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There's nothing like a Kershaw. From award-winning Kershaw technologies to the solid "thwack" of the blade lockup to those controversial pocketclips, when you're carrying a Kershaw, you know you're carrying the real thing. For design, innovation, quality, and genuine pride of ownership, Kershaw is the one.



Kai USA, Ltd., founded as Kershaw Knives in 1974, began with one mission: to design and manufacture tools that knife users would be proud to own, carry, and use. Today, premium materials, state-of-the-art manufacturing, extremely tight tolerances, and meticulous craftsmanship ensure that each Kershaw knife or tool provides a lifetime of performance and pride of ownership. The Kershaw brand is especially known for innovative technologies and materials, resulting in numerous industry awards. We manufacture most of our products in our 55,000 sq. ft. facility located south of Portland Oregon, in the city of Tualatin. Our campus houses a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility, our design, engineering, and manufacturing teams, as well as the customer service experts who sell and support our Kershaw brand knives and tools. Every Kershaw product is backed with a Limited Lifetime Warranty.

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GOT QUESTIONS? GET ANSWERS.

WHAT DO THE NEW PACKAGE ICONS MEAN?

Last year, we introduced new clampacks that include a series of “feature icons.” They make it easier for you and your customers to identify the specific features of each Kershaw knife at a glance. Here’s a guide for decoding the icons on the new packaging and in this catalog:

OPENING SYSTEM



SPEEDSAFE



FLIPPER



MANUAL

Note: some knives may have both SpeedSafe and flipper icons

LOCK TYPE



INSET LINER LOCK



SUB-FRAME LOCK



FRAME LOCK



LINER LOCK



LOCK BACK



PUSH BUTTON

BLADE TYPE



FIXED



MULTI-FUNCTION



BLADE TRADER



COMPOSITE BLADE

POCKETCLIPS



SINGLE POSITION



TIP-UP OR TIP-DOWN



QUAD-CARRY



TRI-CARRY

SERRATIONS



2-STEP SERRATION



SCALLOP SERRATION

When you see these icons, the knife either has serrations or is available with serrations.

SHEATH



GIFT TIN



SHEATH



BLADE GUARD

Includes sheath, blade guard, or other storage system

WHAT DOES THE “X” MEAN IN A KERSHAW MODEL NUMBER?

When you see an “X” after the model number of a Kershaw knife on your order—for example, 1660X—it means that the knife is in a clampack rather than a closed box. Our new Natralock® clampack packaging uses much less plastic than previous clampacks, which your customers will like, while still providing the tamper-proof security that you’ll like. There is absolutely no difference in the knives themselves. The only difference is the type of packaging.

Many Kershaw models are available in your choice of Natralock clampack or box; others are only available in one packaging style. Please call for availability for specific model numbers.

On the other hand, if you see “XXXX” marked on the actual blade of the knife, it means that the knife is a factory second and was probably purchased at our annual Warehouse Sale. Usually, these knives are just fine and most people can’t tell the difference in performance. It’s just that they have not passed our rigorous inspection process and are not covered by our warranty.

WHY DO YOU “RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE SPECIFICATIONS?”

“We reserve the right to change specifications or materials at any time, without notice.” You’ll see this notice on Kershaw packaging, catalogs, and product literature. The reason we reserve this right is that from prototype to final production, there can be changes either in the final production design of the knife and/or in the availability of any given material at any given time. For example, if we run into supply issues with the steel we originally specified for a new knife, we may substitute another, more readily available steel. Nevertheless, the new material will always offer similar characteristics and performance to the original spec. Specifications might also change if we move the production location. For example, knives made with 14C28N blade steel in the US will be made with high-performance 8Cr13MoV in China. But no matter where they’re made, all Kershaw knives must meet our high standards for quality, fit and finish, and function.

WHY DOES IT TAKE SO LONG TO GET THE KNIFE WHEN I’VE ALREADY SEEN THE PROTOTYPE?

A prototype is far from being a knife that’s ready for production. On pages 24-27 of this catalog, we take you through the whole process—from concept to shelves. You’ll discover exactly what goes into making a Kershaw knife.





NEW DESIGNS. NEW TECH.

In this section, you'll discover innovative new designs and high-performance blade shapes and grinds. Some knives feature our secure, new Sub-Frame® lock or Inset Liner Lock. And there's a selection of both manual and assisted openers. We've also been listening to our customers; we heard you about the pocketclips. So we're happy to preview a selection of knives with our new deep-carry pocketclip for secure, nearly invisible pocket carry. And of course, all this exciting new knives are built to Kershaw's standards for precision fit, finish, and function. With that, here's a look at the new Kershaw lineup for 2012.

1860 PISTON

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, STONEWASHED FINISH
HANDLE TEXTURED G-10
BLADE 3-1/2 IN.
CLOSED 5 IN.



Unique cuts on the handle and blade give the new Piston a great look. While the Piston is a larger knife, its lightweight G-10 handles make it light enough for everyday carry. The Piston features our Inset Liner Lock, quad-carry options, and a hidden lanyard loop in the handle interior.



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1870 KNOCKOUT

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, STONEWASHED FINISH
HANDLE TEXTURED G-10
BLADE 3-1/4 IN.
CLOSED 4-5/8 IN.



The Knockout looks great, but the reason it bears this name is that we've "knocked out" a piece of the textured G-10 handle and inset a stainless-steel plate to create the Sub-Frame® Lock—and a knife that's lightweight, yet strong.

1670GBBLKST BLACK BLUR GLASSBREAKER

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, DLC COATING
HANDLE 6061-T6 ANODIZED ALUMINUM, TRAC-TEC INSERTS
BLADE 3-3/8 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 4.0 OZ.



Now the Black Blur has the added functionality of a carbide glassbreaker tip built into the handle. Add that to the Blur's sure-grip, contoured handle and recurved blade with partial serration, and you've got a truly versatile knife, ready to handle just about anything.



1880 ECHELON

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE MACHINED TRANSLUCENT G-10
BLADE 3-1/4 IN.
CLOSED 4 IN.



Get great looks and solid performance. The natural G-10 handle is semi-transparent so you can see the SpeedSafe assisted opening mechanism on the inside. Includes our new reversible deep-carry pocketclip.

1670OLBLK+1670DSBLK BLURS

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, DLC COATING
HANDLE 6061-T6 ANODIZED ALUMINUM, TRAC-TEC INSERTS
BLADE 3-3/8 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 4.0 OZ.



DESERT SAND BLUR 1670DSBLK
OLIVE DRAB BLUR 1670OLBLK

Get a grip on one of our toughest, most versatile knives—now in olive drab or desert tan. The Blur's slightly recurved blade is ideal for slicing, slashing, or pulling cuts. This multi-task-ready blade is paired with a lightweight anodized aluminum handle and Trac-Tec inserts for a secure grip, even in slippery conditions.





1730SS ZING SS

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE 410, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
BLADE 3 IN.
CLOSED 3-7/8 IN.
WEIGHT 3.0 OZ.



Get the Zing of pure steel—now with SpeedSafe. With its unique design and pocket-perfect size, the Zing is one of our most popular knives. Now we're taking it to a new level with the Zing SS. It's larger, yet slimmer and offers the security of a frame lock. Designed by RJ Martin.

1970 BURST

STEEL 8CR13MOV, STONEWASHED FINISH
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON SCALES
BLADE 3 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/8 IN.



SERRATED 1970ST

The aggressive, spiked look of the Burst is sure to draw the eye and plenty of positive comments. And check out that flipper. We've directed the blade grind all the way down the flipper for a sweeping line and an awesome look.



3655 VOLT SS

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE 410, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
BLADE 3 7/16 IN.
CLOSED 4 1/4 IN.



High voltage looks and a slimmer profile. The Volt SS picks up where the Volt II left off—and gets even better. While it's larger than the original, it's slimmer, features a solid frame lock, and is all stainless steel from tip to butt. Designed by RJ Martin.

1990 BRAWLER

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BLACK OXIDE COATING
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON
BLADE 3-1/4 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/8 IN.



Get great style and great function in a value-priced knife with the Kershaw Brawler. In addition to amazing looks, the Brawler offers SpeedSafe, a modified tanto blade with an extra-thick tip, light weight, and quad-carry options.



1555TI CRYO

STEEL 8CR13MOV, TITANIUM CARBO-NITRIDE COATING
HANDLE 8CR13MOV, TITANIUM CARBO-NITRIDE COATING
BLADE 2-3/4 IN.
CLOSED 3-3/4 IN.



This is a classic Rick Hinderer design, but built in pure steel with matte grey titanium carbo-nitride coating on both blade and handle. Opens quickly with flipper or thumbstud opening; sturdy framelock with lockbar stabilization.

1985ST RJI

STEEL 8CR13MOV, TITANIUM CARBO-NITRIDE COATING
HANDLE MACHINED G-10
BLADE 3-1/2 IN.
CLOSED 4-5/8 IN.



RJII 1980ST
BLADE 3-1/8 IN.
CLOSED 4 IN.

Designed by RJ Martin, the RJI's blade design and grind provides a slightly curved belly with plenty of slicing power, plus a flat-ground tanto tip that's significantly thicker than comparable tantos so you can take on piercing tasks with no fear.





1605CKTST
BLACK CLASH

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BLACK OXIDE COATING
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON
BLADE 3 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/4 IN.
WEIGHT 4 OZ.



A drop-point blade with just a little recurve enables this multipurpose knife to excel at a wide variety of tasks, from slicing to rope cutting. Handsome black DLC blade coating and black scales make it rock extra hard.

8000OL
FUNXION OUTDOOR

STEEL 8CR13MOV, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE ALUMINUM, RUBBER INSERT
BLADE 3 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/4 IN.



CHARCOAL FUNXION OUTDOOR 8000GRY

The Funxion Outdoor provides a screwdriver, hex wrench, and a cap lifter; the swing-out carabiner-style clip attaches easily to belt or pack, and the new Kershaw deep-carry pocketclip enables secure and discreet pocket carry. The blade and the tools each have a separate locking liner for safety.

3650CKTST
VOLT II

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BLACK OXIDE COATING
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON
BLADE 3 1/8 IN.
CLOSED 3-7/8 IN.
WEIGHT 3.4 OZ.



You asked for it, you've got it. Now the same versatile blade and handle style as the original Volt is available in sleek black from the tip of the blade to the butt of the handle.

8200RD
FUNXION DIY

STEEL 8CR13MOV, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE ALUMINUM, RUBBER INSERT
BLADE 3 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/4 IN.



CHARCOAL FUNXION DIY 8200GRY

In addition to a SpeedSafe® assisted knife blade, the Funxion DIY provides a selection of handy tools perfect for taking on all those around-the-house tasks. It includes a screwdriver tip, hex wrench, carabiner clip, and—very important—a bottlecap lifter. A separate locking liner for the blade and the tools ensures safety.

1835TLKST
KURO

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BLACK OXIDE COATING
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON
BLADE 3-1/8 IN.
HANDLE 4-1/8 IN.



A modified tanto blade with partial serration is paired with textured, glass-filled nylon scales in this all-black beauty. Access the SpeedSafe assisted opening quickly and easily with an ambidextrous flipper. Drilled to accept a lanyard. An impressive look at a value price.

8100GRYST
FUNXION EMT

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BLACK OXIDE COATING
HANDLE ALUMINUM, RUBBER INSERT
BLADE 3 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/4 IN.



In addition to a modified tanto blade with partial serration, the Funxion EMT features a cord cutter, hex wrench, and carabiner clip. An aluminum handle lightens the tool's weight, a separate locking liner for the blade and for the tools ensures safety.



1446 3/4 TON

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON, NON-SLIP INSERT
BLADE 2-3/4 IN.
CLOSED 3-7/8 IN.



Bigger than our popular Half Ton, more compact than our larger One Ton; you guessed it, it's the 3/4 Ton and it's the perfect work knife for the guy who wants a knife that's just the right size—in classic black.

1655BLK BLACK VAPOR III

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BLACK OXIDE COATING
HANDLE 410, BLACK OXIDE COATING
BLADE 3-1/2 IN.
CLOSED 4-5/8 IN.
WEIGHT 4.2 OZ.



SERRATED 1655BLKST

Some people just prefer the dark—so Kershaw made an all-black version of our popular Vapor III. It has the same all-stainless-steel construction as the silver Vapor III, but with matte black coating.



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1447 ONE TON

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE MACHINED G-10 FRONT, 410 BACK
BLADE 3-1/2 IN.
CLOSED 4-5/8 IN.



If you like the Half-Ton, but need a bigger knife, then the new One-Ton is your knife. It has a wide, fat blade, a machined G-10 front scale and a 410 stainless back.

2555 TASKMASTER SAW

STEEL HIGH-CARBON STEEL, POWDERCOAT
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON, RUBBER OVERMOLD
BLADE 7 IN.
CLOSED 9-1/4 IN.



Extremely handy, extremely powerful—and won't take up a lot of room in your gear. Great for camping or hunting trips, and perfect for around-the-yard pruning, too. Also features a push-button locking mechanism.



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3700 KURAI

STEEL 8CR13MOV, TITANIUM CARBO-NITRIDE COATING
HANDLE CARBON FIBER, ALUMINUM
BLADE 2-1/2 IN.
CLOSED 3-1/2 IN.



This awesome little pocketknife has enough style to be a gentleman's dress knife—yet it's tough and versatile enough to carry everyday. A drop-point blade with titanium carbo-nitride coating provides the versatility; carbon fiber and aluminum scales provide the style.

1077 CAMP 10

STEEL CARBON STEEL, POWDERCOAT
HANDLE FULL TANG, RUBBER OVERMOLD
BLADE 10 IN.
OVERALL 16 IN.



Our newest camp knife is the right tool for every campsite chore—from clearing brush to making kindling. And, of course, zombies don't stand a chance against this big 10-inch blade with non-reflective powdercoat.





1280GE 10-IN. BREAKING KNIFE, GRANTON EDGE

STEEL 420J2, BRUSHED FINISH
HANDLE POLYPROPYLENE
BLADE 10 IN.
OVERALL 15-3/4 IN.



The granton edge creates small air pockets between the knife and the fish, making it easier to glide through your breakdown task quickly and easily. The 10-inch blade size is right for medium-to-large fish and game.

1085 DISKIN HUNTER

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, STONEWASHED FINISH
HANDLE TEXTURED G-10 SCALES
BLADE 4-5/8 IN.
OVERALL 9-1/2 IN.



Designed by custom knifemaker, Matt Diskin, this is a big, bold fixed-blade knife with a slim, comfortable handle. We built the Diskin Hunter from extra thick, extra strong blade stock. Part of the American-Made Hunters series. Includes sheath.



1288BK 8-IN. BREAKING KNIFE

STEEL 420J2, BRUSHED FINISH
HANDLE POLYPROPYLENE
BLADE 8 IN.
OVERALL 13-1/4 IN.



This is a new addition to Kershaw's successful Pro-Grade Specialty Fish & Game Knives series. Smaller than our 10-inch Breaking Knife, this one is built to handle somewhat smaller fish and game and is a convenient size some users prefer.

1081 MINI SKINNER

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, STONEWASHED FINISH
HANDLE TEXTURED G-10 SCALES
BLADE 2 IN.
OVERALL 4-3/4 IN.



Good things come in small sheaths, too. Another new addition to Kershaw's American-Made Hunters series is the Mini Skinner. Shaped like our popular Skinning Knife, the Mini Skinner offers a 2-in. blade that's ideal for smaller game. Includes sheath.



1288SH 8-1/2 IN. SPOON-HANDLE FILLET

STEEL 420J2, BRUSHED FINISH
HANDLE POLYPROPYLENE
BLADE 8-1/2 IN.
OVERALL 16 IN.



In our continuing quest to provide exactly the right knife for every job, we're pleased to add this larger spoon-handled knife to the Pro-Grade Specialty Fish & Game series. Almost twice as long as our previous spoon-handled knife, this one makes it easier to clean and fillet even larger fish.

1620YL YELLOW SCALLION

STEEL 420HC, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON
LINER 410
BLADE 2-1/4 IN.
CLOSED 3-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 2.3 OZ.



Bright yellow joins the Kershaw Scallion family of colorful handle scales. This one is in durable glass-filled nylon with a sure-grip texture. Tip-Lock for added safety.





PURE KNIFE. NO MECHANICAL ASSIST.

With Kershaw's precision manufacturing, these manual folders open smoothly and easily—even without a boost. Some accomplish that with a built-in flipper. For others, it's a handy thumbstud. Yet others give you maximum versatility and feature both.

TO FLIP A FLIPPER

You have two options. One: with your index finger, push down very strongly on the flipper to propel the blade out of the handle. Two: push down strongly, while at the same time rotating or "flipping" your wrist slightly.

1760 SKYLINE

BLADE SANDVIK 14C28N, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE TEXTURED G-10
BLADE 3-1/8 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/4 IN.
WEIGHT 2.3 OZ.



The Skyline rates high on knife blogger and reviewer lists of best buys and favorites. And no wonder. It's lightweight, versatile, and a lot of knife in a well-priced package.



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3550 SPEEDFORM II

STEEL ELMAX®, SATIN FINISHED
HANDLE 3-D MACHINED G-10
BLADE 3-1/4 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/8 IN.
WEIGHT 3.2 OZ.



The next-generation Speedform II boasts an ELMAX® blade of high chromium-vanadium-molybdenum steel that's incredibly clean, hard, and strong—plus the original, award-winning Speedform profile.

3410 CHILL

BLADE 8CR13MOV, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE CNC-MACHINED G-10
BLADE 3-1/8 IN.
CLOSED 3-7/8 IN.
WEIGHT 2.0 OZ.



The Chill gentleman's folder offers clean lines and cool performance. Designed by RJ Martin. Opens easily with a built-in flipper.



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1725CB JUNKYARD DOG II

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N/D2 COMPOSITE, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE TEXTURED G-10
LINER 410
BLADE 3-3/4 IN.
CLOSED 4-7/8 IN.
WEIGHT 5.2 OZ.



Junkyard Dog style with the added cool of a Composite Blade. Tough, wear resistant D2 is on the cutting edge, high-performance 14C28N is on the spine. New sawtooth Composite Blade joint! Pouch included.

1530 G-10 HAWK

STEEL 8CR13MOV, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE TEXTURED G-10
BLADE 3-1/8 IN.
CLOSED 3-7/8 IN.
WEIGHT 1.8 OZ.



This slim, sleek gentleman's knife is both lightweight and good looking. So there's no reason for a gentleman to ever be without a blade.





3420 NERVE

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE CNC-MACHINED G-10
BLADE 3-1/8 IN.
CLOSED 4-3/8 IN.
WEIGHT 3.8 OZ.



Designed by RJ Martin, the Nerve is a lot of knife for a little money. CNC 3D-machined handle plus heavy jimping offers a super-secure grip.



EASY, ONE-HANDED OPENING

SpeedSafe® is the patented, assisted opening mechanism pioneered by Kershaw that makes it fast and easy to open a knife one-handed. SpeedSafe also makes it possible for Kershaw to ensure that even a large blade can move out of the handle just as smoothly and easily as a smaller one. Plus, many of our assisted folders are ambidextrous—and open with a flipper or a thumbstud on both sides of the blade—so they're just as easy to use left-handed or right. To open a SpeedSafe knife, the user must apply manual pressure to overcome the resistance of the torsion bar. This means that SpeedSafe knives do not meet the definition of a switchblade; they do not deploy with the push of a button or by gravity alone. Once open, the blade locks safely into position until the user releases it.

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1655 VAPOR III

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE 410, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
BLADE 3-1/2 IN.
CLOSED 4-5/8 IN.
WEIGHT 4.2 OZ.



SERRATED 1655ST

The newest iteration of the Vapor combines industrial good looks with super-smooth, one-handed manual opening in a simple knife that simply works well.

1780CB RAKE

STEEL D2/14C28N, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE TEXTURED G-10
BLADE 3-1/2 IN.
CLOSED 4-5/8 IN.
WEIGHT 4.8 OZ.



The Rake's Composite Blade has tough, wear-resistant D2 steel on the cutting edge and high-performance Sandvik 14C28N on the spine. The extra-wide blade with its curved belly provides ample slicing and slashing capability. A clipped point preserves piercing power. Designed by Tim Galyean.



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1770 OD-2

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE GLASS FILLED NYLON
LINER 410
BLADE 2-1/4 IN.
CLOSED 3-1/8 IN.
WEIGHT 1.4 OZ.



The OD-2 offers the same look and concealed flipper mechanism as the OD-1, but this "Over-Drive" is larger—and available at a value price. Like the original, the flipper is a slim lever that folds into a recess in the liner when the blade is open to give the OD-2 a sleek, smooth line all the way down. Designed by Lee Williams.

1790 TURBULENCE

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, STONEWASHED FINISH
HANDLE TEXTURED G-10
BLADE 3-1/4 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 4.4 OZ.



Designed by Tim Galyean, the Turbulence offers modified tactical styling and an ergonomic grip in a convenient size.





1600SS POLISHED CHIVE

STEEL 420HC, MIRROR POLISH FINISH
HANDLE 410, MIRROR POLISH FINISH
BLADE 1-15/16 IN.
CLOSED 2-7/8 IN.
WEIGHT 1.9 OZ.



Polished, petite, and perfect. The Polished Chive is all stainless steel, polished to a brilliant mirror finish. Tip-Lock for added safety. Includes gift tin

1600 CHIVE

STEEL 420HC, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE 410, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
BLADE 1-15/16 IN.
CLOSED 2-7/8 IN.
WEIGHT 1.9 OZ.



Pure stainless steel with an attractive bead-blasted finish. Tip-Lock for added safety



1600BLK BLACK CHIVE

STEEL 420HC, POLISHED DLC COATING
HANDLE 410, POLISHED DLC COATING
BLADE 1-15/16 IN.
CLOSED 2-7/8 IN.
WEIGHT 1.9 OZ.



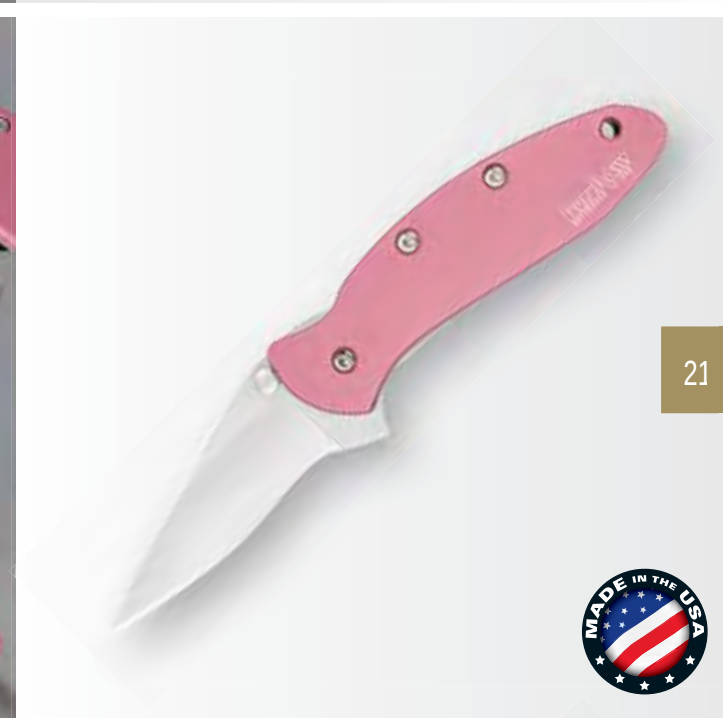
Black DLC coated for a sophisticated look in a small pocketknife. Tip-Lock for added safety. Includes gift tin. 2005 Blade Show winner for *Most Innovative American Design*.

1600PINK PINK CHIVE

STEEL 420HC, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE 6061-T6 ANODIZED ALUMINUM
BLADE 1-15/16 IN.
CLOSED 2-7/8 IN.
WEIGHT 1.9 OZ.



Pretty in pink. This small knife is a pocket- or purse-perfect companion for everyday carry. Tip-Lock for added safety.



1600VIB RAINBOW CHIVE

STEEL 420HC, TITANIUM-OXIDE RAINBOW COATING
HANDLE 410, TITANIUM-OXIDE RAINBOW COATING
BLADE 1-15/16 IN.
CLOSED 2-7/8 IN.
WEIGHT 1.9 OZ.



Titanium-oxide rainbow coating makes this the most eye-catching small knife ever. Tip-Lock for added safety. Includes gift tin.

1620 SCALLION

STEEL 420HC, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON
LINER 410
BLADE 2-1/4 IN.
CLOSED 3-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 2.3 OZ.



SERRATED 1620ST

The Scallion is one step up in size from the Chive—for those who want a little more knife, but not too much. Perfect for everyday carry and cuts way down on the intimidation factor. Tip-Lock for added safety.





MADE IN THE USA

1620FL
SCALLION

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SERRATED 1620FLST

This Scallion is pure stainless steel with a super-secure
framelock. Tip-Lock for added safety, too.



MADE IN THE USA

1840
SHALLOT

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE 410
BLADE 3-1/2 IN.
CLOSED 4-3/8 IN.
WEIGHT 4.2 OZ.



SERRATED 1840ST
BLACK SHALLOT 1840CKT/1840CKST (SERRATED)

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, DLC COATING
HANDLE 410, DLC COATING

The largest of Kershaw's "Onion-themed" SpeedSafe
knives, the Shallot offers a 3 1/2-inch blade and an
ergonomically curved handle. Choose silver or black,
smooth or partially serrated edge.



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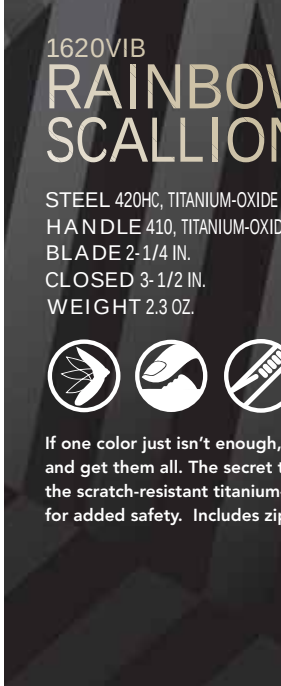
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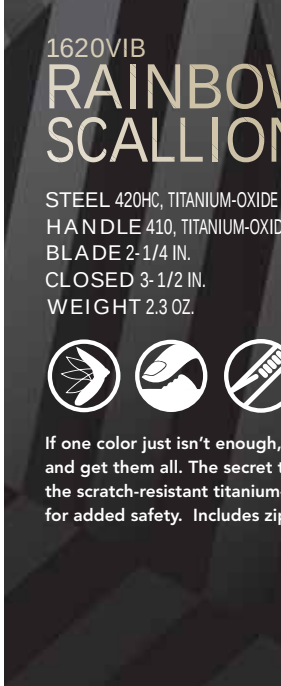
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1660VIB
RAINBOW LEEK

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, TITANIUM-OXIDE RAINBOW COATING
HANDLE 410, TITANIUM-OXIDE RAINBOW COATING
BLADE 3 IN.
CLOSED 4 IN.
WEIGHT 3.0 OZ.



SERRATED 1660VIBST

The Leek is a step up in blade length from the Scallion. Yet, the three-inch blade fits in a pleasingly narrow profile. Scratch-resistant titanium-oxide coating. Tip-Lock for added safety. Includes zippered case.

1660CKT
BLACK LEEK

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, DLC COATING
HANDLE 410, DLC COATING
BLADE 3 IN.
CLOSED 4 IN.
WEIGHT 3.0 OZ.



SERRATED 1660KTST

The versatile Leek also comes in basic black. Choose partially serrated or smooth edge. Tip-Lock for added safety.



1660BB
ALUMINUM LEEK

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE 6061-T6 ANODIZED ALUMINUM
BLADE 3 IN.
CLOSED 4 IN.
WEIGHT 2.4 OZ.



This Leek features lightweight anodized aluminum handles with our "double-smoked" finish. No two are exactly alike. Tip-Lock for added safety.

1660G10
G-10 LEEK

STEEL S30V, STONEWASHED FINISH
HANDLE TEXTURED G-10
BLADE 3 IN.
CLOSED 4 IN.
WEIGHT 2.6 OZ.



Textured G-10 scales make this Leek as easy to handle as it is to open. A stonewashed blade finish and safety Tip-Lock are the finishing touches.



1660
LEEK

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE 410, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
BLADE 3 IN.
CLOSED 4 IN.
WEIGHT 3.0 OZ.



SERRATED 1660ST

This is the Leek, straight-up. All stainless steel, all the time. Perfect for frame lock lovers; plus a Tip-Lock for added security. Choose smooth or partially serrated edge.

1660CB
COMPOSITE LEEK

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N/D2 COMPOSITE, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE 410, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
BLADE 3 IN.
CLOSED 4 IN.
WEIGHT 2.9 OZ.

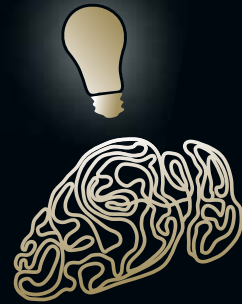


The Leek is just that much more awesome with Kershaw's patent-pending Composite Blade. D2 on the cutting edge, 14C28N on the spine. Tip-Lock for added safety. Includes zippered case.



DUDE, WHERE'S MY KNIFE?

Making a production knife is a complicated process. Here's what happens from start to finish...



What kind of knife should we make?

What kind of knife does the end user need and want?
What do our retailers need and want?
And what's the sales outlook for knives that match these needs and wants?

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What style of knife matches the need?

Work knife?
Tactical knife?
Gentleman's knife?
Sporting knife?

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It's pencil time

The design engineers sketch from 50 to 100 different initial designs for the new knife.

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We choose the ONE

With the sales and management teams, we narrow it down to one design.

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On to Computer Aided Design (CAD)

The selected design is scanned into the computer and the real work begins. The design must now become a real knife. Each individual part of the knife, from blade to screws must be designed in real dimensions on the computer.

Questions we have to answer include:

How do the parts fit together?
Do they work properly?
What materials will we use?
What's interesting or cool about this knife?

From pixels to prototype

In the prototype stage, neither the parts nor the fixtures are in final form. This is because refinements are continually being made to ensure that the prototype works as expected. In effect, each prototype is a custom-made knife—very far from a final "production model."

We will output approximately a dozen prototypes, making additional adjustments and changes until the team is satisfied that the prototypes are ready to show.

The parts & fixtures are programmed

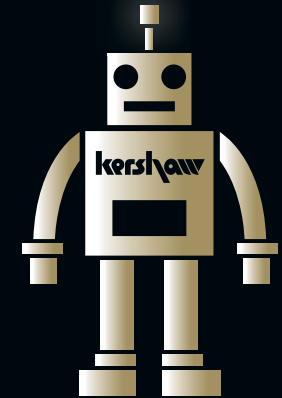
The designer's CAD drawing is just the start. Now each part must be translated to a program that interacts with our production machinery. The machining and engineering teams write and refine these programs for each individual part in the "assembly," that is, all the parts that make up the knife.

In addition to the parts, the fixtures—the devices that locate and hold the individual pieces during the manufacturing process—must be designed, engineered, and programmed.

There are dozens and dozens of parts and fixtures for each new knife.



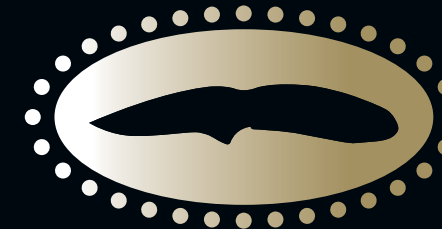
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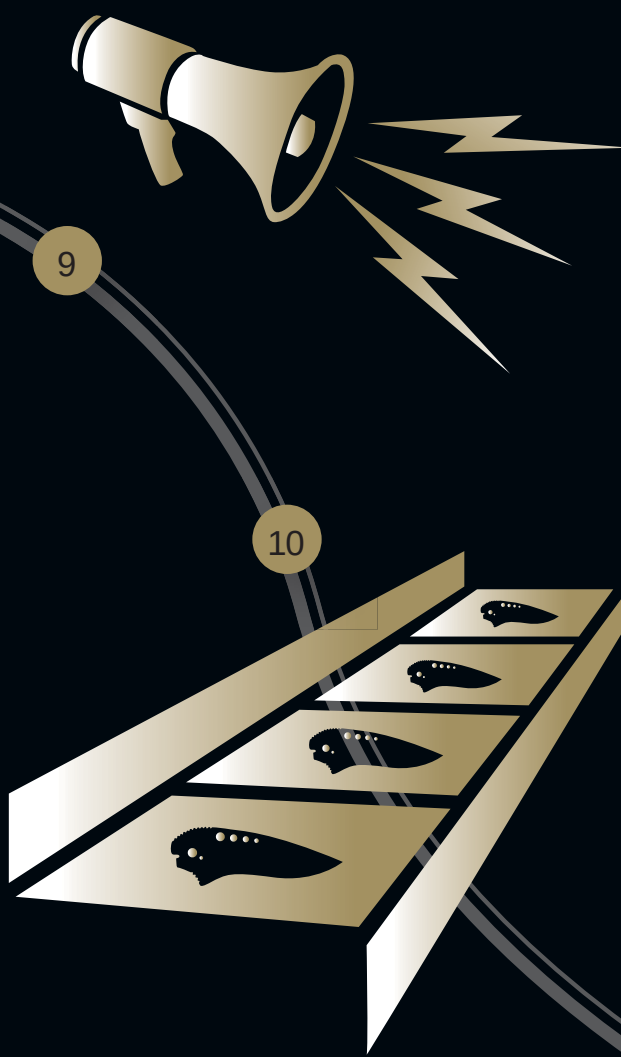
First look

With the completed CAD drawings, we prepare marketing graphics and information about the new knife in order to preview it to our industry at an important trade show—like the SHOT Show or the Blade Show.



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Knife, meet world

At the trade show, we'll get customer and industry feedback... which can result in MORE changes or adjustments to the prototype.

Production begins

The time between when the prototype is shown and when the knife actually goes into production can be many months. Here's why:

- Production parts and fixtures must be completed.
- Any "tolerance stack up" must be resolved.
- Repeatability must be ensured.
- Manufacturing efficiencies must be developed.
- Each component must be "proofed out" to ensure every step in the process is smooth and efficient.

What is tolerance stack up?

All manufacturing is done to within certain tolerances, that is, allowable imperfections. However, if many of the parts get made to the maximum tolerance, the process can be "off" enough that not everything will fit properly during final assembly. It takes time to revise the dimensions of the parts to correct this standard problem.



Scheduling the factory

Our Tualatin factory has been so busy lately fulfilling current orders that production of new knives often must wait until it can be scheduled.



Sales orders are taken

Throughout the production process, the Kershaw sales team has been talking to our network of dealers and retailers, writing orders for the new knife.

Orders filled, shelves stocked

Based on orders, we make a full-sized production run.

Knives are packaged and shipped to retailers.

Retailers stock their shelves—and finally, they're ready for customers to buy!





1670RD RED BLUR

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE 6061-T6 ANODIZED ALUMINUM, TRAC-TEC INSERTS
BLADE 3-3/8 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 4.0 OZ.



BLACK BLUR 1670BLK/1670BLKST (SERRATED)
STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, DLC COATING
HANDLE 6061-T6 ANODIZED ALUMINUM, TRAC-TEC INSERTS

This is the original Blur in dark red or basic black.
Trac-Tec handle inserts ensure a secure grip, even in
less-than-ideal environmental conditions.

1560 WHIRLWIND

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON
BLADE 3-1/4 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 3.5 OZ.



SERRATED 1560ST

One of the first—and still one of our best-selling
SpeedSafe knives. The Whirlwind is a big handful of a
knife, perfect for work or as a larger EDC.



1670S30V S30V BLUR

STEEL S30V, STONEWASHED FINISH
HANDLE 6061-T6 ANODIZED ALUMINUM, TRAC-TEC INSERTS
BLADE 3-3/8 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 4.0 OZ.



Want a premium Blur? This is it. The S30V blade takes
and holds an edge extremely well; it's tough and wear
resistant, too.

1550 BLACKOUT

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, DLC COATING
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON
BLADE 3-1/4 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 3.5 OZ.



SERRATED 1550ST

When it was first introduced, the Blackout was selected
as the Blade Show's Best Buy. And it still is. Great for
work, outdoors, or everyday carrying, the Blackout is a
Kershaw best seller.



1670TBLKST TANTO BLUR

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, DLC COATING
HANDLE 6061-T6 ANODIZED ALUMINUM, TRAC-TEC INSERTS
BLADE 3-3/8 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 4.0 OZ.



This Blur offers tactical styling with a partially serrated
tanto blade. Black DLC coating and anodized aluminum
handles complete its discrete, matte look.

1515 RANDOM TASK II

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, STONEWASHED FINISH
HANDLE TEXTURED G-10
BLADE 3-1/4 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 3.8 OZ.



Back by popular demand. The original Random Task
was designed by custom knifemaker, Ken Onion. This
newest version features upgraded steel and textured
G-10 handle scales.





1820 NEEDS WORK

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON
BLADE 3 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/8 IN.
WEIGHT 3.5 OZ.



A lightweight utility-style knife that's ideal for everyday carry. Blade shape offers excellent chopping, slicing, and piercing strength.



1950 TREMOR

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE TEXTURED G-10
BLADE 3-3/4 IN.
CLOSED 5-1/4 IN.
WEIGHT 6 OZ.



The Tremor's ergonomically curved handle and aggressive index-finger jimping assure a solid grip every time. If you haven't had your hands on one of these yet, you've got to get a grip.



1940 COMPOUND

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON
BLADE 3-1/2 IN.
CLOSED 4-5/8 IN.
WEIGHT 3.8 OZ.



This versatile utility knife was designed to provide excellent slicing capability with extra grip control. Glass-filled nylon handles ensure this larger knife is light enough for easy carry.



1960 DRONE

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON
BLADE 2-3/4 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/8 IN.
WEIGHT 3.4 OZ.



SERRATED 1960ST

Designer Tim Galyean combined a classic clip-point blade with an ultra-modern handle to create this right-sized EDC.



1930 ASSET

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON
BLADE 3-1/4 IN.
CLOSED 4-5/8 IN.
WEIGHT 3.8 OZ.



A lightweight and maneuverable trailing-point blade, secure-grip handle, and a value price make this Asset a real asset to any knife collection



1605 CLASH

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON
BLADE 3 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/4 IN.
WEIGHT 4 OZ.



SERRATED 1605ST

The Clash's drop-point blade with just a hint of recurve is a versatile style that excels at a wide variety of tasks. An ambidextrous flipper makes it a great choice for left- or right-handers.





3650 VOLT II

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON
BLADE 3 1/8 IN.
CLOSED 3-7/8 IN.
WEIGHT 3.4 OZ.



SERRATED 3650ST

Designed by RJ Martin, the Volt II features the same versatile blade and handle style as the original Kershaw Volt—but at a value price.

3200 RIPCORD

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, POLISHED DLC COATING
HANDLE 6061-T6 ANODIZED ALUMINUM, TRAC-TEC INSERTS
BLADE 3-7/16 IN.
CLOSED 4-3/8 IN.
WEIGHT 4.2 OZ.



The Ripcord's patented design provides the strength and stability of a fixed blade knife, yet stores as compactly as a folding knife. The key is Kershaw's "Out the Front" (OTF) design. With OTF, the blade slides out the front of the handle into a secure, fixed-blade position. A convenient belt sheath doubles as the OTF deployment system to engage or disengage the knife's locking function.



1830 OSO SWEET

STEEL 8CR13MOV, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON
BLADE 3-1/2 IN.
CLOSED 4-3/8 IN.
WEIGHT 4.2 OZ.



This is indeed one sweet pocketknife. With a classic drop-point blade, it's plenty versatile and with Speed-Safe accessed with an ambidextrous flipper, it's the right choice for everyone.

3140 WILDCAT RIDGE

STEEL 8CR13MOV, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE STAINLESS STEEL, CROSS-GROOVED ABS INLAY
BLADE 3-1/2 IN.
CLOSED 4-7/8 IN.
WEIGHT 4.3 OZ.



BLACK GULCH 3120
BLADE 3 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/8 IN.
WEIGHT 4.3 OZ.
INCLUDES NYLON SHEATH

CORRAL CREEK SHEEPSFOOT 3115BT
BLADE 2-1/2 IN.
CLOSED 3-3/8 IN.
WEIGHT 2.2 OZ.

CORRAL CREEK 3115
BLADE 2-1/2 IN.
CLOSED 3-3/8 IN.
WEIGHT 2.2 OZ.

GRANT COUNTY 3100
BLADE 1-7/8 IN.
CLOSED 2-5/8 IN.
WEIGHT 1.2 OZ.



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FOR WORK & FOR DRESS

Working class good looks, built ranch-tough. Kershaw work knives handle the full range of everyday tasks—from stripping wire and cutting rope to opening boxes and cleaning battery terminals. Keep one in the truck box, the garage, the workshop—and of course, the pocket.

When it's time to clean up, choose one of these handsome gentleman's knives. The Kershaw Crown and Silver Spur are gentlemanly choices that you can take just about anywhere.

2825 SILVER SPUR II

STEEL AUS6A, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE ALUMINUM
BLADE 2-1/4 IN.
CLOSED 3 IN.
WEIGHT 0.9 OZ.



SILVER SPUR 2800
BLADE 1-7/8 IN.
CLOSED 2-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 0.6 OZ.

The Silver Spur's lightweight aluminum handle is embossed with the Kershaw logo and ribbed for a secure grip.





1445 HALF-TON

STEEL 8CR13MOV, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON, NON-SLIP INSERTS
BLADE 2-1/2 IN.
CLOSED 3-5/8 IN.
WEIGHT 3.2



The little guy's always the toughest. The Half-Ton's short, chubby blade works on and on. And just for grins, the pocketclip is shaped like a mini-wrench.

3160 CROWN

STEEL 8CR13MOV, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE SATIN-FINISH STEEL, POLISHED MICARTA®
BLADE 3-1/4 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/4 IN.
WEIGHT 3.8 OZ.



Polish your image with the Kershaw Crown. From its satin-polished blades and bolsters to its handsome polished Micarta® scales, this is a classic gentleman's knife.



1045 BLACK COLT II

STEEL 8CR13MOV, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE CO-POLYMER
BLADE 3 IN.
CLOSED 4-1/8 IN.
WEIGHT 3.5 OZ.



This tough little work knife is one of our most popular. The clip-point blade configuration tackles a variety of tasks, while the durable, co-polymer handle provides a secure grip. Includes sheath.

1920 SELECT FIRE

STEEL 8CR13MOV, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE GLASS-REINFORCED NYLON
BLADE 3- 3/8 IN.
CLOSED 4- 1/4 IN.
WEIGHT 5.0 OZ.
1/4" HEX DRIVE AND ASSORTED BITS



Designed by Grant & Gavin Hawk, the Select Fire makes a great addition to every tool and truck box. It offers a big, useful blade, plus onboard 4-piece bit set with bit driver.



1060 BLACK HORSE II

STEEL 8CR13MOV, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE CO-POLYMER
BLADE 3-3/4 IN.
CLOSED 4-7/8 IN.
WEIGHT 4.6 OZ.



This is simply a great work knife. The clip-point blade configuration deftly accomplishes every job you ask it to, and the durable, co-polymer handle provides a secure grip. Includes sheath.

4351 MILITARY KNIFE

STEEL ONE-PIECE, DROP-FORGED 1.4116 GERMAN
STAINLESS STEEL, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE POM SCALES
BLADE 4-1/2 IN.
OVERALL 9 IN.
WEIGHT 4.4 OZ.



The knife's simple shape enables it to handle well, move quickly, and lend itself to a variety of grip styles. The included sheath enables multiple carry options, including under the coat, belt, arm, or leg.





3000 D.W.O.

STEEL 8CR13MOV, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE CO-POLYMER
BLADE 2-3/8 IN.
OVERALL 3-1/4 IN.
WEIGHT 1.6 OZ.



RED D.W.O. 3000RD

The D.W.O.'s small-but-mighty clip-point blade is perfect for taking on all those little tasks around the house or shop; the ribbed co-polymer handle provides an extra-secure and comfortable grip.

1620C CAMO SCALLION

STEEL 420HC, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE 6061-T6 ANODIZED ALUMINUM, REALTREE®
HARDWOODS HD PATTERN
BLADE 2-1/4 IN.
CLOSED 3-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 2.3 OZ.



The Camo Scallion is the perfect mid-sized knife to accompany you on your next hunting trip—or for everyday carry. The RealTree camo pattern is applied to lightweight anodized aluminum handles for a durable, scratch-resistant finish. Tip-Lock for added safety.



IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS, EVERYBODY NEEDS A GOOD KNIFE

For fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, climbing—and just about any other outdoor sport—you're going to want to have a trusty Kershaw along. These are true sporting knives made by a sporting goods company. From our new lines of American-Made Hunters and Pro-Grade Specialty Fish & Game Knives, to handy campsite gear, to our famous Blade Traders, these tools are must-haves whether you're working or playing outside. Most include sheaths, blade guards, or storage cases.

1082 FIELD KNIFE

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, STONEWASHED FINISH
HANDLE TEXTURED G-10 OVERLAY
BLADE 3-1/4 IN.
OVERALL 7-1/4 IN.
WEIGHT 4.0 OZ.



ORANGE FIELD KNIFE 1082OR

Part of the Kershaw American-Made Hunters series. The Field Knife is the perfect all-around hunting knife, moving from field to campsite tasks with ease. Basic black or safety orange scales. Includes sheath.



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1050 FOLDING FIELD

STEEL 8CR13MOV, MIRROR POLISH
HANDLE BRASS BOLSTERS, PMMA PLASTIC SCALES
BLADE 3-1/8 IN.
CLOSED 4-3/4 IN.
WEIGHT 9 OZ.



Back by popular demand, the Kershaw Folding Field knife is just about as classic as a hunting knife can get. For many years, it was our flagship knife—and now it's back. With its gleaming brass bolster and butt plus high-quality Kershaw manufacturing, now is the right time to snap it up! Includes sheath.

1080 SKINNING KNIFE

STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, STONEWASHED FINISH
HANDLE TEXTURED G-10 OVERLAY
BLADE 2-3/8 IN.
OVERALL 6 IN.
WEIGHT 3.6 OZ.



ORANGE SKINNING KNIFE 1080OR

Part of the Kershaw American-Made Hunters series. Super-sharp and highly maneuverable, this Skinning Knife is the one you'll reach for time and time again. Basic black or safety orange scales. Includes sheath.





1060RT CAMO BLACK HORSE II

STEEL 8CR13MOV, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE CO-POLYMER, REALTREE® HARDWOODS HD PATTERN
BLADE 3-3/4 IN.
CLOSED 4-7/8 IN.
WEIGHT 4.6 OZ.



RealTree® camo, a versatile blade, and a sure-grip handle makes Kershaw's Camo Black Horse II one of our most popular hunters. Includes sheath.

1010 ROUGHNECK

STEEL AUS6A, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE CO-POLYMER
BLADE 6-1/4 IN. PARTIALLY SERRATED SPINE
OVERALL 11-1/8 IN.
WEIGHT 6.3 OZ.



The Roughneck is one sturdy, very practical hunting knife. Razor-sharp edge on one side of the blade, partial serration on the other. Includes sheath.



1029 BEAR HUNTER II

STEEL 8CR13MOV, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE CO-POLYMER
BLADE 4-1/2 IN.
OVERALL 9-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 5.3 OZ.



It's big, bold, and incredibly practical. This quality blade steel holds its edge and the sure-grip handle handles just about anything. Includes sheath.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION EDITIONS

Join Kershaw and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) as we help to ensure the future of elk and their habitat for future generations. More than 5.7 million acres of habitat in North America have been conserved and enhanced by RMEF efforts. We're proud to have been a RMEF partner since 2000, but this year the Kershaw and RMEF partnership is better than ever with four great Kershaw knives to choose from—with a portion of the proceeds from every knife going to benefit the Foundation.

SKINNING KNIFE 10800RRMEF
STEEL SANDVIK 14C28N, STONEWASHED FINISH
HANDLE TEXTURED G-10 OVERLAY
BLADE 2-3/8 IN.
OVERALL 6 IN.



WILDCAT RIDGE 3140WRRMEF
STEEL 8CR13MOV, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE STAINLESS STEEL, HARDWOOD INLAY
BLADE 3-1/2 IN.
OVERALL 4-7/8 IN.



VAPOR III 1655RMEF
STEEL 8CR13MOV, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE STAINLESS STEEL
BLADE 3-1/2 IN.
OVERALL 4-5/8 IN.



VOLT II 3650RMEF
STEEL 8CR13MOV, BEAD-BLASTED FINISH
HANDLE GLASS-FILLED NYLON
BLADE 3-1/8 IN.
OVERALL 3-7/8 IN.



1028 ANTELOPE HUNTER II

STEEL 8CR13MOV, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE CO-POLYMER
BLADE 3-5/8 IN.
OVERALL 8 IN.
WEIGHT 3.6 OZ.



ORANGE ANTELOPE HUNTER II 1028OR

The Antelope Hunter II's high-performance blade steel holds its edge while the contoured handle offers a secure grip in any conditions. Includes sheath. Safety orange or basic black handle.

2520 ZIPIT

STEEL 420J2, SATIN FINISH
FINGER HOLE RUBBER INSERT
BLADE 1/2 IN.
OVERALL 3-3/4 IN.
WEIGHT 1.6 OZ.

ORANGE ZIPIT 2520OR

Got a favorite hunting knife and just need the gut hook? Get the Ziplt. Rubber insert keeps finger comfortable during use, handy size makes it easy to pack with your gear.





1210 SKEETER I

HANDLE SOFT-GRIP OVER-MOLD FINGER HOLES
OVERALL 4-1/4 IN.
WEIGHT 0.8 OZ.

SKEETER II (MICRO-SERRATED) 1215
OVERALL 4-1/4 IN.
WEIGHT 0.8 OZ.

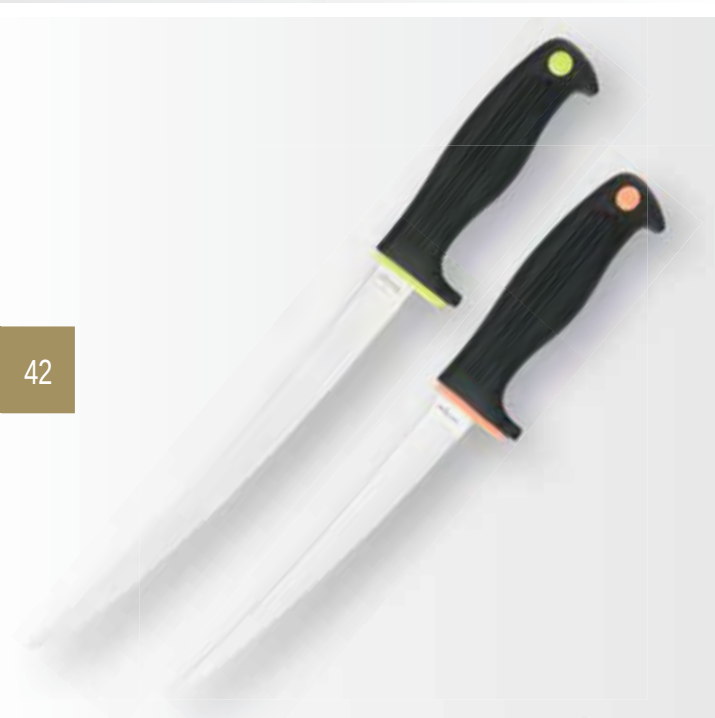
Compact and durable, Skeeter fly-tying scissors are designed to cut through a wide variety of materials with ease. An extra fine point provides for precise trimming. The comfortable finger loops provide precise control during use.

1006K AMPHIBIAN

STEEL 420J2, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE 420J2, FULL-TANG SKELETON, CO-POLYMER INSERT
BLADE 3-3/4 IN. DOUBLE-EDGED, PARTIALLY SERRATED
OVERALL 7-3/4 IN.
WEIGHT 3.2 OZ.



The Amphibian provides all the strength of solid, corrosion-resistant 420J2 stainless steel from tip to pommel, but with a skeleton handle design to reduce weight. A co-polymer insert in the handle assures an excellent grip. Includes a diver's sheath with leg straps and adjustable quick-release buckles.



1259 9 IN. FILLET

STEEL 420J2, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE CO-POLYMER
BLADE 9-1/4 IN.
CLOSED 14-1/4 IN.
WEIGHT 3.8 OZ.



7 - 1 / 2 IN. FILLET 1257
BLADE 6 IN.
OVERALL 13-1/8 IN.
WEIGHT 5.6 OZ.

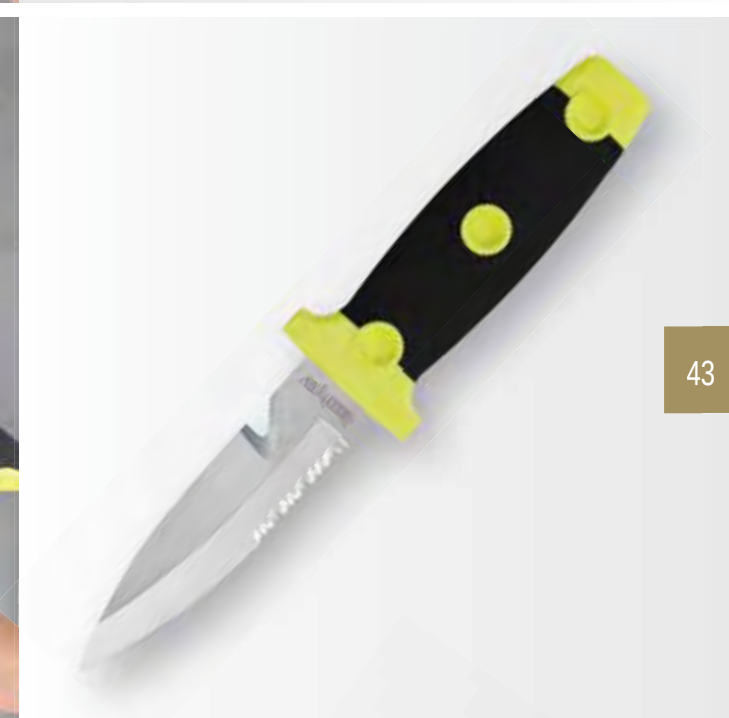
A flexible blade with soft touch, sure-grip handle; neon accents make it easy to spot in a marine environment. Choose 7 1/2-inch for small-to-medium-sized fish, 9-inch for larger fish. Includes ABS sheath.

1008 SEA HUNTER

STEEL 420J2, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE NEON PLASTIC, CO-POLYMER OVER-MOLD
BLADE 3-3/4 IN. DOUBLE-EDGED, PARTIALLY SERRATED
OVERALL 7-3/4 IN.
WEIGHT 3.0 OZ.



Corrosion-resistant 420J2 stainless steel has open-tang construction to reduce weight. Neon accents are easily visible in marine environment. Includes Kydex® multi-function diver's sheath with leg straps and built-in cord and line cutter.



1256 FOLDING FILLET

STEEL 420J2, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE TEXTURED PLASTIC
BLADE 6 IN.
OVERALL 13-1/8 IN.
WEIGHT 5.6 OZ.



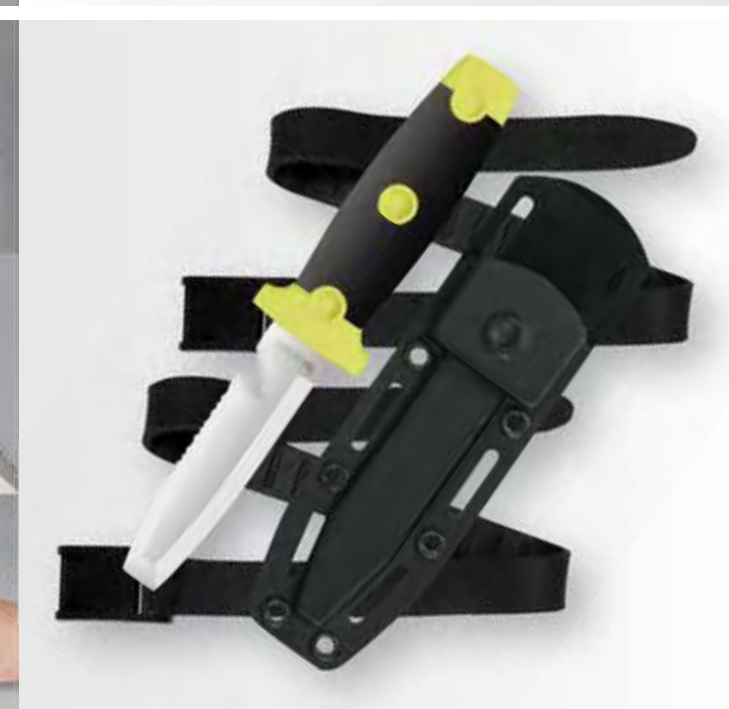
Offers the same top performance all Kershaw fillet knives have to offer—just in a more compact space. Includes lanyard hole and fold-out cleaning spoon.

1008BL-P SEA HUNTER

STEEL 420J2, SATIN FINISH
HANDLE NEON PLASTIC, CO-POLYMER OVER-MOLD
BLADE 3-1/2 IN. BLUNT-TIP, DOUBLE-EDGED, PARTIALLY SERRATED
OVERALL 7-5/8 IN.
WEIGHT 3.0 OZ.



Has the same corrosion-resistant 420J2 stainless steel, open-tang construction, and neon accents as the regular Sea Hunter, but with a blunt tip for safety. Includes Kydex® multi-function diver's sheath with leg straps and built-in cord and line cutter.





1098AK ALASKAN BLADE TRADER

BT-11 SKINNING + GUT-HOOK AUS6A, SATIN FINISH
BT-3 HUNTING 420J2, SATIN FINISH
BT-5 SAW SAW STEEL, SATIN FINISH
BT-H HANDLE CO-POLYMER
SKINNING BLADE 4-1/4 IN.
HUNTING BLADE 3-1/2 IN.
SAW BLADE 5-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 11.6 OZ. (TOTAL)



1096FBT FISHERMAN'S BLADE TRADER

STEEL 420J2, SATIN FINISH
BT-H HANDLE CO-POLYMER
BT-12 FILLET BLADE-A 7 IN.
BT-13 FILLET BLADE-B 9 IN. PARTIALLY SERRATED
WEIGHT 8.9 OZ. (TOTAL)



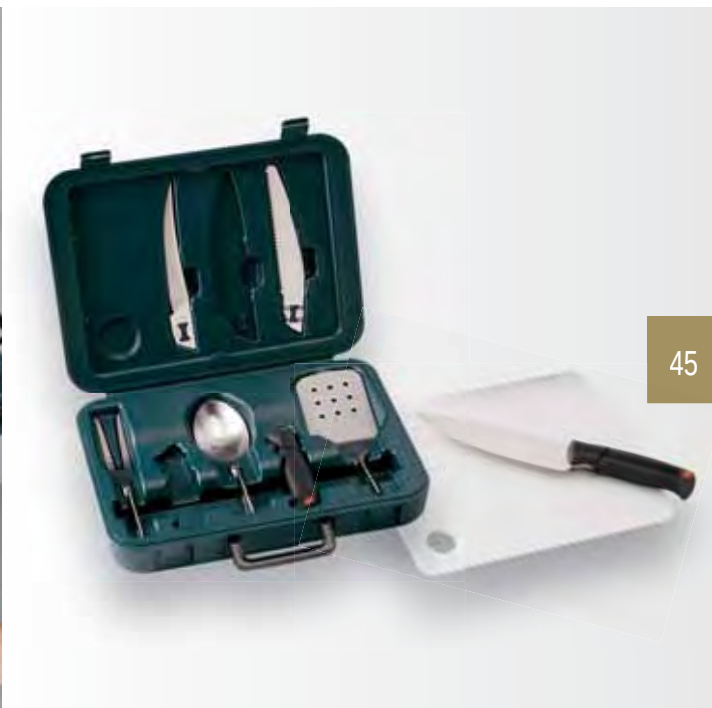
1094HBT HUNTER'S BLADE TRADER

STEEL 420J2, SAW STEEL, SATIN FINISH
BT-H HANDLE CO-POLYMER
BT-3 HUNTING BLADE 3-1/2 IN.
BT-5 SAW BLADE 5-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 9.2 OZ. (TOTAL)



1091CT CAMP-TOOL TRADER

STEEL 420J2, SAW STEEL, SATIN FINISH
BT-H TWO HANDLES CO-POLYMER
BT-6 COOK'S BLADE 5-3/4 IN.
BT-2 FILLET BLADE 5-1/2 IN.
BT-5 SAW BLADE 5-1/2 IN.
BT-14 SPATULA 3-5/8 IN.
BT-15 SPOON 3-5/8 IN.
BT-16 FORK 3 IN.
CUTTING BOARD 10-3/4 IN. X 8 IN.
WEIGHT 60.1 OZ. (TOTAL)



1095SBT SPORTSMAN'S BLADE TRADER

STEEL 420J2, SAW STEEL, SATIN FINISH
BT-H HANDLE CO-POLYMER
BT-3 HUNTING BLADE 3-1/2 IN.
BT-5 SAW BLADE 5-1/2 IN.
BT-2 FILLET BLADE 5-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 13.1 OZ. (TOTAL)



1099DBT DELUXE BLADE TRADER

STEEL 420J2, SAW STEEL, SATIN FINISH
BT-H TWO HANDLES CO-POLYMER
BT-6 COOK'S BLADE 5-3/4 IN.
BT-2 FILLET BLADE 5-1/2 IN.
BT-5 SAW BLADE 5-1/2 IN.
BT-7 CARVING BLADE 6-1/8 IN.
BT-8 BREAD BLADE 6-1/8 IN.
BT-4 UTILITY BLADE 4 IN.
WEIGHT 25.6 OZ. (TOTAL)





1019 FIRE STARTER

SHAFT STEEL MAGNESIUM FIRESTEEL
STRIKER CHROME-PLATED STEEL
HANDLE PLASTIC
SHAFT 1-3/4 IN.
STRIKER 2-3/4 IN.
OVERALL 3-1/8 IN.
WEIGHT 1.1 OZ.

This magnesium fire starter always strikes a spark—even in damp conditions. A molded plastic handle makes it easy to use and a nylon cord keeps it handy when you need it.



T TOOL KEY CHAIN T-TOOL

HANDLE TEFLON-COATED ALUMINUM
OVERALL 4 IN.
WEIGHT 0.7 OZ.

This is the right tool for adjusting any Kershaw knife.

INCLUDES

#1 Phillips
T-6
T-8



1018 CAMP AX

STEEL ONE-PIECE, DROP FORGED HIGH-CARBON STEEL
HANDLE NON-SLIP OVER-MOLD
BLADE 3-1/2 IN.
OVERALL 11 IN.
WEIGHT 14.5 OZ.



This sturdy axe is drop forged in a single piece for reliable durability. For secure grip, we added a non-slip handle and a handy sheath to protect the blade.



2535 ULTRA-TEK SHARPENER

STEEL 600-GRIT DIAMOND COATED OVAL SHAFT
HANDLE ALUMINUM
SHAFT 3-3/4 IN.
OVERALL 9-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 2.0 OZ.

600-grit diamond-coated oval shaft lets you put a nice, Kershaw-sharp edge on your knife. Compact size and light weight make it easy to take with you wherever you go.



1120 TASKMASTER SHEARS

BLADE 3-1/2 IN. WITH ONE EDGE SERRATED
OVERALL 8-7/8 IN.
WEIGHT 5.1 OZ.



In addition to handling a wide variety of cutting tasks, these shears have a nutcracker, jar opener, bone notch, lid lifter and screwdriver tips. For easy cleaning, the blades fully separate.



Z997 KNIFE STORAGE BAG

MATERIAL NYLON SIDING WITH NYLON STRAPS
DIMENSIONS 13 IN. WIDE X 7-1/2 IN. HIGH
WEIGHT 12 OZ.

Double zipper case comes with 18 padded knife pockets and carry straps. Includes an 8-pocket removable center section. Ideal for carrying multiple knives





PRO-GRADE SERIES

STEEL 420J2, BRUSHED FINISH
HANDLE POLYPROPYLENE



The Kershaw Pro-Grade Specialty Fish & Game series is all about having the right tool for the job. All have a premium, corrosion-resistant blade with just the right amount of flex to make the job easier. The handle is a proven design that really lets your hand lock into place. In addition, all Pro-Grade knives are designed to be lightweight so fish and game processing is less tiring. Includes blade protector with slits to allow air to circulate.

12 IN. CIMETER 1282
BLADE 12 IN.
OVERALL 17-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 8.6 OZ.

10 IN. CURVED BREAKING 1280
BLADE 10 IN.
OVERALL 15-1/2 IN.
WEIGHT 6.0 OZ.

9 IN. NARROW FILLET 1289
BLADE 9 IN.
OVERALL 14-1/4 IN.
WEIGHT 4.0 OZ.

7-1/2 IN. NARROW FILLET 1287
BLADE 7-1/2 IN.
OVERALL 12-3/4 IN.
WEIGHT 4.0 OZ.

6 IN. NARROW FILLET 1286
BLADE 6 IN.
OVERALL 11-1/4 IN.
WEIGHT 3.6 OZ.

**4-1/2 IN. SPOON HANDLE
GUTTING KNIFE 1281**
BLADE 4-1/2 IN.
OVERALL 10 IN.
WEIGHT 4.2 OZ.

4-3/4 IN. HERRING KNIFE 1285
BLADE 4-1/2 IN.
OVERALL 8-7/8 IN.
WEIGHT 1.4 OZ.
DOES NOT INCLUDE BLADE GUARD

KITCHEN CUTLERY 9900 SERIES

STEEL AUS6A
HANDLE CO-POLYMER



With cutting performance to rival much more expensive sets, Kershaw kitchen cutlery offers high-quality, high-carbon stainless blade steel that takes and holds a brilliantly sharp edge. Soft-touch handles provide a soft-yet-firm, non-slip grip that reduces hand fatigue and makes cutting more comfortable. NSF certified.

HONING STEEL 9990
STEEL ROD 9 IN. (22.9CM)
OVERALL 14-1/4 IN.
WEIGHT 13.6 OZ.

SLICING 9970
BLADE 9 IN. (22.9CM)
OVERALL 14-1/8 IN.
WEIGHT 3.9 OZ.

BREAD 9960
BLADE 8 IN. (20.3CM)
OVERALL 12-7/8 IN.
WEIGHT 3 OZ.

CHEF'S 9945
BLADE 8 IN. (20.3CM)
OVERALL 13 IN.
WEIGHT 6.1 OZ.

SANTOKU 9950
BLADE 7 IN. (17.8CM)
OVERALL 12 IN.
WEIGHT 3.5 OZ.

CHEF'S 9940
BLADE 6 IN. (15.2CM)
OVERALL 11-3/16 IN.
WEIGHT 4 OZ.

BONING 9920
BLADE 5-1/2 IN. (14.0CM)
OVERALL 10-3/8 IN.
WEIGHT 2.8 OZ.

STEAK 9922
BLADE 4-5/8 IN. (11.8CM)
OVERALL 8-3/16 IN.
WEIGHT 1.6 OZ.

UTILITY 9921
BLADE 4-5/8 IN. (11.8CM)
OVERALL 8-3/16 IN.
WEIGHT 1.5 OZ.

PARING 9915
BLADE 3-3/4 IN. (9.5CM)
OVERALL 7-5/8 IN.
WEIGHT 1.5 OZ.

VEGETABLE 9910
BLADE 3-1/4 IN. (8.2CM)
OVERALL 7-1/4 IN.
WEIGHT 1.4 OZ.

PARING 9900
BLADE 2-7/8 IN. (7.3CM)
OVERALL 7 IN.
WEIGHT 1.4 OZ.



ADVANCED MATERIALS & INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY

Kershaw pioneered many of the materials and technologies now in common use throughout the knife industry. From high-performance blade steels, to handle materials like G-10 and titanium, to Diamond-Like Carbon (DLC) blade coatings, Kershaw has always been in the forefront. We not only think that keeps things interesting, but it also ensures that Kershaw Knives offer our customers both attention-getting looks and the highest level of performance.

When it comes to technology, Kershaw design engineers are always working on the Next Big Thing. While technologies that we introduced to the market—like SpeedSafe assisted opening—continue to be in demand, we’re always at work on innovative, new technologies, too. Our patent-pending Composite Blade technology, which combines two steels in one blade, and the KVT ball-bearing opening system are just two examples.

In the next few pages, we’ll introduce you to the types of steel Kershaw is currently using, explain how we make our Composite Blades, and provide a rundown on our handle materials and blade coatings. You’ll also find a glossary of common knife-industry terms and a new index that makes it easy to look up any Kershaw knife by its model number. (To look up our products by name and category, please check the Table of Contents in the front.)

IT STARTS WITH THE STEEL



1. Molybdenum
2. Cobalt
3. Iron
4. Carbon
5. Nickel
6. Chromium
7. Vanadium
8. Tungsten
9. Manganese
10. Silicon

9900-7 9900 BLOCK SET

This seven-piece set has all the kitchen essentials—from Chef’s knife to Honing Steel, plus a beautiful hardwood block for storage.

INCLUDES

9940 Chef’s
9900 Paring
9921 Utility
9979 Slicing
9990 Honing steel
Kitchen shears
Hardwood block

9922-7 STEAK KNIFE SET

Cut your steak with these razor-sharp steak knives and keep more of the juices where they belong—in the steak. You get a set of six serrated steak knives in a handsome hardwood storage block.

INCLUDES

9922 Steak knife (6)
Hardwood block

CB-3 CUTTING BOARD SET

This handy set includes three key pieces no kitchen should be without. The Chef’s knife handles most kitchen chores with ease. The Paring knife is perfect for smaller jobs, from peeling to mincing. Cutting on the wooden board helps keep you knives sharper for a longer period of time.

INCLUDES

9940 Chef’s
9900 Paring
Wooden cutting board

Steel is an alloy of iron and carbon. Most steel also has additional elements alloyed in it to enhance specific characteristics. For example, stainless steels contain chromium to enhance stain resistance. Nickel adds strength and toughness. Here’s a quick guide to the various elements that can make up blade steel—as well as the properties specific elements enhance:

MOLYBDENUM

Improves hardenability, wear resistance, toughness, helps during tempering to ensure steel does not become brittle

COBALT

Improves strength and hardness at elevated temperatures

IRON

The element iron is the main “ingredient” in steel. Fortunately for knife users, iron is the most common element on the planet; it is alloyed with carbon to produce steel.

CARBON

Improves strength, hardness, wear resistance, and hardenability; can reduce ductibility and toughness

NICKEL

Improves strength, toughness, corrosion resistance, and hardenability

CHROMIUM

Improves toughness, hardenability, wear and corrosion resistance; promotes hardness during heat treatment

VANADIUM

Improves strength, toughness, abrasion resistance at elevated temperatures; controls grain growth during heat treatment

TUNGSTEN

Improves hardness, strength, wear resistance, toughness, and stability at high temperatures

MANGANESE

Improves toughness in high-strength, low-alloy steels

NITROGEN

Improves strength and hardness; decreases toughness and ductibility

PHOSPHORUS

Improves strength, hardenability, and corrosion resistance, but reduces toughness

SILICON

Improves strength, hardness, corrosion resistance, and electrical conductivity

SULPHUR

Improves machinability with manganese, lowers impact strength and ductibility

KERSHAW BLADE STEELS

There’s no such thing as one “best” type of steel for every type of knife. Instead, think in terms of the best steel for a particular application. Kershaw chooses its blade steels based on a variety of criteria, from ability to hold an edge and corrosion resistance to strength, toughness, and value. Then each type of steel is matched to the function of the knife, the design of the blade, and angle to which it will be sharpened—among other knifemaker’s considerations. As steel technology continues to evolve, Kershaw will continue to select the very best of these steels to become Kershaw knife blades.

Here’s an introduction to some of our newest high-performance steels:

UDDEHOLM ELMAX®

ELMAX is a third-generation powdered steel. Incredibly clean, it has virtually no nonmetallic inclusions and offers an extremely uniform distribution of carbide. A high chromium-vanadium-molybdenum alloyed steel, ELMAX combines high wear resistance with corrosion resistance. It polishes beautifully and can be hardened to 60+ on the Rockwell Hardness Scale. It is capable of producing highly complex blade geometries for knives with great strength and hardness—and great style. As an environmental bonus, the powdered steel process produces very little scrap material. The Speedform II (model 3550) features an ELMAX blade.

SANDVIK 14C28N

Developed in a Partnership Between Kershaw and Sandvik Steel

Kershaw worked with Sandvik Steel, one of the world’s leading manufacturers of stainless steel and special alloys, to produce this high-performance steel. Increased nitrogen in the formula enables 14C28N to provide both excellent corrosion resistance and the ability to be hardened to 58-60 Rockwell. Sandvik calls 14C28N the overall highest performing knife steel in the world that still maintains the productivity benefit of being fine-blankable. (See the glossary for a definition.)

8CR13MOV

You may have heard that 8CR13MoV stainless is basically the equivalent of AUS8A. And it’s true. For everyday use, even a serious “knife knut” would be hard-pressed to tell the difference between a well-made 8CR13MoV blade and a well-made AUS8A blade. Nevertheless, there are slight differences in the steel formula. While most other components are relatively equal, 8CR13MoV has slightly more carbon for hardness and wear resistance and slightly less nickel. The key to blade performance for both of these steels is manufacturing quality. That’s where Kershaw’s expertise comes in. Kershaw precision heat-treats 8CR13MoV steel to bring out its best high-performance characteristics: the ability to take and hold an edge, strength, and hardness. 8CR13MoV is top-of-the-line Chinese steel and, we believe, offers our customers an excellent value.

And here’s a list of the other advanced and high-value steels used by Kershaw:

D2
“Semi-stainless” tool steel known for excellent wear resistance and good toughness

420
Very stain resistant and tough, but somewhat “softer;” Kershaw uses this steel in handle liners rather than blades

420 Modified
Highly stain and wear resistant, but more ductile; excellent for use where “flex” is desirable, for example, fish fillet knives

440C
With heat treatment, attains excellent strength, hardness, and wear resistance

AUS6A
High-quality Japanese stainless steel; provides good wear resistance, toughness, and the ability to take an edge

AUS8A
With slightly more carbon than AUS6A, it offers strength, hardness, and wear resistance

8Cr13MoV See opposite page

ATS-34
High-performance steel that holds an edge extremely well; fairly tough, moderately stain resistant

154CM
Almost identical with ATS-34; heat treatment will affect the characteristics of both these steels enormously; Kershaw’s technical expertise brings out the best in these steels

ZDP189
Premium Japanese powdered steel with incredible hardness and edge-holding ability

Crucible CPM S30V
All-around premium knife steel that takes and holds an edge extremely well; also extremely tough and wear resistant

3V
A very tough steel with excellent wear resistance and good stain resistance; when it does stain, it may pit rather than surface rust

Sandvik 14C28N See opposite page

Uddeholm ELMAX See opposite page

Uddeholm Vanax 35
A high-nitrogen powdered steel that forms extremely small and hard vanadium/chromium nitrides; it offers corrosion resistance the equal of austenitic stainless, a hardness of 60+ Rockwell, extreme wear resistance and edge retention

Uddeholm Vanax 75
A new, advanced high-nitrogen stainless steel and an evolution of Vanax 35; it has high levels of chromium and vanadium for high resistance to corrosion, excellent wear resistance, and toughness. In cutting applications Vanax 75 has proven up to five times the wear resistance of other high-performance steels

1.4116
A quality German steel that is highly stain resistant, tough, and corrosion resistant

STEEL CHART

STEEL	CARBON	CHROMIUM	COBALT	COPPER	MANGANESE	MOLYBDENUM	NICKEL	NITROGEN	PHOSPHORUS	SILICON	SULPHUR	TUNGSTEN	VANADIUM	HRC
D-2	1.40-1.60	11.00-13.00	-	-	0.60	0.70-1.20	0.30	-	-	0.60	-	-	1.10	57-61
420	0.15	12.00-14.00	-	-	1.00	-	-	-	0.04	1.00	0.03	-	-	52-56
420 MODIFIED	0.40-0.50	12.00-14.00	-	-	0.80	0.60	-	-	0.05	1.00	0.02	-	0.18	54-56
440C	0.95-1.20	16.00-18.00	-	-	1.00	0.75	-	-	0.04	1.00	0.03	-	-	58-60
AUS6A	0.55-0.65	13.00-14.50	-	-	1.00	-	0.49	-	0.04	1.00	0.03	-	0.10-0.25	57-58
AUS8A	0.70-0.75	13.00-14.50	-	-	0.50	0.10-0.30	0.49	-	0.04	1.00	0.03	-	0.10-0.26	58-59
8CR13MOV	0.80	13.00	-	-	0.40	0.15	0.20	-	0.02	0.50	0.01	-	0.10	58-60
154CM	1.05	14.00	-	-	0.50	4.00	-	-	-	0.30	-	-	-	59-61
ZDP189	3.00	20.00	-	-	1.00	0.75	-	-	0.04	1.00	0.03	-	-	64-67
CPM S30V	1.45	14.00	-	-	-	2.00	-	0.20	-	-	-	-	4.00	57-59
CPM 10V	2.45	5.25	-	-	0.50	1.30	-	-	-	0.90	0.07	-	9.75	56-58
CPM 3V	0.80	7.50	-	-	-	1.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.75	58-60
14C28N	0.62	14.00	-	-	-	0.55	-	0.08	0.030	0.25	0.015	-	-	58-60
ELMAX	1.70	18.00	-	-	0.30	1.00	-	-	-	0.60	-	-	3.00	58-62
VANAX 35	0.20	20.00	-	-	0.30	2.50	-	1.90	-	0.30	-	-	2.60	58-60
VANAX 75	0.20	21.20	-	-	0.30	1.30	-	4.20	-	0.30	-	-	9.00	58-60
1.4116	0.50	14.50	-	-	1.00	0.05	-	-	-	1.00	-	-	0.15	55-57

COMPOSITE BLADE TECHNOLOGY GET TWO STEELS IN ONE BLADE



Kershaw’s revolutionary Composite Blade technology enables us to design a blade with no compromises. We can use premium steel designed for wicked edge retention on the blade’s cutting edge and steel designed for superior strength along the spine. And since the premium edge steels we’re using tend to be rather expensive, making the entire blade from such “exotic” steels could make them cost prohibitive for many knife enthusiasts. Our patent-pending Composite Blade technology makes it affordable for most everyone to own a truly amazing knife.

To make a Composite Blade, Kershaw laser-cuts two interlocking blade components, one from each of the two types of steel that will eventually form the blade. The shapes can be simple or very complex. Then the two blade components are permanently joined through a metallurgical technique called brazing. The narrow copper line you see between the two blade components is the brazed joint. Is copper strong enough to permanently join steel to steel? In a word, yes. In fact, a brazed joint can be as strong or stronger than the metals it is joining. By annealing the blade to homogenize the grain structure and composition of the copper with that of the two steels being joined, Kershaw is able to produce extremely high-strength brazed joints in our Composite Blade knives.

KERSHAW HANDLE MATERIALS

Just as Kershaw matches the particular steel’s characteristics to the end use and design of the knife, we also match the knife’s handle material to its function and style. Many Kershaw handle scales are made of G-10 (see Glossary), which offers good looks, lightweight, and excellent strength. If we’re trying to reduce a knife’s weight, we might use aluminum handles. Sporting knives, which are often handled under wet conditions, might feature grippy co-polymer or Santoprene® handles.

Kershaw handle materials include: • G-10 • stainless steel • glass-filled nylon • titanium • carbon fiber • anodized aluminum • P.O.M. • steel with ABS inlay • Santoprene® • anodized aluminum with Trac-Tec inserts • Micarta® • co-polymer • plastic

See glossary for more information on these handle materials.

KERSHAW BLADE COATINGS

If you’ve ever had a knife with a coated blade that looked cool when you first got it, but not so hot after just a year of use, you’ll understand why Kershaw chooses the coating technologies it does. Because they last.

DLC COATING

Kershaw was one of the first to use DLC (Diamond-Like Carbon) coating in production knife applications. DLC stands for Diamond-Like Carbon and, indeed, DLC coatings display properties similar to those of a natural diamond, notably hardness, wear resistance, and reduced friction. The benefits of such a coating are obvious when it comes to knives.

The DLC coating is applied in a process called Physical Vapor Disposition (PVD). During PVD, metals are instantly evaporated and ionized via a high-current, low-voltage arc. The metal ions are then accelerated into a vacuum chamber. A negative voltage is introduced, which permanently deposits a thin metal coating on the blades.

TITANIUM CARBO-NITRIDE

Kershaw also uses titanium carbo-nitride to produce an attractive black or gray blade coating that increases the blade’s hardness, helps maintain the edge, and increases the overall lifetime of the blade.

TITANIUM OXIDE

When oxygen is introduced into the PVD process, the result is Kershaw’s spectacular “rainbow” finishes. The Rainbow Chive, Scallion, and Leek all feature this amazing multicolored finish. And like our other PVD coatings, it won’t scratch off.

ANODIZING

Anodizing is another process Kershaw uses to add durable color our products. Generally, we anodize aluminum handles to create lightweight handles that are still brilliantly colored. Some of our Leeks, our Blurs, are all examples of anodized aluminum finishes. Anodizing changes the microscopic texture of the surface so that a porous coating or film can be applied that will in turn accept a dye. Anodizing makes aluminum stronger and anodic films are much longer lasting than other surface colorations.

BLACK OXIDE

A chemical bath converts the surface of the steel to magnetite. Kershaw uses this coating on some blades and pocket clips, mainly for appearance, though it does add some corrosion resistance.

GLOSSARY

Ability to take an edge Some steels just take a sharper edge than others. Fine-grained steels take an edge more easily than coarse-grained ones.

ABS inlay Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) is a common thermoplastic. It combines strength and rigidity with the toughness of rubber. Inlaid in steel handles, it also offers non-slip grip characteristics.

Alloy A mixture of two or more metals in solution; the atoms of one replace or occupy spaces between the atoms of the other so that the materials are inextricably joined.

Ambidextrous Able to use both left and right hands with equal ease. In relation to knives, it means that the knife is usable by both left and right-handers with equal ease.

Aluminum Kershaw uses 6061-T6 aerospace aluminum to create some of our knife handles. This aluminum combines high strength with workability, corrosion resistance, and good acceptance of applied coatings.

Anodized aluminum Anodizing changes the microscopic texture of the surface of the aluminum so that a porous coating or film can be applied that will in turn accept a dye. Anodizing makes aluminum stronger and anodic films are much longer lasting than other surface colorations. Anodized aluminum knife handles are highly scratch resistant and fade resistant.

Belly The deeply convex-curved part of the blade, often found in skinning knives and multi-tasking knives.

Bolster The junction between the handle and the knife blade. A thick bolster can serve as a safety feature; it also contributes to knife balance.

Carbide A hard material made of compacted carbon and heavy metals used to make metal-cutting tools. Kershaw uses a carbide tip as a glass-breaker in some of our rescue tools.

Carbon fiber A strong, lightweight weave of bonded carbon atoms. Kershaw occasionally uses it in handle scales; a premium material.

Choil The start of the cutting edge. The choil is unsharpened and can be decoratively shaped.

Clip-point blade A blade shape in which the blade is clipped off at a straight or slightly curved concave angle to the point. Provides a thin, aggressive point, yet sheaths easily.

Computer Numerical Controlled (CNC) machining Adds dimension to a knife blade or handle and enhances performance. CNC machines can be programmed to execute a precise series of machining operations that can result in the production of some of the complex components of a knife. Kershaw was one of the pioneers in mainstreaming the production of 3D-machined knives. We chose to use CNC machines because they give us the flexibility to create the complex part geometries that some of our knife designs require. CNC also gives us the ability to create just a few pieces for limited-run products or thousands of pieces for knives we produce in higher quantities.

Co-polymer A polymer is a large molecule composed of repeating structural units and can be either synthetic or natural. A co-polymer is a compound of two or more different molecules, chosen for specific characteristics. The co-polymers Kershaw uses for knife handles generally have a slightly rubbery texture to improve grip security.

Corrosion resistance the ability of steel to resist deterioration through reaction with elements in its surrounding environment.

DLC Coating Diamond-Like Carbon coating; a coating that displays properties similar to those of natural diamond, including hardness, wear resistance, and reduced friction. Kershaw uses it to enhance the performance of knife blades and produce an attractive finish.

Drop forging a process by which a knife blade is made by forcing hot steel into a metal die.

Drop-point blade a very common blade style providing a strong, convenient point and easy sheathing; very common in hunting blades and work knives.

Edge retention the ability of a steel to resist abrasion and wear so that the edge stays sharper longer.

Ergonomics the design science of making products comfortable and efficient for human use.

Fine blanking manufacturing process that uses high-precision tools to fabricate a knife blade (or other

part) to a shape very near to its final dimensions. Fine-blanked blades need little grinding or re-shaping.

Flipper Unlike SpeedSafe®, there is no torsion bar. Instead, flipper opening is kinetic. Apply finger pressure to the flipper and the knife opens quickly and easily. Kershaw’s silky operation and precision fit and finish enable our flipper knives to open with ease, even without a mechanical assist.

Full tang knife A knife which is built of one solid piece of blade steel from tip to butt; scales are usually attached to form the handle.

G-10 An epoxy-filled woven glass fiber; it is extremely stable, unaffected by temperature changes, and can be decoratively tinted, ground, and polished. G-10 makes excellent handles and handle scales for knives.

Glass-filled nylon Nylon synthetic polymer is reinforced with glass threads for increased strength, stiffness, and dimensional stability combined with excellent wear resistance.

Hardenability The ability of a steel to be hardened by heat treatment.

Hardness Like strength, hardness is a measure of resistance to deformation. The Rockwell Hardness Scale numbers that you often see in our specs refer to the relative hardness of metals determined by the depth of penetration into the metal by a steel ball or diamond cone.

Heat treatment A controlled heating and cooling process designed to improve the physical properties and characteristics of the steel. Tempering, annealing, and quenching are all forms of heat treatment.

Impact resistance The ability of a

material to resist cracking or breaking due to sudden impact.

Inclusions Non-metallic particles that can either form naturally during the steel-making process or can accidentally get into steel. These inclusions can affect the steel’s quality; the fewer the inclusions, the cleaner and higher quality the steel.

Inset liner lock To build an inset liner lock, Kershaw insets a strip of steel inside a knife’s handle—most commonly when the handle is G-10 or glass-filled nylon. Insetting the lock in this way enables us to create a slimmer knife, while still providing the strength and security of a locking liner.

Lanyard hole A hole in the butt end of the knife to enable to user to attach a cord or lanyard.

Left/right-hand carry pocketclip The knife handles on some models are drilled for both left and right hand clip carry allowing the clip to be mounted on either side of the handle and thus ideal for both left- and right-handed knife users.

Lock back A pivoted latch connected to a spring and positioned on the back of a knife handle. It locks the blade open. To close the knife, depress the latch to release the blade.

Locking liner On a folding knife, the liners are the flat plates that support the handle sides, bolsters, spine, and blade pivot. In a locking liner, as the blade is opened, one of the liners moves behind the blade to hold it in the open position. This prevents the knife from accidentally closing. To close the knife, the locking liner must be pushed to the side and the blade folded back into the handle.

Micarta® An industrial laminate composed of layers of fiber

embedded in a resin and subjected to heat and high-pressure to make the material extremely hard and dense. The material has industrial and decorative applications.

PMMA Plastic Polymethyl methacrylate is strong and lightweight material, familiar to most people as acrylic glass. It has good impact strength and is highly versatile.

POM Polyoxymethylene-Delrin® (POM) is a rigid, high-strength engineering plastic. It is often used in food applications as it offers extremely low moisture absorption, high-impact resistance, and is very easy to clean.

Recurve blade A blade with a concave curve off the choil that flows into a deep belly. A recurve blade is built for multi-tasking, offering minimal mass, and maximum performance. It provides leverage for tough cutting tasks and a precisely centered point for piercing.

Rockwell Hardness Scale A measurement of the hardness of a material based on the depth of penetration of a diamond cone pressed into the material at a constant pressure.

Santoprene™ A high-performance elastomer that offers flexibility and low compression with the manufacturing ease of thermoplastics. It has a dry, silky feel for a secure grip.

Safety Tip-Lock A small slider that locks the tip of the blade in the handle until the user releases it. It is available on a number of our SpeedSafe® models.

Scales The pieces of material that are fitted to the tang of a full-tang knife or to the liners of a folding knife. There are a wide variety of handle materials available from natural, such as wood and bone, to manmade, such as G-10.

Sheepsfoot/Warnecliffe blade A blade with a fairly straight cutting edge with the spine rounded down to meet the point. It is a very strong design for bearing down on a cutting chore.

Spearpoint blade A blade that is sharpened on both top and bottom, generally used as weapons.

SpeedSafe® Kershaw’s patented manual assisted-opening system; the user starts the blade out of the handle, then the SpeedSafe® torsion bar takes over to fully open the knife.

Stain resistance The “stainless” in stainless steel; this is its ability to withstand rust.

Strength is the ability to take a load without permanently deforming. When it comes to steel, strength is directly related to hardness. The harder the steel, the stronger it is.

Sub-Frame® Lock Kershaw uses the Sub-Frame Lock to create an extremely sturdy locking frame in our lightweight anodized aluminum or G-10 handles. This enables us to make a larger knife that is still light enough to carry every day. One side of the handle is fitted with an inset plate of stainless steel. The stainless-steel plate is integral to the frame and is the part of the frame that moves into place behind the blade to secure it. Release the Sub-Frame Lock just as you would any other frame lock.

Tanto/modified tanto blade a blade with two edges, the bottom cutting edge and a shorter edge angled from the point. Good for punching and multi-purpose use. Knifemakers modify the tanto blade in numerous ways for both style and function.

Tempering slow, steady heating of steel, followed by a slow cooling phase;

this heating and cooling helps relieve stress in the steel to strengthen it.

Tensile strength the ability of steel to resist breakage by stretching.

Tip-up/Tip-down carry this refers to the position in which a folding pocketknife is carried when clipped to the pocket: with the closed tip pointing up or down. Many Kershaw knives offer the ability to reverse the clip for either method of carry.

Titanium a lightweight, corrosion-resistant metal with high tensile strength. Often used as handle materials, for liners, or as a blade coating, where it enhances performance.

Toughness the ability of the steel to withstand shock loading without damage; the opposite of brittleness. In a blade, higher toughness means less chipping or cracking. Toughness can be lost in very hard steel, although heat treatment can be used to improve toughness in a hard steel.

Trac-Tec A rough-surfaced insert that provides additional friction for a non-slip grip.

Wear resistance the ability of the steel to withstand abrasion.

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SUSTAINABILITY



While knife manufacturing isn't on the top of anybody's list of "ultra-green" industries, Kershaw employs strategies that reduce our use of non-recyclable materials, help us efficiently reuse the materials we can, and recycle as much as possible.

Naturally, knife manufacturing requires the cutting and grinding of large quantities of steel. Our CNC-machining process, for example, generates piles of metal shavings, which we collect and recycle. In fact, all our scrap metal is collected and either reused or sent to a reliable recycler.

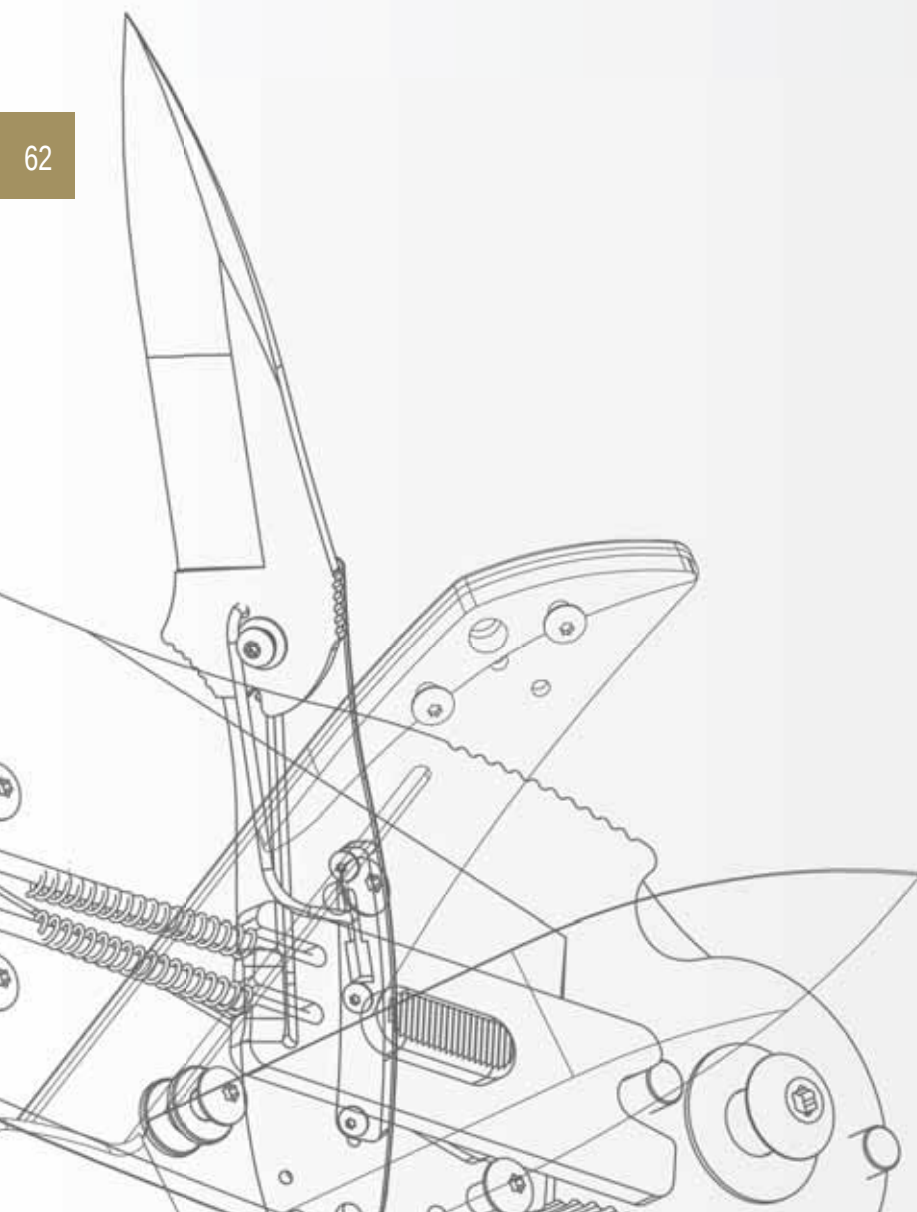
To cut down on our use of petroleum products, we collect and reuse both the oil and the coolant our cutting and grinding machines require. Even the metal-laden sludge from the grinding process is separated from the coolant and recycled. And, of course, our manufacturing facilities use fluorescent light bulbs and we recycle both bulbs and batteries.

Packaging is one area in which Kershaw is making strides this year (see inside front cover for details). Our new Natralock® package reduces plastic use and increases recyclability. Even this catalog is printed on paper that is certified by the Forest Sustainability Council for adhering to the highest social and environmental standards. In the same way that Kershaw is dedicated to state-of-the-art technology in the manufacture of our knives, we are also dedicated to becoming more and more efficient —so we can make a lighter impact on our environment.

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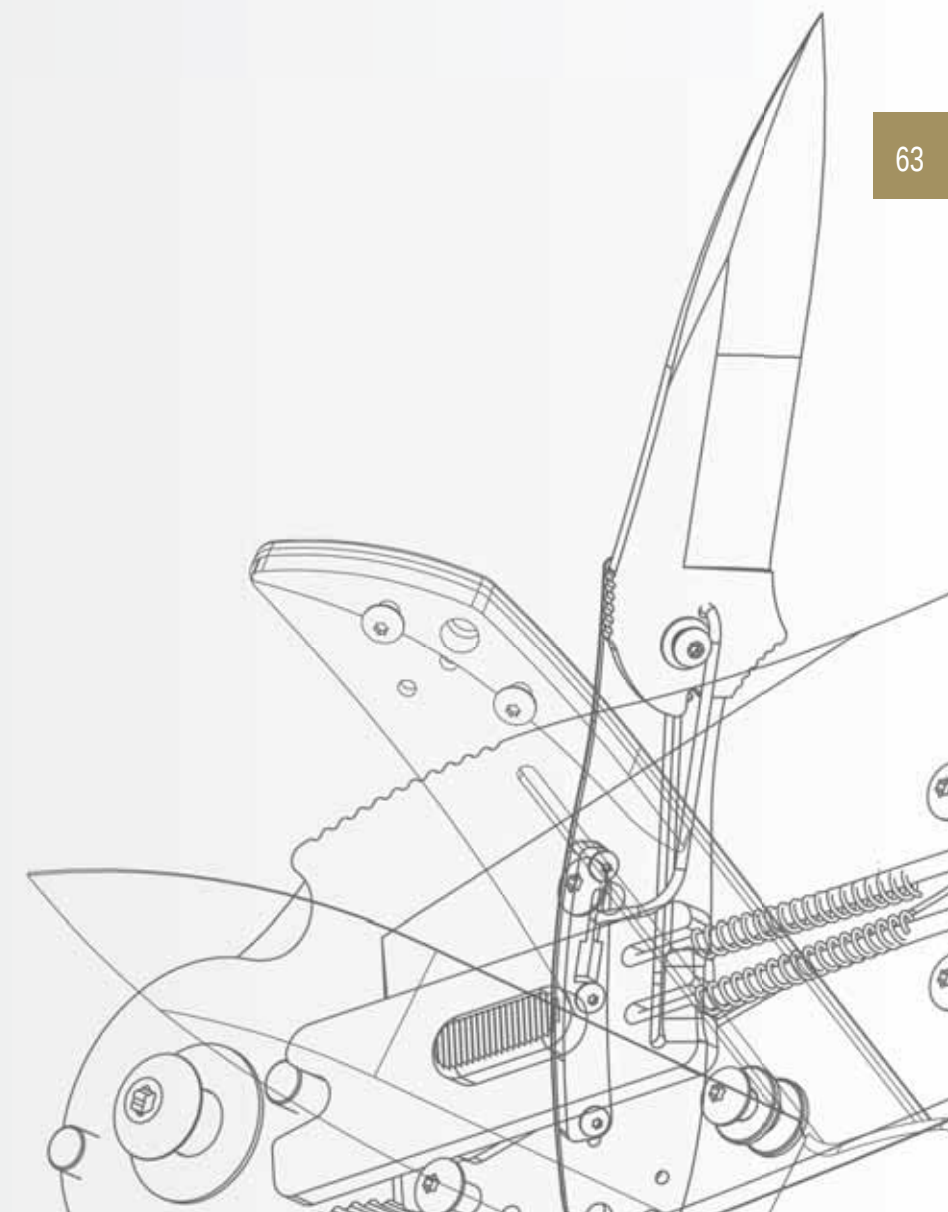
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