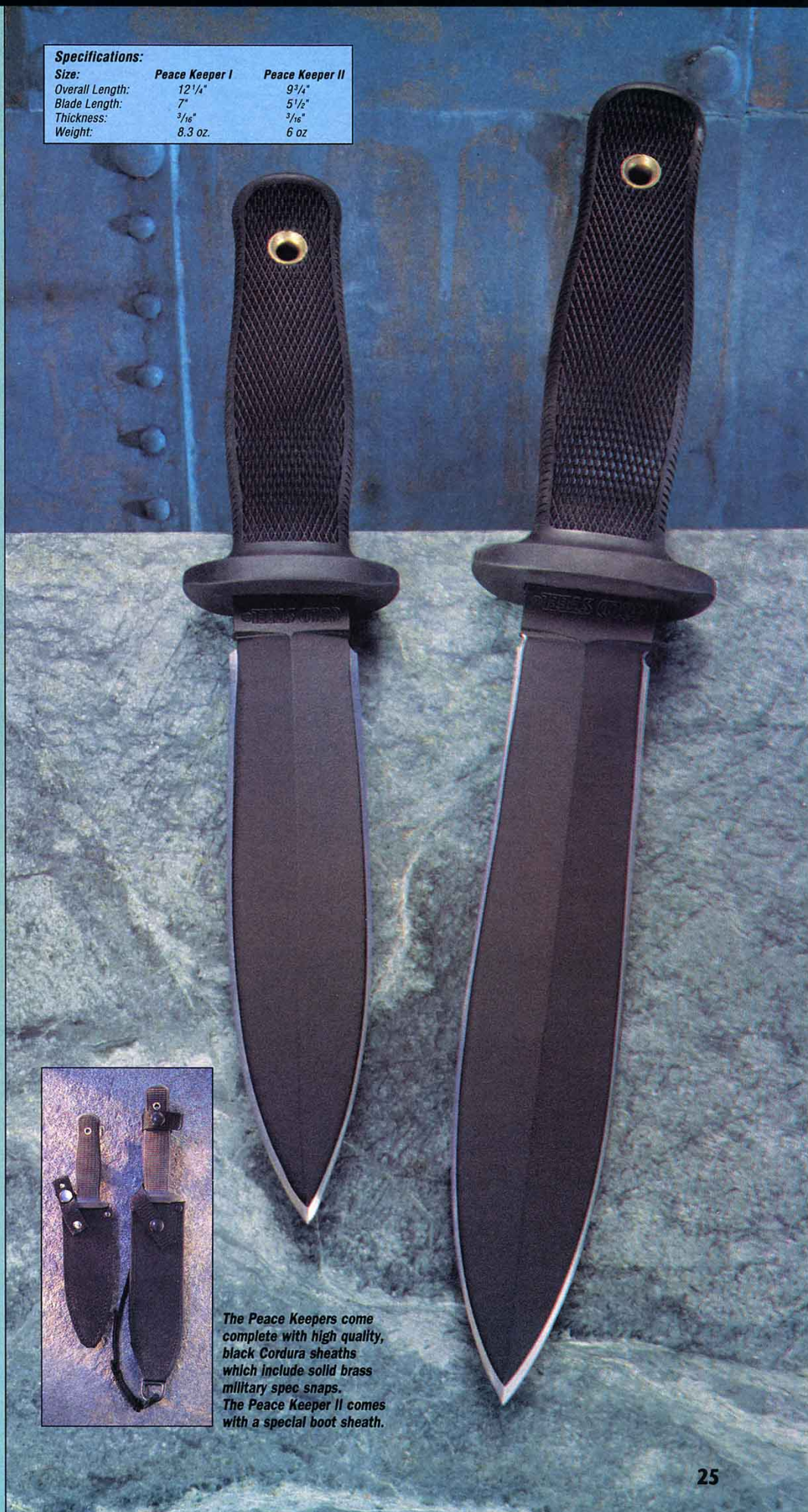
**#10B Peace Keeper II (AUS 8A Stainless Steel)**  
Suggested Retail: \$131.99

**#10CD Peace Keeper I (Carbon V® Steel)**  
Suggested Retail: \$114.99

**#10CB Peace Keeper II (Carbon V® Steel)**  
Suggested Retail: \$89.99

## Specifications:

Size:	Peace Keeper I	Peace Keeper II
Overall Length:	12 1/4"	9 3/4"
Blade Length:	7"	5 1/2"
Thickness:	3/16"	3/16"
Weight:	8.3 oz.	6 oz



The Peace Keepers come complete with high quality, black Cordura sheaths which include solid brass military spec snaps. The Peace Keeper II comes with a special boot sheath.



# World Class Hunting Knives

## Master Hunter



The Master Hunter comes complete with a high quality, black Cordura sheath.

This terrific hunting knife is made right here in the USA from Carbon V® steel.

Its thick, broad blade has been flat ground extra thin with a distinct distal taper for unprecedented cutting ability, edge retention and ease of re-sharpening. The extra keen edge cuts like a straight razor and the dropped point simplifies the task of field dressing and skinning. Plus, the comfortable, well designed grip encourages long use without fatigue. This is the new

standard for an American-made hunting knife.

The Master Hunter has been extensively field tested in Africa, Australia, Alaska and Colorado on over 50 species of big game. It has won the praise of some of the world's finest hunters including Ross Seyfried of Guns and Ammo.

The Master Hunter is also available in our premium AUS 8A Stainless steel for easier maintenance after use.

### #36C Master Hunter (Carbon V®)

Suggested Retail: \$78.99

### #36JS Master Hunter (Stainless Steel)

Suggested Retail: \$98.99

#### Specifications:

Blade:	4 1/2"	Blade (thick):	3/16"
Weight:	6.4oz	Handle:	Kraton®
Steel:	Available in Carbon V® or 8A Stainless Steel		

## Stag Trail Master® A Cold Steel® Classic



Cold Steel® is proud to once again bring you our famous Trail Master® in exclusive Carbon V® Steel and gorgeous Sanbar Stag.

Sanbar, as you may know, is a large stag found primarily in India. Full grown, it can weigh well over 500lbs. The antlers of this beautiful animal have been prized for centuries for use in the finest knife handles. This is not just because of their beautiful shape and color, but their interior construction as well. You see, common deer and elk antlers are to one degree or another spongy on the inside. Sanbar antler, however, is extremely firm and hard on the inside. This very much simplifies the process of fitting the stag round to the blade "tang".

Sanbar stag is also very functional as a handle material. Its surface consists of prominent ridges which offer tremendous traction in the hand. Plus, with a little care it will easily resist the rigors of time and the elements

without rotting or cracking. Over the years, it will become more polished and personal with every use.

Over the last few years it has become increasingly difficult to obtain adequate supplies of perfect Sanbar stag "rounds". So much so that we were forced to withdraw this popular knife from our catalog.

However, Cold Steel® now has succeeded in locating a limited number of these valuable hand picked stag rounds. Just enough to warrant a new production run of beautiful Stag Trail Masters.® All these knives share the design and performance features found in the blade of the original Trail Master.® The only change we made was to modify the tang of the blade. This is to accommodate the solid stag handle which is permanently secured to the steel and capped with a polished brassommel.

If you are a frontiersman, muzzel loader, mountain man, historical re-enactor, six gunner, collector or just

an outdoorsman, this is one knife you can carry and use with pride. But don't delay, act now. These exclusive knives are strictly limited in supply and may not be available again anytime soon.

### #16S Stag Trail Master®

Suggested Retail: \$300.00

#### Specifications:

Blade (Length):	9 1/2"	Overall Length:	14 1/2"
Blade (Thick):	3/16"	Weight:	15oz.
Steel:	Carbon V®	Handle:	Sanbar Stag

The Stag Trail Master comes complete with the sturdy brown leather sheath.





# Bush Ranger



The Bush Ranger is available in Carbon V® or in AUS 8A Stainless Steel. The Carbon V® version comes with a black epoxy powder coat that helps control rust and minimizes light reflection.

Whether you're going into battle or just for a jaunt in the outback for a couple of days, there is one piece of equipment you'll never want to be without and that's the Bush Ranger.

Designed by Lynn C. Thompson to fulfill the need for a rugged, light sheath knife that's large enough to be useful in a real emergency, yet small enough to wear on your belt every day. Weighing in at a mere 8.8 ounces, the Bush Ranger offers unprecedented performance for a knife its size.

## The Blade:

The blade has been flat ground for maximum shearing power, and the razor sharp edge curves continuously from the choil to the very tip. This curve allows the blade to be used in a highly efficient draw cut as well as a chopping stroke. Plus, the extra curve at the tip provides plenty of "belly" for field dressing and skinning.

## 1850's Sheffield Point:

Unlike most clipped point knives made today, the Bush Ranger features a Sheffield point with an extra long false edge. This point style first appeared on Bowie knives made in Sheffield, England for the American

market in the late 1850's. The advantage of this point is it is very sharp and acute for almost dagger-like penetration, while being sturdy enough to resist bending or breaking in the field.

## The Handle:

The Bush Ranger has been ergonomically designed to become a natural extension of your hand. The hilt of the Bush Ranger features a deeply contoured cross section which slows the forward momentum of the hand during insertion and resists the hand's backward movement (in response to centrifugal force) when chopping. For extra traction, the handle has been deeply checkered like a pistol grip and is made entirely out of Kraton®, a space age rubber that is slightly yielding to the touch.

## The Sheath:

Every Bush Ranger comes complete with a black, extra thick Cordura® nylon sheath that will resist the wear and tear of even battlefield environments and won't crack or rot like leather.

Furthermore, it is equipped with a leg tie down lanyard and double military spec solid brass retaining snaps to virtually eliminate accidental loss in the field.

### #37JS Bush Ranger ( 8A Stainless Steel)

Suggested Retail: \$143.99

### #37CF Bush Ranger (Carbon V® Steel)

Suggested Retail: \$114.99

#### Specifications:

Blade Length:	7 1/2"	Overall Length:	12 1/2"
Thickness:	3/16"	Weight:	8.8 oz.



The Bush Ranger comes complete with this rugged black Cordura® Sheath.



# Carbon V® Field Performance

## Recon Tanto

Over the last 14 years, Cold Steel® has established the Tanto as a superior combat blade. And the value of the Tanto style reinforced point is now without question. Our superb Japanese Tantos are still unsurpassed for fit and finish, but are quite expensive, and beyond the reach of many knife lovers. Now we've combined a 7" blade, classic Tanto styling, the strength of Carbon V® steel and

a comfortable, western-style Kraton® handle in a very affordable package.

Backed by the strength of Carbon V® Steel the Recon Tanto is redefining the standard for combat knives. It is fast becoming the preferred fixed blade for SWAT teams and special military units.

But don't just take our word for it! Visit your local dealer. Feel the quality and test the razor sharp edge and you'll see why, as a professional, this is one knife you can't afford to be without!



The Recon Tanto comes complete with this sturdy, black cordura sheath

**#13RT Recon Tanto**  
Suggested Retail: \$89.99

**Specifications:**

Blade: 7" (Long)	Blade (Thick): 3/16"
Steel: Carbon V®	Weight: 9 oz.
Handle: 4 3/4"	Finish: Epoxy Powder Coat

The June 1993 issue of Shooting Industry magazine held a delightful surprise for Cold Steel®. It contained our award for the Recon Tanto, which was recognized as the 1993 Specialty Product of the Year.



SHOOTING INDUSTRY  
ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE  
Best New Specialty Product



A Public Service **WARNING**  
From Cold Steel, Inc.

# BEWARE OF TANTO IMPOSTORS!

The Tanto designed by Lynn C. Thompson, has become tremendously popular since its introduction in 1981.

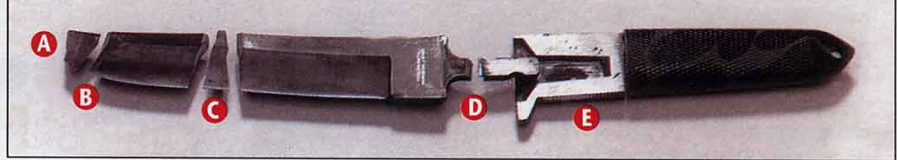
Over the years, many companies in Spain, France, Taiwan, Japan and even here in the USA, (the infamous Tennessee Knife Mafia) have tried to trade on the Tanto's unique good looks and phenomenal performance. Their goal was to fool the public with cheaply fabricated imposters that aped the look but in reality fell short in materials, workmanship and overall performance. In some instances, they used cheap pot

metal handles (like the one shown below), in others they used third rate TPR rubber (never Kraton®), and chrome or brass plated "cheapo" castings and junk-yard steel. In every case, they have succeeded in ripping off their customers.

made look-alikes and had them tested by Master Bladesmith Dan Maragni (of the American Bladesmith Society). With his permission, we are reprinting pertinent parts of his report on the test knife below..... a typical imposter.

Cold Steel has purchased a number of these poorly

## A Typical Impostor



- A. "Stabbed point into dry, hard maple and snapped out losing 3/16" of point. Drove into maple 3/4" and snapped out losing 3/4" of point."
- B. "Placed blade in vise to yokote (7/8" from where point was) and applied light pressure-blade bent slightly and then snapped.

- C. "Placed blade in vise 3 1/2" from shoulder and applied moderate pressure by hand and blade bent 10°. Heavier pressure snapped blade and broke the hilt."
- D. "Placed blade in vise at edge/ricasso transition and applied pipe very lightly - tang snapped and hilt broke."

- E. "Obviously the hilt is a very weak point in the construction of these knives. Upon sectioning of the hilts I found them to be a pretty poor casting (note grain structure and holes) with the blade only extending into them 1 3/8". It also appears that the only thing holding the blade in the hilt is a small amount of epoxy."

## Excerpts from Mastersmith Maragni's conclusions on Tanto impostors:

"The wide variations exhibited by these two knives leads me to believe that the quality control in the heat treatment is very poor. Not only does it vary widely from knife to knife, but also from place to place on the same blade."

"The hilts on these knives are atrocious, not only are they very poorly constructed but they are also very uncomfortable to use. They are difficult to grip, and heavy and awkward to cut or chop with. They are also fairly easily broken and removed from the blade."

# The Genuine Cold Steel Tanto

**When subjected to the same above tests by Mastersmith Maragni, the Cold Steel Tanto: "...amazed me with its ultimate toughness... and suffered no chipping, breaking, or any other ill effects."**



The seed that became Cold Steel Inc., was planted in 1980 when Lynn C. Thompson broke a well known competitor's knife during an afternoon martial arts practice. Lynn was shocked at this occurrence, but continued his training with a spare. Lo and behold, the spare knife broke in the same manner, losing 3/4" off the tip. Right then, Lynn saw the need for a combat knife, tough enough to take on the real world, where a broken knife could cost your life!

The answer appeared in 1981 when Lynn introduced his new,

east meets west design called the Tanto. Its unique armor piercing point has been hammered through 55 gallon steel drums and even car doors without apparent damage. It has been driven 5/8" into hard maple blocks and then forced sharply sideways without chipping or snapping (try that with the competition!). In independent tests, Mastersmith Dan Maragni of the American Bladesmith Society and Soldier of Fortune magazine's former knife editor, Bill Bagwell, have been unable to break the

blade by hand pressure alone when it was locked in a vise. In fact, it took the leverage of a 3 foot pipe just to bend it!

Now, after almost 15 years in continuous production, the Tanto has proved to be the knife of choice for active police, military and rescue personnel around the world. And in the following pages you can see why so many people from all walks of life have chosen to bet their life on this classic knife.



# The Tanto Series

## The Tanto

The Tanto features a stainless steel guard and pommel for easier maintenance, plus a full 6" long blade and a restyled guard for increased finger protection. The Tanto is available in both AUS 8A Stainless and San Mai III™ Laminated stainless (Master Tanto).

**Eye Catching Finish:** To make each Tanto "pop out" and grab all the attention it so richly deserves, we have given each blade two costly finishes. A deep lustrous satin finish is used on the hollow ground blade bevels and a line grain finish is applied to the flat spine. The combination of these two finishes act to highlight our state of the art grinding and emphasize the Tanto's unique appearance.



When it comes to cutting, slashing or piercing, the Cold Steel® Tantos can't be beat. There is no factory or custom knife that can begin to approach their legendary toughness and here you can see why, after 15 years, no one has challenged this claim.



Even the tough curved surface of a 55 gallon steel drum is no match for the Tanto's reinforced point! Lynn was able to pierce the drum's surface another 22 times without damaging the knife's tip.



### #13ASG Mini Tanto

Suggested Retail: \$207.99

#### Specifications:

Blade Length: 4 1/4"

Weight: 4.1oz

Steel: AUS 8A Stainless Steel



### #13MBII

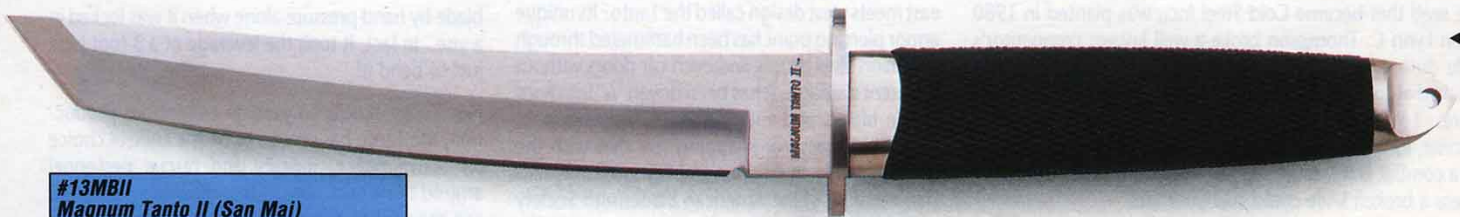
#### Magnum Tanto II (San Mai)

Suggested Retail: \$364.99

#### Specifications:

Blade Length: 7 1/2"

Weight: 11.4oz







**#13AN Tanto**  
Sugg. Retail: \$238.99

**#13BN Master Tanto**  
Sugg. Retail: \$313.99

**Specifications:**

Blade: 6"	Handle: 5 7/8"
Handle: Kraton®	Weight: 9.5 oz.
Steel: Tanto	Master Tanto
AUS 8A Stainless	San Mai III
Guard & Pommel are 300 Series Stainless	

The Tantos come complete with high quality black leather sheaths.



**Collectors!**

Display your Tantos with this elegant stand. Black lacquered wood with the Cold Steel Logo.

**#D17C**

**Three Level Stand**

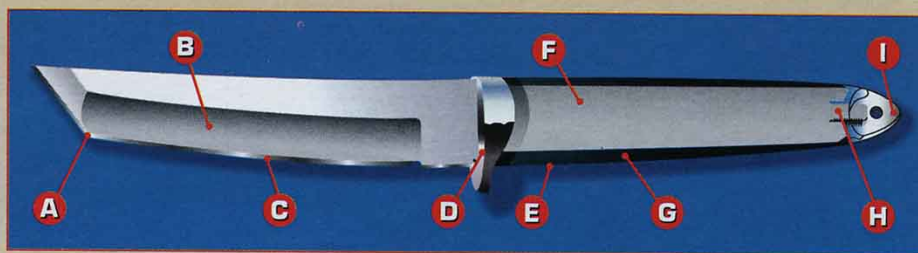
Sugg. Retail: \$29.95

**The Mini Tanto**

The Mini Tanto looks like its big brother, the Magnum Tanto II, complete with all stainless steel fittings, including a traditional oval guard (tsuba). This is the Tanto scaled down to the smallest practical size. The result; a perfect boot/belt knife. Minimal weight and size combine with maximum sharpness, cutting power and point strength to outperform much larger knives.

**The Magnum Tanto II**

This second generation Magnum Tanto has a blade of 7.5 inches. The design offers perfect visual and physical balance. Just two ounces heavier than the Tanto, the Magnum Tanto II provides a full 30% increase in cutting power. Combine that with the visual impact of a tsuba-style (sword) guard and you have perhaps the ideal Tanto.



**A Secondary Point:**

The secondary edge, sweeping up to the tip of the blade, allows effective slashing at full arm extension. Plus, where it joins the primary edge, it forms a secondary point that simultaneously cuts and pierces on impact.

**B Hollow Grind:**

Deep hollow grind provides a surgically sharp edge despite the massive blade spine. It also creates a distinctive contrast with the line grain finish on the blade's flat surfaces.

**C Perfect Curve/Razor Sharp:**

Perfect 23° curve for maximum cutting efficiency, and hand honed and buffed to razor sharpness.

**D Guard:**

Stainless steel guard, with a new shape for added finger protection.

**E Unique Handle:**

Ergonomically designed, the handle is deeply checkered and oval, so it's very comfortable and won't roll or twist in the hand.

**F Full Tang Construction:**

The Tanto Series features full tang construction. This means the massive blade extends through the interior of the handle to the pommel for maximum strength.

**Non-Slip Grip:**

G Kraton® is a space-age rubber compound, first used in the knife industry by Cold Steel. It offers an unparalleled non-slip grip that is slightly yielding to the touch for comfort yet it won't warp, rot, crack or mildew.

**H Pommel Stud:**

A threaded stud is permanently welded to a notch in the tang. Its special alloy steel is able to absorb the tremendous forces generated by blows struck with the pommel.



**I Pommel:**

Tapered, semi-pointed shape of the polished stainless steel provides maximum force at the point of impact.

The original Tanto established Cold Steel as the industry leader in design and quality. Now, after more than ten years, it's the knife of choice for active military and police personnel around the World. Here you can see all the reasons why this is a truly classic knife.



**Manila Rope:**

This is the manila hemp rope we use for cutting tests with our large fixed blade knives. It is 1 1/4" in diameter and extremely tough. The abrasive nature of the hemp fibers also offer an excellent test of edge holding ability. The sequence below demonstrates the Tanto's phenomenal cutting power as Lynn C. Thompson severs the rope in a single stroke.



**Reinforced Point:**

This is the strongest point design available. As you can see, the blade spine retains its full thickness almost to the tip. Yet the point offers dagger-like potential, combined with a leading edge that shears as it penetrates.



**San Mai III™**

If you look closely at the picture below you will be able to see a fine line about 3/16" from the edge of the blade. This is the San Mai III lamination line. It marks the junction between two types of steel. This laminate is over 25% stronger than the incredibly tough AUS 8A stainless in the Tanto.



**From our Mailbox...**

**"...the majority of firemen who admire my knife think paying over one hundred dollars for a knife is crazy. But they always come to me for use of my Tanto."**

I am a full-time paid firefighter and an avid knife collector. I have been carrying one of your standard Tantos for over five years now and would like to comment on what I think of your product after extended and sometimes severe use.

I carry my Tanto in a Kydex sheath in the right hand pocket of my bunker coat. I have literally cut my way into and out of fires in all sorts of structures to include metal, wood, sheet rock and lathe and plaster. This knife I carry is very tough and gives me great confidence in my ability to get into or out of the structures I come across. Two days ago I literally dismantled a car seat and dash which were on fire. I've converted a couple of my buddies who now also carry Tantos but the majority of firemen who admire my knife think paying over one hundred dollars for a knife is crazy. But they always come to me for use of my Tanto.

I also enjoy giving demonstrations of the power of the reverse hold by jamming my Tanto through the fenders of the cars we train on with the Jaws of Life. My Tanto went through the last car 37 times with no damage what so ever. Everyone always does the same thing. They look at the tip to see what damage has been done."

"Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. (I'm) someone whose life depends on your product every day I go to work."

Randall Scott Key, Hutchinson, Kansas



# Tai Pan



**#13D Tai Pan**  
Suggested Retail: \$347.99

**Specifications:**  
Blade Length: 7 1/2"  
Overall Length: 13"  
Weight: 10.8oz  
Steel: AUS 8A Stainless Steel

*The Tai Pan comes complete with a high quality black leather sheath.*



**Knife Stand**  
Display your Tai Pan with this distinctive stand. The Stand is painted black and features a brass plaque with the Cold Steel Logo.

**#D17A Single Level Stand**  
Sugg. Retail: \$19.95

Like its serpent namesake, the Tai Pan is aggressively fast and deadly. Designed by Lynn C. Thompson in the distinctive "Tanto" style, the Tai Pan embodies all the best features of a classic dagger while minimizing its shortcomings. Just take a look at all it has to offer:

**Steel:** The Tai Pan utilizes the same AUS 8A stainless steel that is found in our super tough Tanto Series.

**Spear Point Blade:** Most daggers are notorious for having thin, fragile points that are easily broken. In contrast, the Tai Pan features a sturdy spear point which is wide and thick enough to resist breaking without compromising its ability to offer deep, effortless penetration.

**Razor-Sharp Twin Edges:** The Tai Pan's razor sharp twin edges offer twice the potential cuts, slashes and locks of a single edged knife. When used with skill, the Tai Pan can cut a 180° arc up or down or from side to side with devastating effect.

**Rugged Blade:** The Tai Pan's wide, thick, full tang blade is strong enough to mount any slashing or stabbing attack. However, due to its double bevel construction, it is not suitable for prying.

**Weight & Balance:** The balance point of the Tai Pan is just behind the guard for a slightly "handle heavy" feel that is ideal for making insertions yet remains "lively" in the hand. At 10.8 ounces, the Tai Pan is light

enough to carry all day yet heavy enough to deliver devastating cuts and slashes.

**Handle:** Like its cousin, the Tanto, the Tai Pan features a tapered, black Kraton® handle with a unique flattened oval cross section. Over time, this material and handle shape have proven ideal at preventing the knife from shifting or turning in the hand even under the worst circumstances.

**Guard & Pommel:** Meticulously fashioned from 300 series stainless steel, the traditional style tsuba and bolster offer both added safety and beauty. The Tai Pan's butt terminates in a tapered, semi-pointed pommel to maximize the effect of even the slightest blow.



# Culloden



**#11SS Culloden in AUS 8A Stainless Steel**  
(Serrated Edge, includes Boot Sheath)  
Suggested Retail: \$101.99

**#11C Culloden in Carbon V® Steel**  
(Plain Edge, includes Boot Sheath)  
Suggested Retail: \$79.99

**Specifications:**  
Blade Length: 5"  
Overall Length: 8 1/2"  
Thickness: 1/8"  
Weight: 2.8

## Optional Stocking Top Sheath

This traditional stocking top sheath can be purchased as an additional Culloden accessory. It comes in black leather with 1 3/4" belt slots which support a Cordura sheath with a plastic liner to help prevent accidental perforation. Also includes a wide elastic band with Velcro® fasteners.



## #SL11S Culloden Stocking Sheath

Suggested Retail: \$14.99

Skean Dhu means "Black Knife" in Gaelic (the ancient language of the British Isles). It is a small yet deadly knife with a distinctive carved wooden handle. Typically, these knives were carried covertly on one's person or wedged in a stocking top in the style of the kilt-clad highland warriors.

Now Cold Steel® is pleased to introduce a modern, updated version of this romantic and historically significant knife.

The Culloden, designed by Lynn C. Thompson, commemorates by name, the Scottish nation's last heroic battle at Culloden on April the sixteenth, 1746, and offers today's warrior an alternative to the traditional double edged boot knife. Take a few moments and read about this knife's extraordinary features, and we're sure you'll want to make the Culloden a part of your daily wardrobe.

## Blade —

The thin, acutely pointed tip of the Culloden is as sharp as the proverbial needle and is ideally suited for

piercing. It is so sharp and efficient, you'll be amazed at the effortless way it glides through just about any soft material. What's more, its saber ground, extra thin edge has been honed by hand to true razor like sharpness.

The traditional "jimping" on the back of the blade is both decorative and functional. It provides an aggressive, non-slip platform for the thumb or forefinger, allowing each to bear downward as needed for maximum control

## Handle —

In keeping with the minimalist theme of the original Skean Dhu, the Culloden's diminutive handle measures a mere 3 7/16 of an inch long. Don't let its small size fool you. The handle has been specially designed to afford a wide variety of comfortable and secure grips. Its palm hugging profile closely resembles a number of traditional styles so it will look right at home wedged in a stocking top. Its cross section has been made extra thin and flat so it hugs the body within its sheath and resists rolling or twisting when in the hand.

To maximize its grip, it is made of deeply checked Kraton® which has an adhering quality that makes it "stick" in wet hands, yet remains resilient enough to take the shock of even the hardest blow.

## Sheath —

Every Culloden comes complete with a quality black Cordura sheath which includes a boot/belt clip. It's been specially designed for an inconspicuous presence and features a hard plastic liner to reduce the likelihood of accidents.



The Culloden comes complete with this versatile Cordura sheath that includes a boot clip.



# The R1 Military Classic

This design first appeared in 1942 and was quickly adopted by troops in WWII who were looking for a quality, dependable knife. It soon became legendary as a first class all-round combat weapon. Since WWII it has seen action in every major conflict, including Korea, Vietnam, Central America and the Persian Gulf.

Now you can own an exact replica of this original classic for less than half the price! But make no mistake, our R1 Military Classic is not just a showpiece. It's a high performance combat weapon. Each one is made to Cold Steel quality standards for a knife that you can bet your life on!

The blade is crafted from the finest premium stainless over  $\frac{3}{16}$ " thick. It's the same steel found in our famous Tanto Series.

Each one is flawlessly ground, hand fitted, polished and then honed until it will cut at the slightest touch.

For strength and beauty the double guard has been meticulously fashioned from a single piece of highly rust resistant 300 Series stainless steel (instead of brass or nickel silver that can tarnish). It sports an extremely fine buffed and polished surface that will defy the ravages of time and weather.

The handle is hand made from solid black linen micarta. This is extremely costly, but nothing else looks or lasts like micarta! Each one is contoured and shaped until perfect then permanently mated to the heavy blade tang with attractive colored fiber spacers. The final assembly is then buffed and polished to a fine luster.

The R1 comes complete with a heavy duty brown leather sheath complete with Fine India sharpening stone and pouch. This rugged sheath is built to offer years of faithful service and is designed to fit on virtually any belt including a GI pistol belt.



**#14R1 Military Classic w/ Premium Sheath**  
Suggested Retail: \$147.00

**#SL14R1 Sheath Only (with stone)**  
Suggested Retail: \$37.50

**Specifications:**

Length: 7" Overall Length: 11 $\frac{5}{8}$ "  
Thickness:  $\frac{3}{16}$ " Weight: 9.25 oz.  
AUS 8A Stainless Steel Blade, 300 Series Stainless Guard  
Black Linen Micarta Handle  
Sheath is heavy, oil tanned leather with Stone pouch.  
Stone is Norton Fine India.



# The Black Bear Classic

This classic sub-hilt design fighter was first developed by Bob Loveless, one of the founding members of the knifemaker's guild. It is perhaps the quintessential combat knife. Its 8" blade offers excellent reach and incredible penetration with very little physical effort. And the sub hilt practically eliminates the possibility of the hand being dislodged or coming into contact with the blade. Plus, as an added bonus, the sub hilt facilitates rapid and effortless withdrawal after insertion.

Versions of this design are offered by hundreds of custom knife makers at prices ranging from \$450 to several thousand dollars.

At Cold Steel, we thought it was about time to offer premium sub-hilt performance at a more down to earth price, so we designed the Black Bear Classic. As with the R1 Military Classic, we export the micarta from the USA and the premium steel from Japan. We then follow the production process all the way from raw materials to the finished knives. As you can see, the results are spectacular. These knives have all the features you would normally expect in a custom knife, but at less than half the cost!

We use the same high carbon stainless that is found in our famous Tanto series. The blades are perfectly heat treated and a double edge grind is expertly applied. Then the surface of the blade is brushed to a handsome satin finish. And finally, the twin edges are honed and buffed to hair shaving sharpness.

The black linen micarta handle scales are pinned to the blade tang and expertly hand shaped. Then the whole assembly is buffed to a lustrous shine.

This knife is truly eye-catching. It is one that will impress and also one that you can rely on since the quality is backed by Cold Steel.

The Black Bear comes complete with a rugged black leather sheath which includes a Norton Fine India sharpening stone and pouch. For improved comfort it is equipped with an adjustable swivel belt loop and for security, features two retaining straps with military spec snaps.

## #14BBC Black Bear Classic

Suggested Retail: \$219.99

## #SL14BBC Sheath Only

Suggested Retail: \$47.95

### Specifications:

Blade Length:	8 1/4"	Overall Length:	13 1/2"
Thickness:	3/16"	Weight:	12.7 oz.
AUS 8A Stainless Steel Blade, 300 Series Stainless Guard			
Black Linen Micarta Handle			
Sheath is black leather with stone pouch.			
Stone is Norton Fine India.			





# Voyager™ Lockbacks

Due to their light weight and convenience, Zytel handled lockbacks have gained enormous popularity at the expense of heavier, traditional lockbacks with their metal bolsters and wooden scale handles. Our Voyager™ Series is the new generation of these ultra-light knives and are sure to be the standard by which others are judged for years to come!

The Voyager™ Series are made from the same premium stainless steel that goes into our famous Tanto. They feature precision milled and hand fitted parts with extra stiff springs. This provides a lock that is safer and stronger than most traditional folders. The blades are extremely wide and ground thin at the edge for tremendous shearing potential. This thin edge allows us to hone the blade to astounding sharpness. Plus, the cutting surface is continuously curved along its entire length for the most efficient possible slicing action. And because of the high carbon content in the stainless steel, you'll find that the sharpness really lasts.

If you like serrations, you'll really appreciate our exclusive pattern. It offers the aggressive ripping action of serrated teeth, but with a twist. Our design features groups of very small teeth separated by wide, shallow arcs. This results in the benefits of both a plain and a serrated edge, so that the knife still cuts smoothly through almost any material.

The Voyager™ Series offers all the advantages of the latest in lockback construction technology including lightening-quick, one-handed opening, light weight and strength, yet without the necessity for unsightly humps or holes in the blade. The result is a more appealing traditional look with very modern styling. Every detail has been designed for maximum performance from the reinforced pivot pin, and the integral clip, to the grooved thumb shelf on the back of the knife for extra traction. Plus, the handle offers a superbly comfortable non-slip grip and it houses the blade in a sleek, super-light package that can be carried all day without effort.

As tools, these lightweight, super sharp knives are appropriate in almost any environment from hunting and camping, to hiking and general utility chores. They can also readily fill specialty functions such as a boat or river knife, a chute knife or demanding police/survival/rescue applications.

## From Our Mailbox...

### "Sharpest Knife at the SHOT Show"

I am writing this letter to inform you of an experience with my Voyager™ knife at the 1995 SHOT Show.

I went to the Damascus Glove booth to see the Slashguard Gloves. They demonstrated this new product that was designed to protect the hand from slash wounds. They demonstrated with their own knife and I asked how it worked with a good sharp knife. They said it worked with any knife. I pulled out my Cold Steel Voyager™ with a serrated blade and said, "Let's see". He tried it out and the Cold Steel cut through the glove. Luckily he had another layer on below. At this point, we had the attention of the booth. They tried again with a brand new liner. Again my Cold Steel went through. They stated this was the sharpest knife they had seen at the SHOT Show.

I must say that we tried several other knives on this glove liner and the liners held up quite well. This shows that Damascus has a very good product, but Cold Steel has an exceptional product. I work for a large metro police department, my partner and I carry Cold Steel Voyager™ Knives every day. Thank you for making a quality, professional product.

— R. Wyatt, Aurora, CO



#### 3 Level Lockback Stand

Display your Voyagers™ with this distinctive stand. The Stand is painted black and features a brass plaque with the Cold Steel Logo.

**#D17B Lockback Stand**  
Sugg. Retail: \$24.95

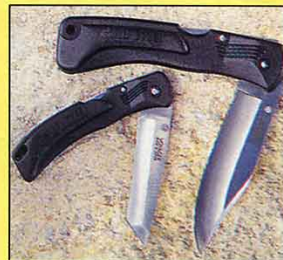
# Voyager™ Features



The Voyager™ offers excellent traction for a really secure grip when doing close work. Plus, a lanyard hole for added security in marine environments etc.



Our unique serration pattern offers long lasting, extra-smooth cutting power in a wide variety of materials.



You'll be amazed at the lightness of this knife. Just slip it in your pocket or waistband and you'll forget it's even there until you need it. Then you'll be amazed once again at the strength and cutting potential it gives you!



Our Zytel® integral clip is licensed from Spyderco, Inc. We have made it as strong and tough as possible. However ALL plastic clips are relatively fragile and will break if treated roughly or snagged on a foreign object. To minimize the possibility of breaking your clip, always attach your Voyager™ as shown (left).



## What do you need this big 5 inch Voyager™ for...?

This is a question you are bound to hear from people who don't realize the blade that came on their Swiss Army® Knife or Leatherman® Tool is too short to make the single, life saving cut required in some emergencies. For example, last summer Lynn Thompson was attending a local horse show. During the program a nearby

horse fell down and became tangled in its lead rope. Panic set in as the terrified animal thrashed and kicked trying to free itself. Immediately bystanders began to shout "get a knife!" That's when Lynn stepped in between flailing hooves and severed the one inch thick rope with a single swipe of his big Voyager.™



# The Complete Voyager™ Series

## Extra Large Voyagers™ — 5 Inch Blades

**#34XC Extra Large  
Clip Point**  
Suggested Retail: \$107.99

**#34XCS Extra Large  
Clip Point Serrated**  
Suggested Retail: \$107.99

## Large Voyagers™ 4 Inch Blades

**#34LC Large Clip Point**  
Suggested Retail: \$78.99

**#34LCS Large Clip  
Point Serrated**  
Suggested Retail: \$78.99

**#34LT Large Tanto Point**  
Suggested Retail: \$91.99

**#34LTS Large Tanto  
Point Serrated**  
Suggested Retail: \$91.99

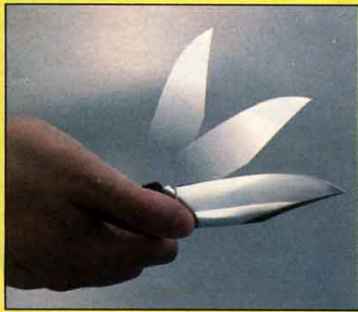
## Medium Voyagers™ 3 Inch Blades

**#34MC Medium  
Clip Point**  
Suggested Retail: \$65.99

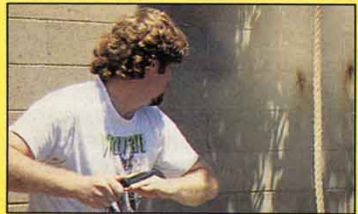
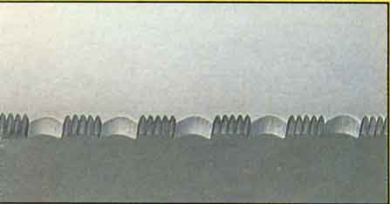
**#34MCS Medium  
Clip Point Serrated**  
Suggested Retail: \$65.99

**#34MT Medium  
Tanto Point**  
Suggested Retail: \$78.99

**#34MTS Medium  
Tanto Point Serrated**  
Suggested Retail: \$78.99



The Voyagers™ open effortlessly with just one hand, so they're ideal when you're working "short handed." The thumb stud is reversible for left handed operation.



In the sequence above, you see a 3.3 ounce Serrated Clip Point Voyager™ powering all the way through a 1" thick, free hanging manila hemp rope in a single stroke. We know of many expensive, custom knives that weigh five times as much, yet can't duplicate this feat!

The 5" Voyager™ is shown here at actual size



There just wasn't time to attempt to sever that rope by sawing laboriously back and forth with a short blade until it parted. Lynn had to make that cut in a big hurry—the first time—or risk getting his head kicked off.

Specifications:	X Large	Large	Large	Medium	Medium
Blade Style:	Clip	Clip	Tanto	Clip	Tanto
Blade Length:	5"	4"	4"	3"	3"
Handle Length:	6"	5 1/8"	5 1/8"	3 1/8"	3 1/8"
Length Open:	11"	9 1/8"	9 1/8"	6 1/8"	6 1/8"
Blade (thick):	1/8"	1/8"	1/8"	1/16"	1/16"
Weight:	4.8oz.	3.3 oz.	3.3 oz.	1.6oz.	1.6oz.



# Kitchen Knives

Over the last few years we have studied hundreds of different kitchen knives from Japan, Germany, Italy, France, Sweden and the U.S. It was an eye-opening experience! We were amazed by the poor quality, dull and often warped blades that we encountered. We found that most were over-priced and under-utilized. Typically, a set of knives in a wooden block is given as a gift. It's a great idea, but in reality, only one or maybe two of the knives are ever used on a day-to-day basis. And these knives quickly dull, because they usually are made from cheap steel and have plain edges.

That's why we decided to start our Kitchen Series with serrated blades in the two most popular sizes, 5" (K5) and 7" (K7) lengths. And both of these are without doubt the sharpest kitchen and utility knives you have ever experienced!

We started with the incredibly tough, premium AUS 8A stainless steel found in our Tantos, rolled to a thickness of 1.5mm.

The traditional "Hocho" style blades are 1 1/2" wide. They are flat ground from top to bottom and then honed to a serrated edge that is astoundingly sharp. The edge also has a continuous curve from the handle, right to the point. This configuration results in unparalleled shearing potential. Now you can slice tomatoes wafer thin and cut through vegetables and meat with virtually no resistance.

Months of development and testing paid off in this new, exclusive serration pattern. It simply outperforms the competition to provide smooth long lasting cutting power.

If you already own a Cold Steel knife you know that we pride ourselves on having the sharpest

The Kitchen Series come with polypropylene sleeves.



Kitchen Series:	#45K5S (5 inch)	#45K7S (7 inch)
Sugg. Retail:	\$30.99	\$37.99
<b>Specifications:</b>		
Blade Length:	5"	7"
Thickness:	1.5mm	
Steel:	AUS 8A Stainless Steel	
Handle:	Kraton®	
Sleeve:	Black Polypropylene	

knives in the business. But even we were amazed by the edge on these kitchen knives! You have to try it to believe it!

Our kitchen knives are "full tang" for strength and come complete with comfortable, durable Kraton® handles and protective polypropylene sleeves.

Now all you hunters, shooters, fishermen, firemen, carpenters, mechanics and other knife lovers who swear by Cold Steel performance can bring it home to the kitchen and enjoy it every day, with the Kitchen Series. These new kitchen knives are guaranteed to put the fun back into food preparation!

## From our mailbox...

*I purchased a set of your K5 and K7 kitchen knives for my wife as a Christmas present. Her initial response, "more knives for the kitchen" turned to utter amazement as she began to use them. Their cutting performance is simply astounding as is their ability to hold an edge. They literally glided through tough cutting jobs in the kitchen including cold salt pork which was previously difficult to cut even with a 10 inch chef's knife. Your claims for these knives are not boasts, just the facts somewhat understated.*

— F. Liberatore, Massachusetts

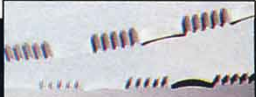
## Hai Hocho The Hai Hocho Is Perfect Anywhere!

In Japan, "Hocho" means "Knife", and the distinctive shape of the traditional Hocho can be found in every area of Japanese life. Now, with the Hai Hocho Cold Steel brings this tremendously versatile blade shape to the U.S. You'll find it's perfect for cooking, camping, fishing, boating, in fact, wherever you need a sharp, handy knife.

Exactly like our Kitchen Knives, but in a handy 3" utility length, the Hai Hocho is perfect for any cutting chore.

The precision molded sheath is made from tough, Zytel® and is self draining for use around water. It clips onto the blade with a patented mechanism.

The Hai Hocho is only 6 1/2" long and less than 1/2" thick! In its sheath it weighs just 2.4 ounces! When you consider the cutting potential of this knife and the substantial grip it offers, this is truly amazing! It makes the Hai Hocho the natural choice when you're lightening your pack but you need guaranteed big knife performance!



The Kitchen Series and the Hai Hocho all feature our exclusive new serration pattern for the sharpest smoothest cutting you have ever experienced!

#45NST Hai Hocho
Suggested Retail: \$37.99
<b>Specifications:</b>
Blade Length: 3"
Weight: 2.4oz.
Steel: AUS 8A Stainless Steel
Handle: Kraton®



# Utility Knives

## Ready Edge

The Ready Edge® offers all the strength of a fixed blade knife in the size of a folder! This stainless steel knife with its sheath weighs in at just 1.3oz. Yet the 2" spear point blade is 3/4" wide, double hollow ground to a razor-sharp edge and then equipped with aggressive serrations for efficient cutting in a wide range of materials. It's the knife of choice in our shipping department for ripping open heavy cartons and we've tried it on thick carpet and nylon

rope. Scuba divers are using it, and dealers in Alaska tell us it has become a favorite among the fishermen there for cutting nets and heavy line.

You can really get a grip on the Ready Edge's ergonomic Kraton® handle. Plus, fixed-blade construction provides superior leverage over any similar size folding knife for added power when cutting and piercing tough materials.

The Ready Edge has a tough patented Zytel® quick-release sheath. So it's perfect for when you're hard at work. The sheath also has a handy spring clip, so you can attach the Ready Edge practically anywhere: on a backpack, zipper pull, wrist lanyard, belt loop or key ring!



## Mini Pal Keychain Knife

This cutting dynamo is only 1/2 an ounce in weight and about 2" long, yet it delivers heavyweight performance! The razor-sharp edge features our new serration, so it zips through a host of materials at unbelievable speed. Plus, the Mini Pal's unique handle offers a variety of grips that would be impossible with any other design. The 1" long, spear point blade can slice open delicate packages

and envelopes or punch through heavy cartons.

Every Mini Pal comes complete with a patented quick-release sheath. This tough Zytel® sheath is ready to clip on a key chain, belt loop, jacket zipper or lanyard. So the Mini Pal can go anywhere with you. It's so light that you won't even notice it, but you'll use it every day!

Try one... we know you'll love it!



**#42NS Ready Edge**  
Suggested Retail: \$25.99

**Specifications:**  
Weight: 1.3oz Handle: Kraton®  
Blade: 2" (Length) 2.5mm (Thick)  
Steel: 420J2

**#43NS Mini Pal**  
Suggested Retail: \$25.99

**Specifications:**  
Weight: .5oz Handle: Kraton®  
Blade: 1" (Length) 2mm (Thick)  
Steel: 420J2

THE MINI PAL IS NOT FOR SALE IN CANADA

The Mini Pal and Ready Edge are shown here at actual size

# Kiridashi The original Japanese utility knife!



Traditionally carried in the sleeve pocket of the Kimono, by both Samurai and peasant alike, the Kiridashi is now used by practically everyone in Japan from children to grown craftsmen. In many ways it is the Japanese equivalent of the western pocket knife. And it's used for everything from whittling, carving and paring to every conceivable cutting chore. Now Cold Steel has updated this famous classic for the '90's. The razor sharp high

carbon blade of our Kiridashi is mated with a handsome, comfortable wooden handle and is sheathed in a snap-on high impact synthetic sheath. Each Kiridashi is stamped Cold Steel as your guarantee of quality.

**#48K Kiridashi Knife**  
Suggested Retail: \$17.99

**Specifications:**  
Blade Length: 2 3/16" Weight: 1.8 oz.  
Steel: High Carbon



# ER<sup>1</sup> Emergency Rescue Knife

Emergency Rescue is a regular occurrence for Police, Fire and Paramedic personnel. And emergency situations on land and sea often require an extra sharp knife.

The ER1 was designed with this in mind. It features a patented sliding lock mechanism that offers an easily accessible blade in a very safe package. When closed, the razor-sharp blade is locked securely inside a tough Zytel® housing.

To open: simply slide the button forward until it snaps into place. Once in the open position the ER1 has been laboratory certified to withstand at least 50 lbs of pressure on the point without collapsing and yet the whole package weighs a feather-light 1.6 ounces!

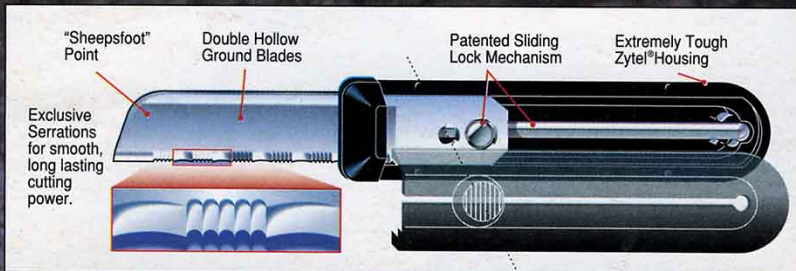
The blade is hollow ground like a straight razor and has our exclusive serration pattern for smooth long-lasting cutting power. As an added safety feature, the ER1 has a "sheepsfoot" point. This is particularly useful in accident situations for cutting away seat belts or heavy clothing, where a more pointed blade is less desirable.

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**Hanging  
by a  
Thread!**

Here, Lynn Thompson almost severed a one inch thick free hanging rope, with a single swipe from his ER1. This knife offers unbelievable cutting power in a feather light package.



**#32NS The ER<sup>1</sup>**  
Suggested Retail: \$36.99

**Specifications:**  
Blade Length: 3"    Handle: 4"  
Steel: AUS 8A (2mm thick)  
Body: Zytel®  
Weight: 1.6oz