

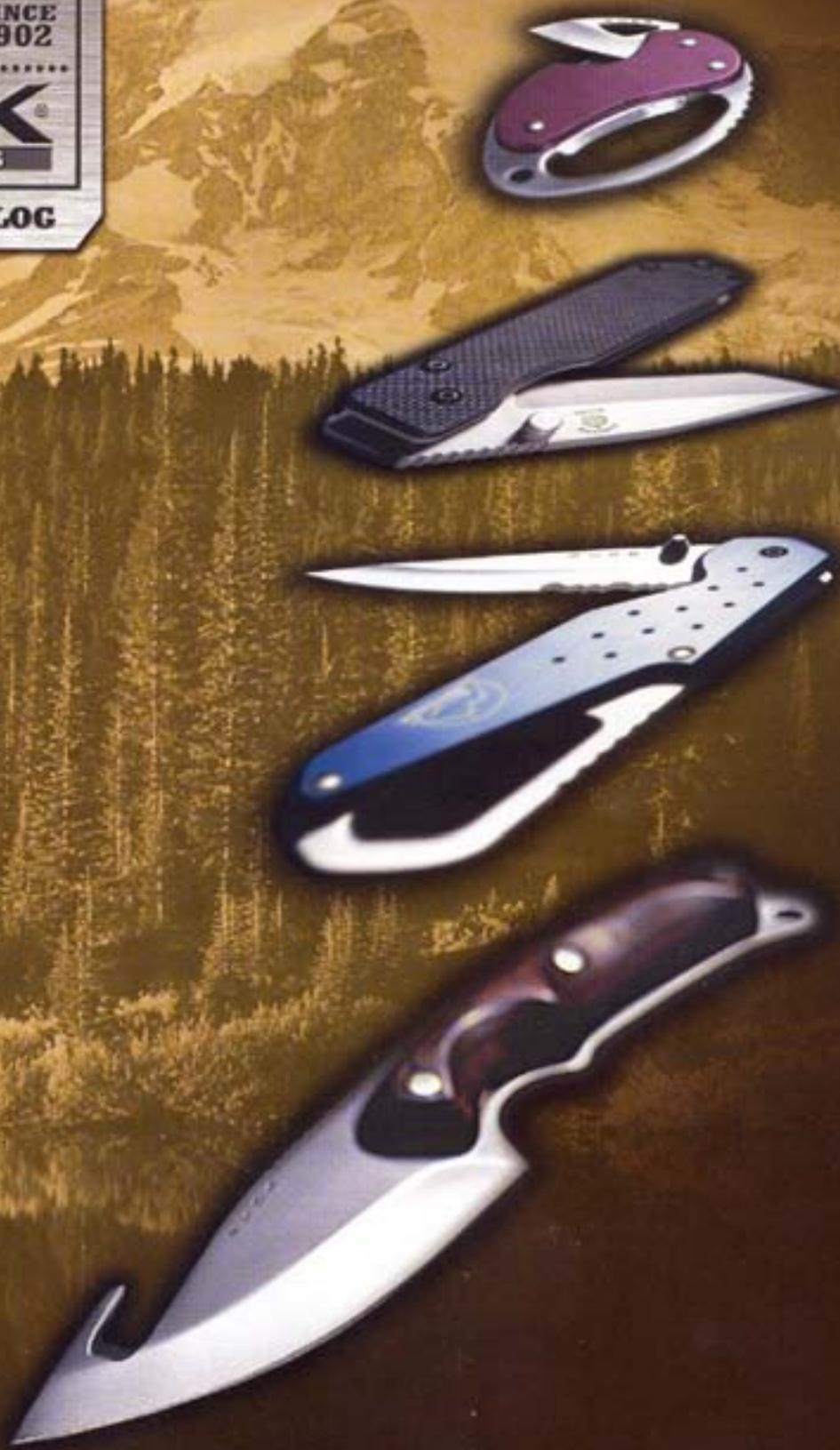
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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS AS AN AMERICAN TRADITION

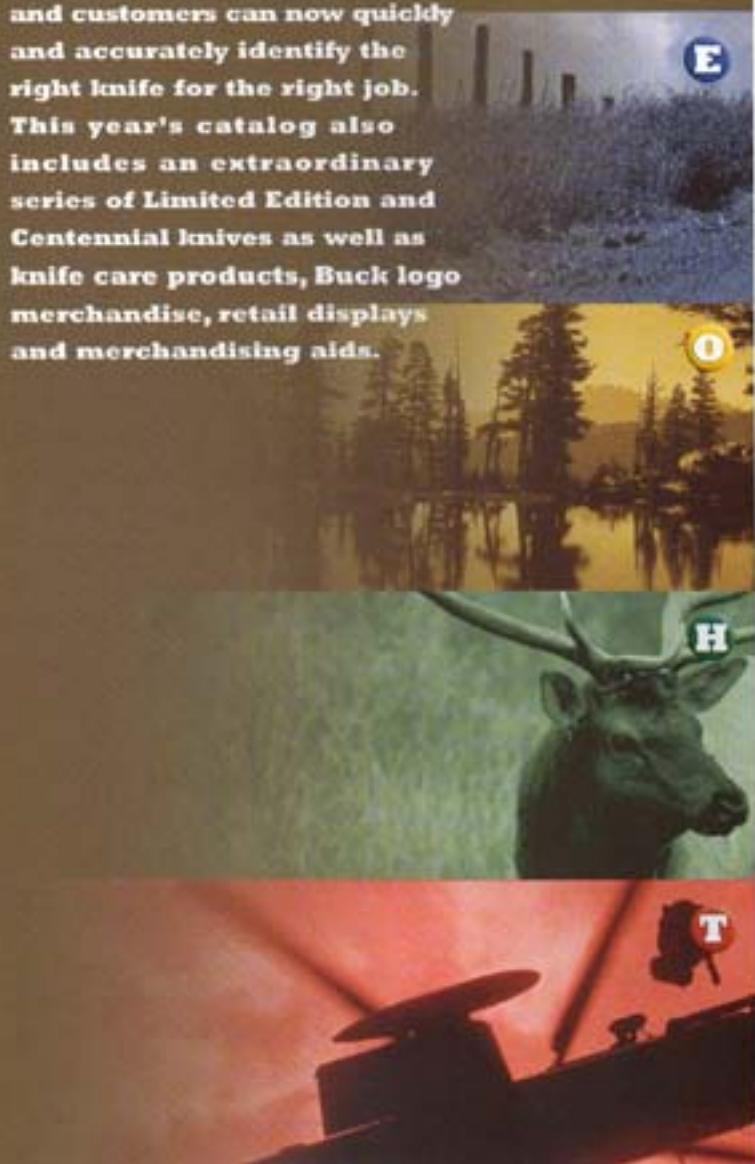
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Why Buck markets to the four categories.

This year we've continued to organize the Buck Knives catalog and products into four, easy-to-understand, color-coded selling categories: **Everyday**, **Outdoor**, **Hunting & Fishing** and **Tactical**. Retailers and customers can now quickly and accurately identify the right knife for the right job. This year's catalog also includes an extraordinary series of Limited Edition and Centennial knives as well as knife care products, Buck logo merchandise, retail displays and merchandising aids.



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SPECIAL FEATURE ICONS

Throughout the catalog, look for these icons which denote special features:

- BG-42 Grade Steel Blade

- ATS-34 Grade Steel Blade

- One-Handed Opening & Closing

- In-line products modified specifically for our Centennial celebration.

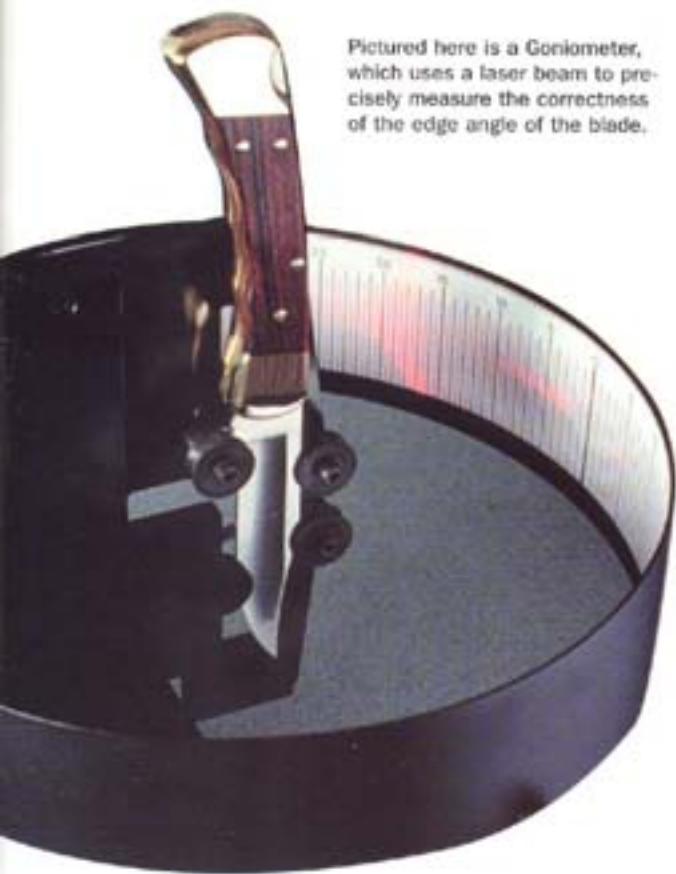
BLADE TECHNOLOGY

Highest Performance

Sharper right out of the box, our knives are crafted with precision blade technology and high-grade steel to help keep their edge longer, exceed the highest performance expectations and last a lifetime.

Edge 2x (Edge2000)

Chuck Buck, a team of skilled engineers and key floor operators developed Edge 2x (Edge2000) technology to allow greater flexibility in matching the angle of the blade to the function of the knife. Edge 2x uses more precise angles and laser measurements to ensure consistently sharper edges. This advanced machine technology is complemented with hand edging that minimizes the risk of burning (which can lower the steel's hardness).



Pictured here is a Goniometer, which uses a laser beam to precisely measure the correctness of the edge angle of the blade.



To ensure the best materials and edge preparation, Buck uses a computerized CATRA machine to test edge sharpness and retention.

Optimum Materials

Buck's unconditional lifetime warranty drives us to create knives of only the highest quality. Using the optimum combination of tradition and innovation, we constantly search for the best in blade and handle materials to improve the quality, durability, look and performance of our knives. In addition, we collaborate with experts to achieve superior design and function.

Buck selects different blade steels based on the function of the knife. ATS-34 and BG-42 stainless steels contain high amounts of carbon and molybdenum offering the highest performance in edge-retention and strength. 420HC stainless steel, a high-quality chromium and carbon alloy, remains our standard – providing more corrosion- and wear-resistance than most competitors' blades. And the chromium and nickel in 17-7PH stainless steel works ideally for water sports.

Buck also uses a wide variety of natural and man-made materials to create handles that look as great as they perform. Handle materials range from exquisitely grained wood to hand-finished bone to virtually indestructible G10 laminate.

4-EVER
WARRANTY

And as always, every Buck product is backed by our unconditional lifetime warranty.



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*Al Buck inside knife shop, circa 1950.



Al Buck in shop, circa 1950.

Commitment.
Dedication.
Innovation.
These are the elements that have kept our tradition alive and our future so promising. For a century now, we've made knives of such high quality, distinction and value that they've been handed down from generation to generation. What started as a passion has turned into a lifetime of commitment.

Our legacy of excellence began in 1902 with Buck Knives' founder Hoyt Buck.



An early Buck Knives' ad featuring Hoyt Buck.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF CRAFTSMANSHIP, FOUR GENERATIONS OF DEDICATION, AND A WARRANTY THAT SPANS A LIFETIME.



Knife made by Hoyt and Al in the 1940's.

His tenacity and dedication to quality, reliability and integrity were not only instilled in his company but into his eldest son. Al Buck took over the company in 1949 and catapulted Buck Knives from a fledgling company to a thriving corporation. His hard work placed Buck Knives on a profitable growth path for years to come. In 1979 he turned over the presidency to his son Chuck Buck who exceeded his father's expectations. Chuck Buck pioneered technological innovations and expansion that played an integral role in developing Buck Knives into a company with vision.

Today Buck Knives has not wavered from the high standards responsible for so

much of its success. Chuck's work ethic was ingrained into his son, CJ Buck. With CJ leading the way, Buck Knives continues to prosper with exciting new products and innovative ways to help you sell them. With bold new designs for the 2002 line, our 100th anniversary promises to be one of the best years yet.



Four Generations
Sub-Hilt Bowie knife.

100 Years

In this, our centennial year, Buck Knives moves forward focusing on the

future while embracing our past. We celebrate our heritage through a unique collection of Limited Edition Centennial Knives to commemorate our 100th anniversary.



① 119 - 100 YEAR NEW

A Buck Centennial Limited Edition, classic fixed-blade hunting knife with 24K gold-plated "100" laser cut in blade.

Blade	8" 24K gold plated "100" laser cut
Length/Weight	10 1/4" overall, 10.5 oz.
Handle	Palm-wood exotic wood found in the South Seas
Sheath	Black leather
Extras	Serialized, limited-edition box
Model #	Catalog #
Box	119CENB 5215



② 976 - 100 YEAR NEW

Our first presentation dagger, a truly custom design never offered before in our catalog.

Blade	8 1/4" mirror polished 420HC,
	24K gold acid etched Centennial logo
Length/Weight	11", 6.6 oz.
Handle	Black buffalo horn
Guard & Butt	Nickel Silver
Sheath	Black leather
Extras	Serialized, limited-edition box
Model #	Catalog #
Box	976CENB 5232



③ 110 - 100 YEAR NEW

Buck's famous 110, with specially designed handle, including 100-year medallion and nickel silver bolsters.

Blade	3 1/2" clip, mirror polished
Length/Weight	4 1/4" closed, 10.5 oz.
Handle	Black Charcoal Diamond wood with Centennial medallion
Bolsters	Nickel Silver
Sheath	Black leather
Extras	Serialized, limited-edition box
Model #	Catalog #
Box	110CENB 5226

④ 525 - 100 YEAR NEW

Our "gentleman's" knife with the Centennial logo anodized on the handle.

Blade	1 1/2" drop point
Length/Weight	2 1/2" closed, 1 oz.
Handle	Anodized with Centennial logo
Extras	Limited-edition box
Model #	Catalog #
Box	525CENB 5216

A Tribute to Paul Lentz



Paul Lentz, the Vice President of our 2000 member strong Buck Collectors Club, passed away on July 11, 2001. Paul was a man of vision and constantly went the extra mile to help his fellow man. His enthusiasm for Buck was delightful and he always had a quick smile. Paul will be missed. God bless you Paul. - Chuck Buck

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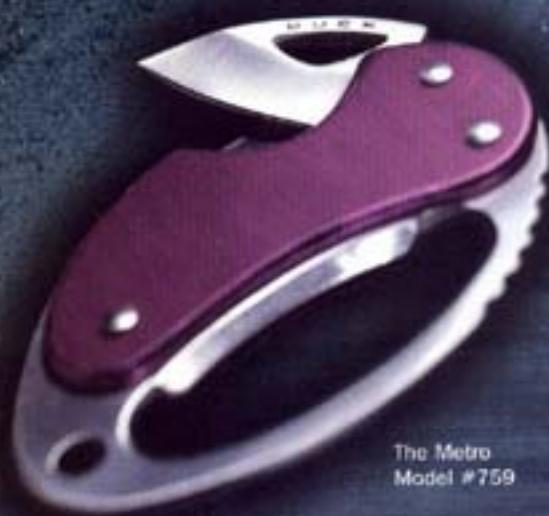
EVERYDAY

Support in
the eternal
struggle of
Man vs.
Cardboard.

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You never know when a good knife might come in handy. Regardless of whether you keep it in your pocket, purse or glove compartment, our everyday knives can get you out of a bind. Conquer boxes. Vanquish dangling threads. Subdue stubborn envelopes. Never be unprepared again.



The Metro
Model #759

① 433 JUNO™

Thin, one-hand opening lock-back pocket knife with unique, ergonomic styling.

Blade	2 1/8" drop point, partially serrated
Length/Weight	6 3/4" overall, 4" closed, 2.5 oz.
Handle	Ergonomic glass-filled thermoplastic
Model #	Catalog #
Box	4339IB 5084
Clam	4339IC 5085



② 759 METRO™ NEW

Triple use: knife, bottle and soda can opener. Attaches to key ring.

Blade	1 1/4" drop point
Length/Weight	2 1/2" closed, 1.5 oz.
Handle/Lines	Anodized aluminum/stainless steel
Black	Model # Catalog #
Box	759IB 5281
Clam	759IC 5282
Blue	Box 759BLB 5283
	Clam 759BLC 5284
Purple	Box 759PLB 5285
	Clam 759PLC 5286



One Hand Opening & Closing

Unfortunately, man was created with only two hands and sometimes one of those hands is hanging on for dear life. Whether you're facing a life or death struggle atop a mast or on the side of a mountain, or maybe just trying to keep your cheese out of the dirt, you'll find our one-handed opening and closing knives a handy solution to man's limitations.



FEATURE

① 501 SQUIRE™

Mid-sized 500 Series, wooden-sided, lock-back SlimLine knife.

Blade	2 1/4" drop point
Length/Weight	3 1/4" closed, 3 oz.
Bolsters/Liners	Stainless steel
Handle	Woodgrain
Sheath	Black leather
Model #	Catalog #
Box	501B 2598
Clam	501CP 1270

**② 503 PRINCE™**

Small size 500 Series, SlimLine knife.

Blade	2 1/4" drop point
Length/Weight	3 1/4" closed, 2 oz.
Bolsters/Liners	Stainless steel
Handle	Woodgrain
Model #	Catalog #
Box	503B 9201
Clam	503CP 1274

③ 505 KNIGHT™

Smallest 500 Series, SlimLine knife.

Blade	1 1/2" drop point
Length/Weight	2 1/4" closed, 1.5 oz.
Bolsters/Liners	Stainless steel
Handle	Woodgrain
Model #	Catalog #
Box	505B 2599

**④ 820 TLC™ KNIFE**

For cutting tile, linoleum, carpet, boxes and many other tasks.

Blade	3", 1 1/2" serrated for added cutting power
Length/Weight	7 1/2" overall, 4.5 oz.
Features	One-piece blade/tang runs the length of handle
Handle	Kraton® for secure, comfortable grip
Model #	Catalog #
Box	820BKB 5112
Clam	820BKC 5113

**⑤ 821 GRIP SAW™**

Unique saw with sure-grip design. Ideal for tasks around the house and campsite.

Blade	Hardened, plated steel for corrosion resistance. One-piece blade/tang runs the length of handle
Length/Weight	10 1/4", 5.1 oz.
Handle	Kraton® for secure, comfortable grip
Sheath	Injection molded, high-density plastic
Model #	Catalog #
Box	821BKB 5176
Clam	821BKC 5177



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OUTDOOR

Finding yourself in the great outdoors requires the tools to get you there.

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Whether your customers are backpackers, hikers, campers, kayakers, river rafters or rock climbers, there is a Buck knife designed for them. Buck's outdoor knives are rugged and many can be opened and closed with one hand - leaving the other hand free to climb, balance or paddle.

The Approach
Model #751

Peter Whittaker Collaboration



When asked to collaborate on some new outdoor products with Buck Knives, Peter leapt at the opportunity...literally.

Photo: Kent Wagner.

Creating the ultimate outdoor knives requires going beyond the factory. To achieve top performance and utility, Buck Knives tapped the mind of world-renowned mountaineer Peter Whittaker.

Buck's outdoor knives are designed primarily for backpackers, campers, and hikers. However, we thought the wisdom of one of the world's top mountain climbers would ensure that our knives pass the most severe tests for function and dependability. Whittaker and his staff of mountain guides provided the insight and field testing, enabling us to produce an all-new series of advanced-design outdoor knives.



751 APPROACH NEW

Rugged knife with one-hand opening and closing. Large lanyard hole to accommodate a full-size carabiner for easy attachment to a pack, climbing harness or belt loop.

Blade	3" drop point, partially serrated
Length/Weight	4 1/4" closed, 3.6 oz.
Handle	Anodized aluminum
Black	Model # Catalog #
Box	751B#B 5259
Clam	751B#C 5260
Blue	
Box	751BL#B 5261
Clam	751BL#C 5262
Purple	
Box	751PU#B 5263
Clam	751PU#C 5264



④ 435 REVOLUTION™ NEW

Rugged, fixed-blade knife with a unique light-weight handle that revolves to become the sheath. Integral clipping mechanism.

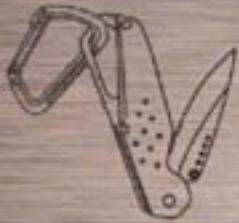
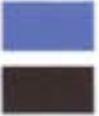
Blade	3 1/2" drop point, partially serrated
Length/Weight	7 1/2", 2.4 oz.
Handle	High-impact plastic
Sheath	When knife is in closed position knife casing acts as sheath and a unique hanging mechanism is exposed.
U.S. Patent	Pending
Model #	Catalog #
Box	435BKB
Clam	5254



⑤ 753 NAVIGATOR™ NEW

A lightweight, multi-purpose tool that features a substantial knife blade that opens with one hand, six implements and an integral clipping mechanism.

Blade	2 1/2" drop point, partially serrated
Length/Weight	3 1/2" closed, 5.6 oz.
Handle	Anodized aluminum
Clip	Unique hanging mechanism built into handle
U.S. Patent	Pending
Model #	Catalog #
Black	Available 5/15/02
Box	753BKB
Clam	5265
Blue	Available 5/15/02
Box	753BLB
Clam	5267
Purple	Available 5/15/02
Box	753PLB
Clam	5270



A line of knives built to go where you go.

The "Approach" is a folding locking liner knife engineered to attach to a carabiner, which clips into a climbing harness, backpack or almost anything. The "Revolution" is an innovative "fixed blade" with a built-in clipping mechanism that rotates to

close into its handle, which also serves as a sheath. The "Navigator" is a multipurpose, one-hand opening knife with an integral clipping mechanism, pliers, can opener, screwdrivers and other assorted tools.

FEATURE

281 NXT® I-TS

One-hand open/close locking liner with comfortable rubber handle.

Blade	2 1/4" 420HC partially serrated or modified drop point (red only)
Length/Weight	3 1/4" closed, 2.5 oz.
Handle	Glass-reinforced nylon base with over-mold of Dynaflex rubber
Clip	Stainless-steel pocket clip
Serrated	
Blue	
Box	281BUB
Cam	281BUC
Cobalt	
Box	281PLXB
Cam	281PLXC
Red	
Box	281RDXB
Cam	281RDXC
Gray	
Box	281GYB
Cam	281GYC
Non-Serrated	
Red	
Box	281RDB
Cam	281RDC



282 NXT® I

One-hand open/close knife with high-impact plastic handle.

Blade	2 1/4" 420HC modified drop point, non-serrated
Length/Weight	3 1/4" closed, 2.5 oz.
Handle	Black plastic
Clip	Stainless-steel pocket clip
Box	282B
Cam	282C



885 TACLITE®

A durable, lightweight knife with patent pending blade-release mechanism.

Blade	3 1/4" ATS-34 steel, Rc 58-61
Length/Weight	8 1/4" overall, 4 1/4" closed, 3.5 oz.
Handle	G10
Clip	High-carbon stainless steel
Model #	Catalog #
Box	885BKB
	5066



886 MINI TACLITE™ NEW

A smaller version of the TacLite™ with the same patent pending blade release.

Blade	2 1/4" ATS-34 steel, Rc 58-61
Length/Weight	3 1/4" closed, 1.9 oz.
Handle	G10
Clip	High-carbon stainless steel
Model #	Catalog #
Box	886BKB
	5174

450 PROTEGE®**① 450RD PROTEGE®**

Lightweight lockblade with non-slip thermoplastic rubber handle.

Blade	3" clip, non-serrated
Length/Weight	4 1/2" closed, 7 1/2" locked open, 3 oz.
Handle	Black rubberized over glass-filled thermoplastic
Sheath	Heavy-duty black nylon
Model #	Catalog #
Box	450RD
Clam	450RDC

**② 450FX PROTEGE®**

Updated version of model 450RD featuring modified blade shape and one-hand opening.

Blade	3" modified clip, partially serrated
Length/Weight	4 1/2" closed, 7 1/2" locked open, 3 oz.
Handle	Black rubberized over glass-filled thermoplastic
Sheath	Heavy-duty black nylon
Model #	Catalog #
Box	450FXB
Clam	450FXC

③ 455FX MINI-PROTEGE®

Miniature version of Protege 450FX.

Blade	2" modified clip, partially serrated
Length/Weight	3" closed, 5" locked open, 1 oz.
Handle	Black rubberized, non-slip over glass-filled thermoplastic
Model #	Catalog #
Box	455FXB
Clam	455FXC

442/444 BUCKLITE®**① 442 BUCKLITE®**

Rugged, lightweight lockblade knife.

Blade	3" drop point
Length/Weight	4 1/2" closed, 7 1/2" locked open, 2.5 oz.
Handle	Black thermoplastic with rounded edges
Clip	Detachable metal for right- or left-hand use
U.S. Patent	No. 5,826,340
Model #	Catalog #
Box	442BKB
Clam	442BKP

**② 444 BUCKLITE® II**

Smaller version of model 442 BuckLite; Centennial blade etch, lapel pin and certificate included for 2002 only.

Blade	2 1/2" drop point
Length/Weight	3 1/2" closed, 5 1/2" locked open, 1.25 oz.
Handle	Black thermoplastic with rounded edges
U.S. Patent	No. 5,826,340
Model #	Catalog #
Box	444BKB
Clam	444BKP

④ 180YT CROSSLOCK® YACHTSMAN™

One-hand open/close action, two blades with features perfect for boaters.

Blades	3 1/4" sheepfoot, partially serrated 3 1/4" blade with essential boating tools: Spanner wrench Shackle wrench Paint can/bottle opener Large flat-blade screwdriver Universal wire stripper
Length/Weight	5" closed, 5.5 oz.
Sheath	Heavy-duty black nylon, plus wrist lanyard
Model #	Catalog #
Box	180YTB 2729
Clam	180YTC 2670



④ 185 TIBURON™

Multi-purpose water sports knife designed in collaboration with world-renowned kayaker Ed Gillet.

Blade	3 1/4" partially serrated blade Chisel point Line/strip cutter Wrench, tool adapter slot
Length/Weight	8 1/4" overall, 6 oz.
Steel	17-7PH stainless steel for increased corrosion resistance
Handle	Skeleton style
Sheath	Molded with belt loop and clip for right- or left-hand use
U.S. Patent	No. 5,359,778
Model #	Catalog #
Box	185WSB 2836

④ 755 FOLDING SAW NEW

Lightweight, folding camp saw for compact carry and safe storage. Removable blade for easy cleaning.

Blade	6 1/4" with off-set teeth in hardened, plated steel for corrosion resistance (Extra blades available)
Length/Weight	8 1/4" closed, 4.3 oz.
Handle	Molded ABS plastic with comfortable contouring
Model #	Catalog #
Box	755BKB 5277
Clam	755BHC 5278



④ 757 CAMP AXE NEW

Ergonomic handle and head-weighted for improved performance.

Cutting Edge	3"
Length/Weight	13 1/4", 19 oz.
Handle	Ergonomic shaped, high-impact plastic
Sheath	Molded nylon
Model #	Catalog #
Box	757KBC 5279
Clam	757HBC 5280

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HUNTING/ FISHING

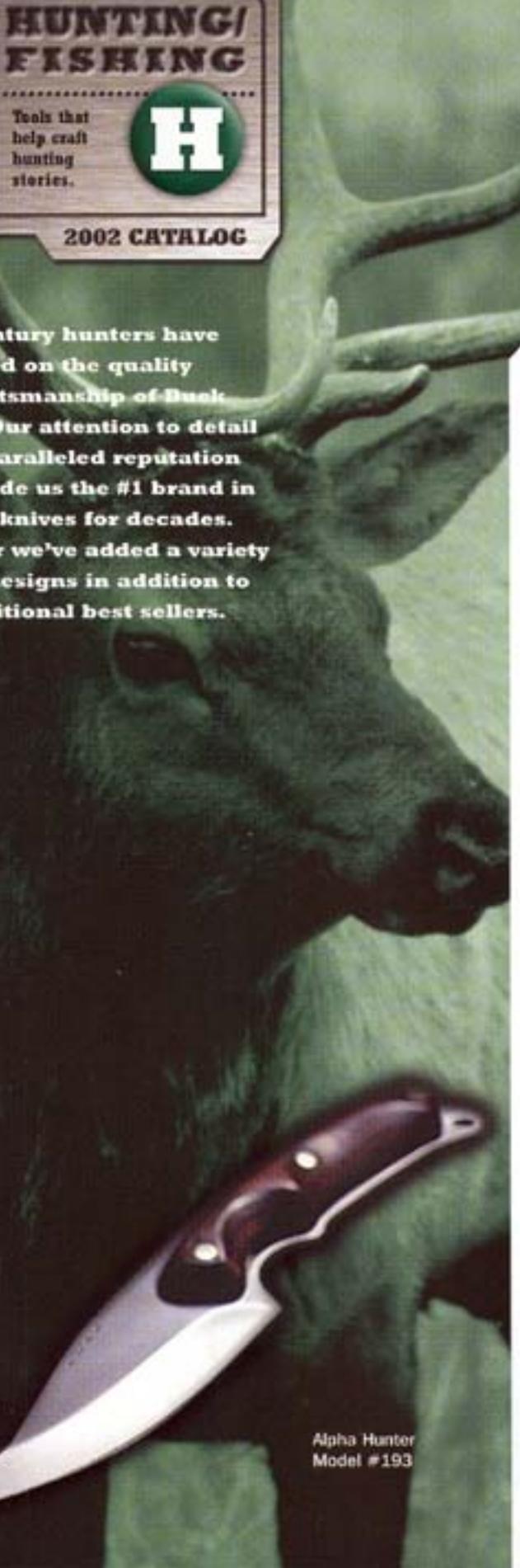
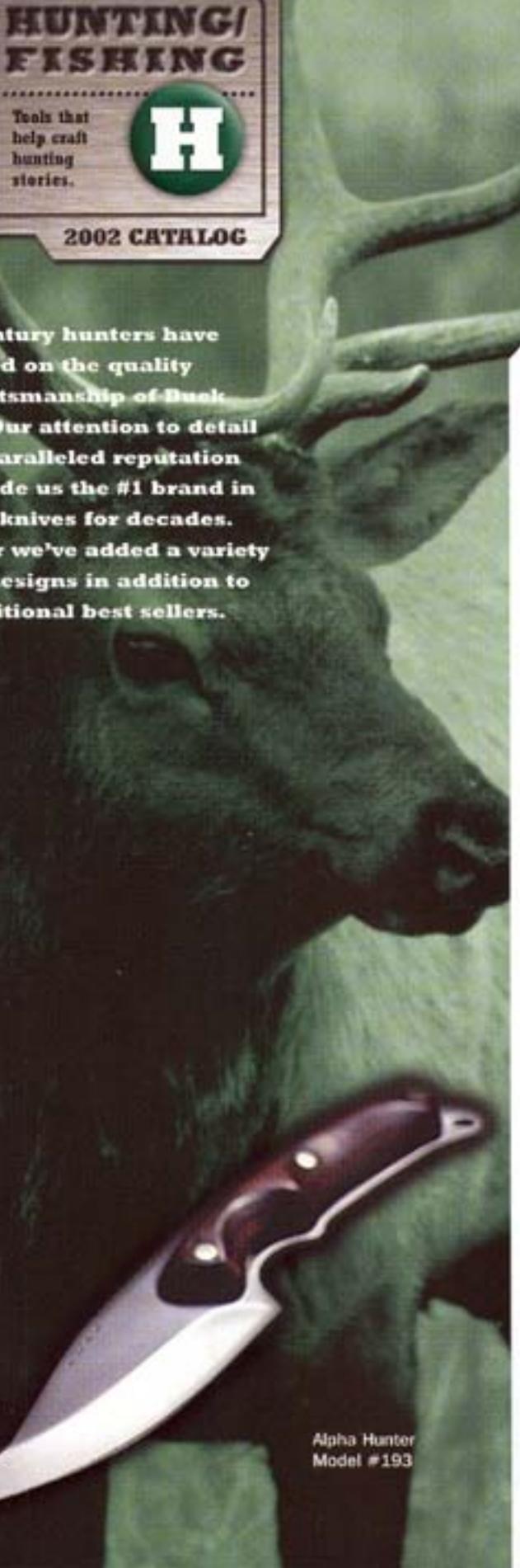
Tools that
help craft
hunting
stories.



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For a century hunters have depended on the quality and craftsmanship of Buck Knives. Our attention to detail and unparalleled reputation have made us the #1 brand in hunting knives for decades. This year we've added a variety of new designs in addition to our traditional best sellers.

Alpha Hunter
Model #193



193/194/693/694 NEW

ALPHA HUNTER™

Rugged, fixed-blade knife with contoured handle and "grip" ridges integrated into top of blade tang.

	Blade Length/Weight	Handle	Sheath	Model #	Catalog #
①	193 Wood Guthook	Box	193B	5239	
		Clam	193C	5240	
②	194 Wood	Box	194B	5237	
		Clam	194C	5238	
③	693 Rubber Guthook			Available 5/15/02	
		Box	693RKB	5235	
		Clam	693RKC	5236	
④	694 Rubber	Box	694RKB	5233	
		Clam	694RKC	5234	

276/277/278/279 NEW

FOLDING ALPHA HUNTER™

Companion to Alpha Hunter in folding option for compact carry. One-handed open/close design.

	Blade Length/Weight	Handle	Sheath	Model #	Catalog #
①	276 Wood Guthook	Box	276B	5247	
		Clam	276C	5248	
②	277 Wood	Box	277B	5245	
		Clam	277C	5246	
③	278 Rubber Guthook			Available 6/15/02	
		Box	278RKB	5243	
		Clam	278RKC	5244	
④	279 Rubber	Box	279RKB	5241	
		Clam	279RKC	5242	

"ZIPPER" GUT HOOK

Gut hooks help take the work out of field dressing and skinning game. But not all gut hooks are the same. Buck designers worked with outfitters and hunters to develop our unique patented Zipper gut hook. Careful attention to angles on the sharpened edge, shape and size of the entry opening, and location of the hook on the blade make the Zipper the best gut hook on the market.

U.S. Patent 5,359,778

FEATURE



191/691 BUCK ZIPPER™

Efficient fixed blade for field dressing game.

Blade	4 1/4" hollow-ground satin-finish steel, 1/2" wide gutting/skinning blade
Length/Weight	8 1/4" overall, 7 oz.
Handle/Features	Woodgrain with polished brass and guard (191) Textured, rubberized with satin-finish butt and guard (691)
Sheath	Brown leather (191) Heavy-duty black nylon (691)
U.S. Patent	5,359,778
① Buck Zipper	Model # Catalog #
Box	191BKB 2550
Glam	191BKC 1743
② Buck Zipper-R	Model # Catalog #
Box	691BKB 2607
Glam	691BKC 1745
③ Buck Zipper-R Serrations	Model # Catalog #
Box	691BPKB 5249 NEW
Glam	691BPKC 5250

**192/692 VANGUARD™**

All-purpose field knife.

Blade	4 1/4" hollow-ground drop point, satin-finish steel
Length/Weight	8" overall, 7 oz.
Handle/Features	Woodgrain with polished brass and guard (192) Textured, rubberized with satin-finish butt and guard (692)
Sheath	Brown leather (192) Heavy-duty black nylon (692)
① Vanguard	Model # Catalog #
Box	192BKB 2584
Glam	192BKC 1744
② Vanguard-R	Model # Catalog #
Box	692BKB 2615
Glam	692BKC 1746
③ Vanguard-R Serrations	Model # Catalog #
Box	692BPKB 5251 NEW
Glam	692BPKC 5252



① 471 DIAMONDBACK® 4.25

Fixed blade with a handle that replicates the pattern of a Diamondback snakeskin.

Blade	4 1/4" 420HC steel
Length/Weight	9 1/2" overall, 7 oz.
Handle	Thermoplastic rubber
Sheath	Heavy-duty molded nylon
Model #	Catalog #
Box	471BKB 2990
Cam	471BKC 2991



② 476 DIAMONDBACK® 3.25

A compact version of the fixed blade with Diamondback texture on the handle.

Blade	3 3/4" 420HC steel
Length/Weight	7" overall, 5 oz.
Handle	Thermoplastic rubber
Sheath	Heavy-duty molded nylon
Model #	Catalog #
Box	476BKB 5088
Cam	476BKC 5089

③ 477 CAPING KNIFE NEW

Small, easy-to-handle field dressing knife with unique blade shape for delicate cutting.

Blade	3 1/4" with small hook
Length/Weight	8", 2.4 oz.
Handle	Black rubberized or camo (477CM)
Sheath	Cordura® black or camo (477CM)
Black	Model # Catalog #
Box	477BKB 5203
Cam	477BKC 5294
Camo	Model # Catalog #
Box	477OMB 5211
Cam	477OMC 5295



110 FOLDING HUNTER®

The most copied knife in the world, this is the original lock-back knife. Centennial medallion, lapel pin and certificate included for 2002 only (110B/110CP).

Blade	3 1/4" clip
Length/Weight	4 1/4" closed, 8 oz.
Bolsters/Liners	Brass
Handle	Natural woodgrain, Plain or Finger Grooved Black leather
Sheath	
Plain	Model # Catalog #
Box	110B 9210
Clam	110CP 1268
Finger	
Grooved	
Box	110FGB 2538
Clam	110FGP 1263

**500 DUKE®**

Largest of the 500 Series SlimLine lock-back knives.

Blade	3 1/4" drop point
Length/Weight	4 1/4" closed, 5 oz.
Bolsters/Liners	Stainless steel
Handle	Woodgrain
Sheath	Black leather
Model #	Catalog #
Box	500D 2597
Clam	500CP 2832

(See other 500 series on page 11).

**112 RANGER®**

Smaller version of Folding Hunter.

Blade	3" clip
Length/Weight	4 1/4" closed, 6.5 oz.
Bolsters/Liners	Brass
Handle	Natural woodgrain, Plain or Finger Grooved
Sheath	Black Cordura®
Plain	Model # Catalog #
Box	112B 2632
Clam	112CP 1264
Finger	
Grooved	
Box	112FGB 2539
Clam	112FGP 1147



119 SPECIAL®

Buck's most popular sheath knife. The Phenolic includes Centennial blade etch, lapel pin and certificate for 2002 only.

Blade	6" with blood groove
Length	10 1/4" overall
Weight	7.5 oz. (Phenolic)
Handle	10.5 oz. (Cocobola)
Sheath	Phenolic or Cocobola
	Black leather (Phenolic)
	Burgundy leather (Cocobola)
Model # Catalog #	
① Phenolic	Box 119B 9207 Clam 119SC 1273
② Cocobola	Box 119RB 2638 Clam 119RSC 2818

**① 105 PATHFINDER®**

All-purpose knife for general outdoor use.

Blade	5"
Length/Weight	9 1/4" overall, 4.5 oz.
Handle	Phenolic
Sheath	Black leather
Model # Catalog #	
Box	105B 2535

① 103 SKINNER®

Hunting knife with turned-down point.

Blade	4" long, extra wide
Length/Weight	8 1/4" overall, 5.5 oz.
Handle	Phenolic
Sheath	Black leather
Model # Catalog #	
Box	103B 2659

102 BUCK WOODSMAN®

Fine point for fish and small game.

Blade	4"
Length	7 1/2" overall
Weight	2.5 oz. (Phenolic)
	3.5 oz. (Cocobola)
Sheath	Black leather (Phenolic)
	Burgundy leather (Cocobola)
Model # Catalog #	
① Phenolic	Box 102B 2628 Clam 102SC 1271
② Cocobola	Box 102RB 2534

④ 403 BIG SKY™

Compact field knife designed in collaboration with Montana outfitters Tom Smith & Greg Lilly.

Blade	3 1/4" utility style with full-length tang
Length/Weight	8 1/4" overall, 2.5 oz.
Steel	420HC stainless steel
Handle	Oak-grain finish
Sheath	Brown leather with multi-attachment clip
Model #	Catalog #
Box	403BKB 2930

⑤ 180D3 CROSSLOCK® HUNTER CAMO

Unique, patented double-bladed locking liner designed for field dressing game. Camo coated with Realtree® Advantage camo pattern.

Blades	3 1/4" gutting/skinning blade with saw on back edge for cutting bone 3 1/4" drop-point blade
Length/Weight	5" closed, 4.5 oz.
Clip	Metal pocket clip
U.S. Patent	No. 5,561,973 No. 5,537,750
Model #	Catalog #
Box	18003B 2630
Clam	18003C 2485



⑥ 815 UTILITY SHEARS

Big, tough shears for home, shop or game.

Length/Weight	7 1/4" overall, 4 oz.
Features	Easy-to-clean, take-apart design
Other Uses	Pry open lids, open screw-top containers, open bottles, cut line, use as screwdriver
Model #	Catalog #
Box	815BKB 1679
Clam	815BKC 1683



HEAT TREATMENT

Heat treating is both an art and a science and no company understands the heat treatment of knife blades better than Buck Knives. And no one is more of an expert in this area than renowned custom knife heat treater Paul Bos, who oversees all of Buck's heat treating. Proper hardening is crucial to developing optimum blade properties and at Buck we take extra steps few other knife companies can afford, like using a computer-controlled continuous-belt furnace, sub-zero cooling at minus 125 degrees, and for our highest carbon steels, a unique three-step temper.

FISHING KNIVES

When designing a good fillet knife there is no room for mediocrity. Razor sharpness, a flexible blade and a non-slip grip are mandatory for any serious fisherman. Stream, lake and deep-sea fishermen alike will find our fishing knives the perfect tool.

④ 559 FISHLOCKER™

Lightweight, locking, folding fillet knife.

Blade	4 1/2" 420J2 stainless steel
Length/Weight	12" locked open, 4 oz.
Handle	Nylon, glass and mineral reinforced
Model #	Catalog #
Box	5598KB 5126
Clam	5598HC 5127

⑤ 224 ULTI-MATE™ STREAM

Smallest of Buck's 3 fillet knives.

Blade	4 1/2" 420J2 stainless steel
Length/Weight	9 1/2", 3.5 oz.
Handle	Kraton™
Sheath	Plastic with drain hole
Model #	Catalog #
Box	224B 6323
Clam	224P 6324

⑥ 226 ULTI-MATE™ LAKE

Intermediate-size fillet knife.

Blade	6 1/2" 420J2 stainless steel
Length/Weight	11 1/2", 3.75 oz.
Handle	Kraton™
Sheath	Plastic with drain hole
Model #	Catalog #
Box	226B 6327
Clam	226P 6328

⑦ 229 ULTI-MATE™ OCEAN

Buck's largest for filleting the Big One.

Blade	8 1/2" 420J2 stainless steel
Length/Weight	13 1/2", 4.75 oz.
Handle	Kraton™
Sheath	Plastic with drain hole
Model #	Catalog #
Box	229B 6336



100 YEARS
OF QUALITY

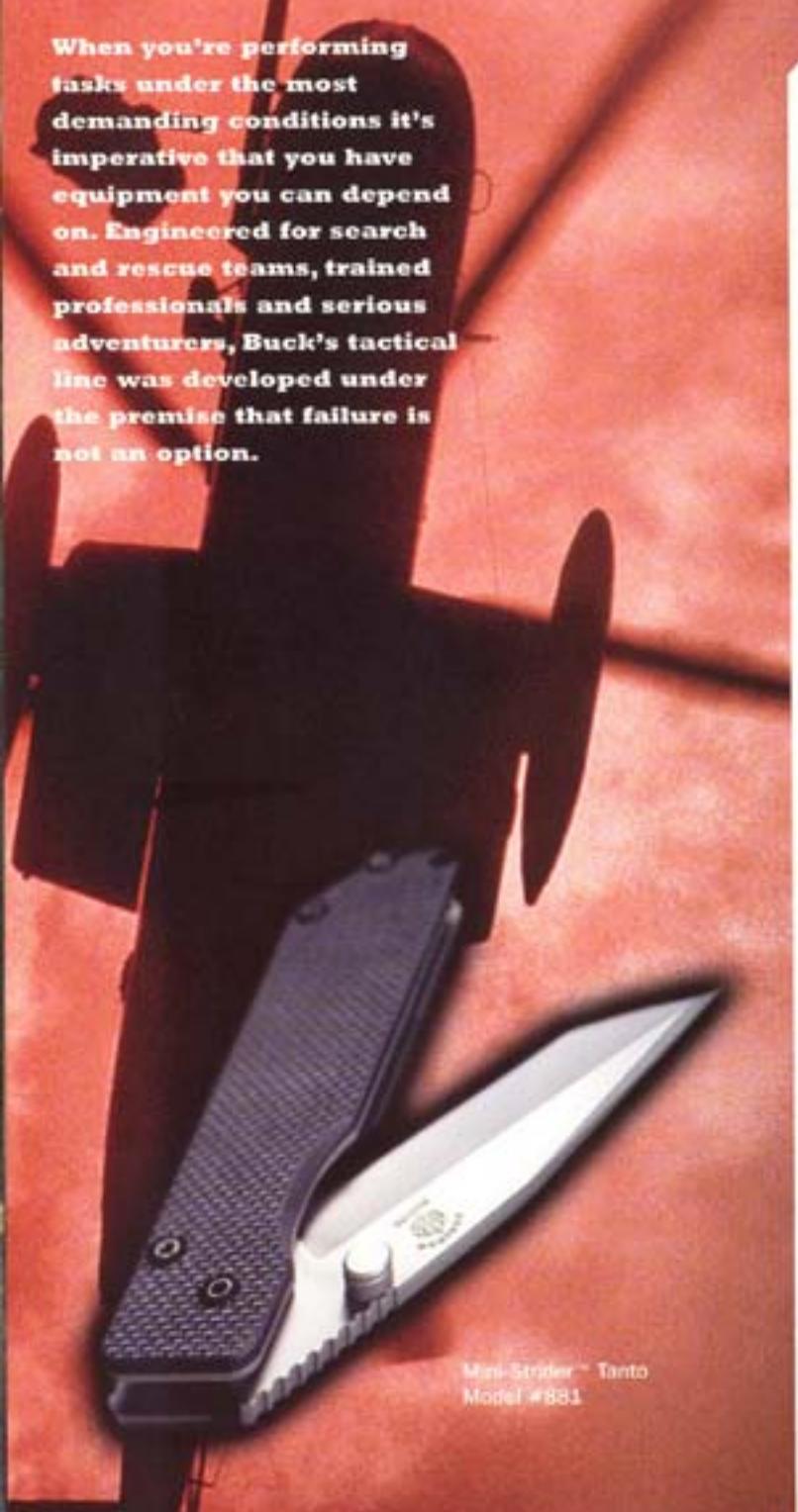
TACTICAL SEARCH & RESCUE

In the field it's good to have a partner with 100 years of experience.



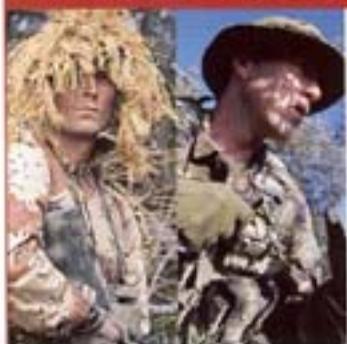
2002 CATALOG

When you're performing tasks under the most demanding conditions it's imperative that you have equipment you can depend on. Engineered for search and rescue teams, trained professionals and serious adventurers, Buck's tactical line was developed under the premise that failure is not an option.



Mini-Strider™ Tanto
Model #881

Strider Collaboration



The Strider guys are usually incredibly well camouflaged. We think these are photos of them, but we can never be sure.

Photo courtesy of: Strider Knives, Inc.

Former military personnel Mick Strider and Duane Dwyer founded Strider Knives with a mission to develop custom edged tools that perform in the harshest conditions.

When Buck Knives began developing

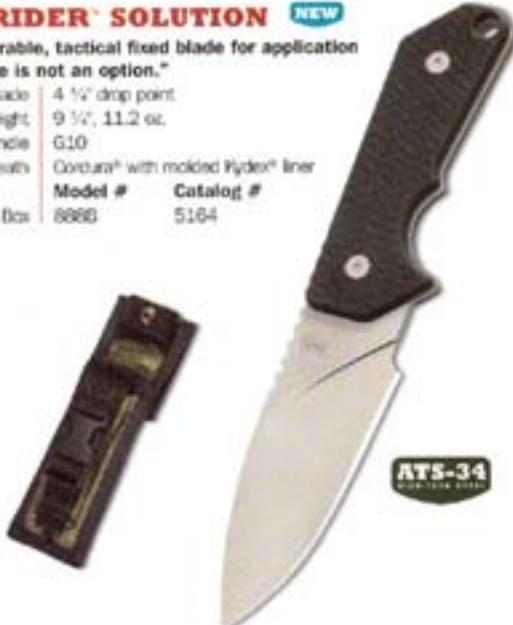
a line of tactical knives we turned to the best in the industry. Strider and Buck's collaboration resulted in knives built to exceed their use in situations with a quality normally reserved for custom-made knives. The Buck-Strider series offers a BG-42 steel blade on the first 500 produced and ATS-34 steel on all others. Superior edge-retention, virtually indestructible G10 handles, and titanium liners and locks make these tactical knives state-of-the-art.



888 STRIDER® SOLUTION NEW

Extremely durable, tactical fixed blade for application where "failure is not an option."

Blade	4 1/2" drop point
Length/Weight	9 1/4", 11.2 oz.
Handle	G10
Sheath	Cordura® with molded Hydex® liner
Model #	Catalog #
BK888	5164



880 STRIDER®

Large, rugged, tactical folder with one-handed opening/closing and hi-tech design and materials.

Blade	4" spear point or tanto
Length/Weight	5 1/4" closed, 5.75 oz.
Handle	G10, reinforced with titanium liners
Clip	Stainless steel
Spear Pt	Model # Catalog #
Box	880SPB 5103
Tanto	Box 880TB 2918

**881 MINI STRIDER®**

Smaller version of the Strider tactical folder.

Blade	3" spear point or tanto style, ATS-34 steel
Length/Weight	7" overall, 4" closed, 3.92 oz.
Handle	G10 reinforced with titanium liners
Clip	Stainless steel
Spear Pt	Model # Catalog # NEW
Box	881SPB 5104
Tanto	Box 881TB 2977

**189 INTREPID® II**

Powerful survival, utility knife.

Blade	6 1/4" tanto, 420HC steel
Length	11 1/4"
Handle	5" thermoplastic, removable
Sheath	Form-fitted Kydex, nylon webbing cover
Model #	Catalog #
Box	189T 2749

**650 Nighthawk®**

Rugged, tactical fixed blade with dramatic, ergonomic two-tone handle.

Blade	6 1/4" black oxide, 420HC steel
Length/Weight	11 1/4" overall, 10 oz.
Handle	Black/Olive, reinforced molded nylon, rubberized grooves
Sheath	Heavy-duty black nylon
Model #	Catalog #
Box	650008 5150



LIMITED EDITION KNIVES

2002

Each year Buck Knives produces a series of limited edition knives that incorporate special artistry or materials to create a highly collectible keepsake. These valuable pieces often become family heirlooms passed on from one generation to the next. We think you'll agree that this year's collection is truly extraordinary.

LIMITED EDITION KNIVES

① 403 HUNTER PROFILE NEW

Multi-wood handle fixed blade with 24K gold hunter and dog profile laser cut in blade.

Blade	3 1/2" with 24K gold plated laser cut.
Handle	Multi-wood, Elderwood Burl, Rosewood and Charcoal Dymondwood
Length/Weight	8 1/2" overall, 2.5 oz.
Sheath	Leather
Extras	SerIALIZED, Limited-edition box
Model #	Catalog #
Box	403HD8 5296



② 475 RUNNING DEER NEW

Boxed Elderwood Burl handled fixed blade with 24K gold running deer laser cut in blade.

Blade	3 1/2" with 24K gold plated laser cut.
Handle	Elderwood Burl
Length/Weight	7" overall, 4" closed, 3.92 oz.
Sheath	Brown leather
Extras	Limited-edition box
Model #	Catalog #
Box	475RD 5217

③ 970 DAMASCUS DAGGER

Small dagger with beautiful swirling Damascus pattern blade and Bahama Cherrywood handles.

Blade	3" Damascus steel, one-piece blade/tang, full length
Handle	Bahama Cherrywood slabs that leave border of Damascus steel tang exposed
Length/Weight	7" overall, 4 oz.
Extras	Gloss-top, black-wood box for display; Certificate of Authenticity
Model #	Catalog #
Box	970B 0283

④ 204 KOJI FOLDER

Elegant locking liner made in collaboration with famed Japanese custom knife maker Koji Hara.

Blade	2 1/2" modified drop point, polished
Handle	ATS-34 steel, beautiful thumb stud
Length/Weight	Koji's signature metal "stone-step" design with Burlwood inlay
Extras	5 1/2" overall, 1.8 oz.
Model #	Certificate of Authenticity
Box	Available 6/15/02
Blade	204B Catalog #
Handle	5120



ATS-34
ATRIUM STEEL

Koji

We developed the Koji Folder with Koji Hara, one of Japan's finest custom knife makers. Many of Koji's knives exhibit intricately hand-milled stone-step bolsters reminiscent of ancient bas-relief sculptures with handles of exotic wood. With the help of computer guided machinery, we carefully match the delicate movements Koji makes by hand.

⑤ 503 BONDED STONE NEW

Our 503 lock-back knife with colorful inlays of bonded stone.

Blade	2 1/2" drop point, 420HC
Handle	Banded Chrysocolla, Blue River Agate (Bonded stone)
Length/Weight	3 1/4" closed, 2 oz.
Extras	Limited-edition box
Model #	Catalog #
Box	503S3 2994
Blade	503S4 Catalog #
Handle	5223



⑤ 110 BUFFALO HUNTER NEW

Buck's famous 110 with Brian Yellowhorse depiction of the Buffalo Hunter legend in stone inlay of Opal, Black Jet, Turquoise, Coral and Ironwood in handle.

Blade	3 1/4", mirror polished 420HC
Handle	Stone inlay of Opal, Black Jet, Turquoise, Coral, Ironwood
Length/Weight	4 1/4" closed, 8 oz.
Extras	Navajo Artist original artwork, Certificate of Authenticity, wood box signed by Brian with his logo laser on the lid, serialized
Model #	Catalog #
Box	110BYB 5231

Brian Yellowhorse Collaboration



Introducing knife inlays by Brian Yellowhorse, a gifted Navajo craftsman. Born to the Kiyaa'a'a nii (towering house people) Clan, Brian's passion for channel inlay was ignited at an early age. Learning techniques from his father and grandfather, his craft has matured and flourished. Brian believes in blending his techniques and design with his Navajo heritage. The results speak for themselves.

175 ARTIST SERIES NEW LIGHTNING HTA® II

Hi-tech one-hand opening/closing knife with original art by Jon Q Wright and Robert Schmidt.

Blade	3" partially serrated
Handle	Anodized aluminum with choice of scene
Length/Weight	4 1/4" closed, 3 oz.
Clip	Metal pocket clip
Extras	Certificate of Authenticity signed by artists, wood case with Buck logo laser on lid
Model #	Catalog #
Box	175523B 5218
① American Wildlife	
Box	175524B 5219



525 ARTIST SERIES NEW

Hi-tech aluminum handle lockback with anodized artwork.

Blade	1 1/4" drop point
Handle	Anodized aluminum
Length/Weight	2 1/4" closed, 1 oz.
Extras	Certificate of Authenticity signed by artists, wood case with Buck logo laser on the lid
Model #	Catalog #
Eagle Box	525558 5220
Bass Box	525578 5221
Wolf Box	525568 5222



Jon Q Wright and Artists



As America's fascination with fishing and hunting grows, Buck Knives has continued to work with renowned gamefish artist Jon Q Wright and wildlife artist Bob Schmidt. Their work appears in many limited-edition prints and on the covers of numerous outdoor magazines. Detailed artwork and Buck craftsmanship make this collection truly extraordinary.

Buck Knives knows that when your customers invest in a high-quality knife, they expect it to last. Protecting that investment is precisely the reason we offer a variety of different knife care products.

KNIFE CARE PRODUCTS

① 131 ARKANSAS WASHITA HONING STONE

Natural Arkansas sharpening stone.

Size	1 1/8" x 4 1/8"
Model #	Catalog #
Box	131 197



② 1325 DIAMOND TAPER SHARPENER

Ideal for sharpening serrated blades.

Size	4 1/8"
Model #	Catalog #
Clam	1325C 5111
Box	1325B 5205



③ 1326 DIAMOND POCKET SHARPENING STONE, FINE NEW

Pocket-size sharpening stone with interrupted surface, featuring Micro-Tool sharpening pad and fishing hook groove.

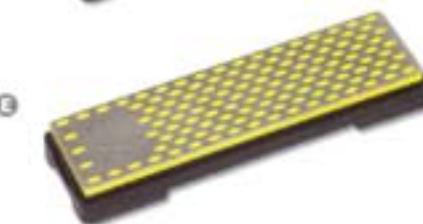
Size	4" x 1"
Sheath	Black Nylon
Packaging	Clam pack
Model #	Catalog #
Clam	1326C 5306



1327/1328 DIAMOND NEW SHARPENING STONE

Interrupted surface, sharpening stone featuring Micro-Tool sharpening pad, molded plastic base and non-slip rubber feet. Offered in both coarse and fine grit.

Size	6 1/4" x 1 1/2" x 1/4"
Packaging	Clam pack
④ Coarse	Model # Catalog #
⑤ Fine	1327C 5307 1328C 5306



⑥ 1329 3-STONE NEW SHARPENING SYSTEM

3-Stone sharpening system featuring one coarse and one fine diamond bench stone with interrupted surface and Micro-Tool pad as well as one 6-inch Fine Arkansas Stone. Comes complete with molded plastic base and honing oil.

Size	8 1/4" x 2 1/4" x 3"
Model #	Catalog #
Box	1329C 5309



© 152 JIFFY SHARP™

Edges blades or scissors.

Size	4" overall
Packaging	Sold on display card of six
Model #	Catalog #
Clam	152B 1262



© 13202 WHITE LIGHTNING® HONING OIL

Improves efficiency of sharpening stone.

Size	3 oz. plastic bottles
Packaging	Countertop 12-pack display
Model #	Catalog #
Box	13202 2990



© 1330 WHITE LIGHTNING® NEW CLEAN STREAK™

Completely residue-free metal prep. Just spray and wipe - no rinsing required.

Size	3 oz. aerosol canister
Packaging	Individual or countertop
	12-pack display
Model #	Catalog #
1 each	1330 5312
12 pack	1331 5313



© 1332 WHITE LIGHTNING® NEW METAL BRITE™

Polish that removes surface oxidation, rust, tarnish and sticky residues while leaving a protective coating.

Size	2 oz. plastic jar
Packaging	Individual or countertop
	12-pack display
Model #	Catalog #
1 each	1332 5314
12 pack	1333 5315



© 1324 WHITE LIGHTNING® KNIFE CARE KIT

Consists of Wax Lubricant, Clean Streak, Blade Polish and cleaning brush.

Size	3 oz. Wax Lubricant, 3 oz. Clean Streak, 3 oz. Blade Polish
Packaging	1 each in clam package
Clam	1324 5110

BUCK KNIVES DISPLAYS AND MERCHANDISING PROGRAM

Buck Knives offers both counter and floor displays to showcase and sell Buck's line of knives. All cases offer key locks for security and a storage area to keep back-up stock. Displays are available in a birch woodgrain with metal finish. All models have interchangeable graphic panels to promote the four knife categories and help your customers in their product purchase. Additional merchandising and selling aids are also available. Contact your Buck sales representative for details.

4 STEPS TO BUYING THE RIGHT KNIFE - SELECTION GUIDES NEW

Helping your customers select the right Buck knife has never been easier. Introducing Selection Guides to help your customers through the process of choosing the right knife for their needs.

<input type="radio"/>	Size	8 1/2 x 11" (easel or hanging)
<input type="radio"/>		9 x 7 1/2" (knife mat)
<input type="radio"/>	Model #	Catalog #
<input type="radio"/>	Easel	006405 5324
<input type="radio"/>	Hanging	006406 5325
<input type="radio"/>	Knife Mat	006407 5326



CONTEMPORARY DISPLAY - MERCHANDISING KIT NEW

Rotating graphic and brochure holder attaches to the top of your existing Buck Knives Contemporary Display. Merchandise the four knife categories: Everyday, Outdoor, Hunting/Fishing and Tactical or "4 Steps to Buying the Right Knife."

<input type="radio"/>	Size	13 1/4" wide x 4 1/4" deep x 5 1/2" high, 4 1/2" x 1 1/4" x 5" (brochure holder)
<input type="radio"/>	Weight	2 lbs.
<input type="radio"/>	Model #	Catalog #
<input type="radio"/>	Box	006401 5320 (knives and display not included)



Seasonal Event Promotions

Buck Knives makes available special product offerings to retailers as seasonal promotions which coordinate with point-of-sale support to promote key holidays and event periods.

Events include: Buck Centennial Year Promotion, Father's Day, Hunting Season and Holiday Season. Contact your Buck sales representative for details.

BIRCH WOODGRAIN DISPLAY - NEW 1-SIDED COUNTER

Birch woodgrain 1-sided counter display with locking storage and a 14 x 20" display panel. Comes with a set of graphics including the four knife categories and "4 Steps to Buying the Right Knife."

Size	16 1/4" (wide) x 8 1/4" (deep) x 25 1/4" (high)
Weight	19 lbs.
Model #	Catalog #

Box 006402 5321
(knives not included)



BIRCH WOODGRAIN DISPLAY - NEW 3-SIDED COUNTER

Birch woodgrain 3-sided counter display with locking storage, three 14 x 20" display panels and a pivoting base. Comes with a set of graphics including the four knife categories and "4 Steps to Buying the Right Knife."

Size	16 1/4" (wide) x 16 1/4" (deep) x 25 1/4" (high)
Weight	32.5 lbs.
Model #	Catalog #

Box 006403 5322
(knives not included)



BIRCH WOODGRAIN DISPLAY - NEW 3-SIDED FLOOR

Birch woodgrain 3-sided floor display with locking storage, six 14 x 20" display panels and pivoting base. Comes with a set of graphics including the four knife categories and "4 Steps to Buying the Right Knife."

Size	20 1/4" (wide) x 20 1/4" (deep) x 61 1/4" (high)
Weight	86.5 lbs.
Model #	Catalog #

Box 006404 5323
(knives not included)



Everyday



Hunting



Outdoor

rotated views
of floor display

LOGO MERCHANDISE

2002

For 2002, Buck Knives has created a way for retailers to capitalize on the strength of the Buck Knives' name by offering a variety of Buck logo apparel and accessories. Be sure to check out our Centennial logo items available for 2002 only.

BUCK LOGO MERCHANDISE

BUCK KNIVES TEES

Preshrunk heavyweight 100% cotton, 6.1oz., double needle throughout, seamless collar, taped neck and shoulders.

- ① "Buck Logo" Tee - White, item #6415 (med), 6416 (lg), 6417 (xlg), 6418 (2xl), 6414 (3xl)
- ② "Quality and Tradition" Tee - Navy, item #6419 (med), 6420 (lg), 6421 (xlg), 6422 (2xl)
- ③ "Property" Tee - Sports Grey, item #6423 (med), 6424 (lg), 6425 (xlg), 6426 (2xl)
- ④ "Anniversary" Tee - Sports Grey, item #6427 (med), 6428 (lg), 6429 (xlg), 6430 (2xl)
- ⑤ "Buck Logo" Longsleeve - Black, item #6431 (med), 6432 (lg), 6433 (xlg), 6434 (2xl)



TWILL/DENIM SHIRTS

Long Sleeve Twill: 100% cotton-bleached twill, 4.5oz., button-down collar.

- ⑥ Buck Corp Twill - Khaki, item #6459 (med), 6460 (lg), 6461 (xlg), 6462 (2xl), Forest Green, item #6463 (med), 6464 (lg), 6465 (xlg), 6466 (2xl)

Long Sleeve Denim: 100% cotton, 6.5oz., button-down collar, double-faced yoke, Wrangler logo woodstone buttons, left chest patch pocket with button, three-button placket cuffs, no back pleat, double needle cover seaming throughout.

- ⑦ Buck Corp Denim - Medium Stone, item #6467 (med), 6468 (lg), 6469 (xlg), 6470 (2xl)

HEAVYWEIGHT VARSITY SWEATSHIRT

90% cotton, 10% polyester, 9oz.

- ⑧ Varsity Sweatshirt - Black, item #6479 (med), 6480 (lg), 6481 (xlg), 6482 (2xl)

SOLID FLEECE PULLOVER

10.5oz. heavyweight 100% spun polyester anti-pilling, PANDA FLEECE shell with tonal logo.

- ③ Fleece Pullover - Charcoal, Item #6471 (med), 6472 (lg), 6473 (xl), 6474 (2xl), Black, Item #6475 (med), 6476 (lg), 6477 (xl), 6478 (2xl)



MICROFIBER

"ANNIVERSARY" JACKET

Wind-proof/water-resistant Polyurethane-coated heavyweight Toughlon nylon and fully lined super heavyweight 11.5oz. anti-pilling PANDA FLEECE.

- ④ Anniversary Jacket - Black, Item #6483 (med), 6484 (lg), 6485 (xl), 6486 (2xl)



BUCK KNIVES CAPS

Adjustable Caps: 100% cotton-brushed twill.
Flexfit® Caps: 63% polyester, 34% cotton,
3% spandex.

- ⑤ Buck Corp Cap - Black, Item #6490, Navy 6488, Khaki 6489, Sports Grey 6487.
- ⑥ BK Flexfit® Cap - Black, Item #6491
- ⑦ BK Flexfit® "Anniversary" Cap - Black, Item #6492



SPECIALTY ITEMS

- ⑧ BK Jumbo Style Ceramic Mug: 18oz. jumbo style - White, Item #6493, Black, 6495
- ⑨ "Anniversary" Traditional Ceramic Mug: 11oz. C-handle mug - White, Item #6497
- ⑩ Buck Can Koozie® - Black, Item #6503, Navy, 6504
- ⑪ BK Leather "Kash Klip" - Brown, Item #6499
- ⑫ BK Leather Keytag: Deluxe saddle leather with gold-plated hardware - Brown, Item #6500
- ⑬ BK "Anniversary" Rubber Keyfob - White, Item #6501
- ⑭ BK Auto License Plate Frame - 12 1/4" x 6 1/4". Black, Item #6502 (frame fits most states)
- ⑮ Buck Arc Umbrella: 62" arc wood shaft umbrella with Duraflex™ construction - Navy, Item #6505



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

KNIFE TYPE

Fixed-blade Knife – As the name implies, a knife with a blade that does not fold into a handle but is always exposed. Usually carried in a sheath or scabbard.

Folding Knife – A knife where the blade(s) fold(s) into the handle. Blades are "held" with a friction spring but don't actually "lock." A common example is the traditional "pocket knife" that does not have a locking blade and may have multiple blades.

Liner – A thin sheet of metal between the blade and the handle material of folding knives.

Lockback – A folding knife in which the blade locks in the open position by means of a bar (keeper) along the back of the handle. The lock release is located near the rear of the handle back, and is depressed to unlock the blade and close the knife.

Locking-liner – One of several systems used to secure the blade in the open, or use, position. A stainless steel or titanium liner swings against the back of the blade preventing the blade from closing. Unlocking the blade can usually be accomplished with one hand by simply pressing the liner clear of the blade and swinging it closed.

BLADE TYPE

Coping Blade – A narrow blade with a sharp, angular point, almost like a miniature sheepfoot blade, designed for cutting in tight spots or curved patterns.

Clip-Point Blade – A blade on which the back line breaks and slants downward to a point, or may curve (concave) toward a point. Used for finer work or where a wide/broad tip may be too large. May often be chamfered (tissa edge) as well.

Drop-Point Blade – A blade in which the back edge is a gentle, sloping convex curve to the point.

Serrated Blade – A blade with teeth-like edges. Serrations provide added cutting power when you are cutting rope or cord. A serration may be added to most styles of blades.

Sheepsfoot Blade – A blade resembling the hoof of a sheep. It has a flat, straight-line cutting edge and rounded point. It's well suited for clean cutting of things such as rope, tubing or insulated wire.

Spear-Point Blade – Type of blade in which the edge and the back of the blade curve toward each other to form the point. Generally the blade looks more sleek than a drop-point blade.

STEEL TYPE

17-7PH Stainless Steel – A heat treatable stainless steel for use where greater corrosion resistance is desired and a slightly lower hardness is acceptable. A good steel for water-sports applications.

420HC Stainless Steel – A high carbon version of 420 martensitic stainless steel. Buck's standard blade steel as it offers good corrosion resistance, hardness and wear resistance (edge retention).

Alloy Steel – Steel that has been enhanced by the addition of such elements as chromium, molybdenum, nickel or several other elements is called alloy steel.

ATS-34 – A very high carbon, martensitic stainless steel with molybdenum for improved strength and edge holding (wear resistance) properties. Available on the Strider tactical knives as well as certain models of the Lightning® and Odyssey® series.

Austenitic Stainless Steel – Stainless steel that is highly corrosion resistant and is hardenable through forming/work hardening. Austenitic stainless steel also tends to be non-magnetic.

Chromium – An element added to stainless steel and when combined with other alloying elements, increases the hardness and corrosion resistance of the steel.

BG-42 – The best – a high-performance, bearing-grade, martensitic stainless steel with molybdenum, vanadium and increased amounts of carbon, creating superior strength and edge retention.

Martensitic Stainless Steel – A type of stainless steel that is hardenable through heat treatment. It has good corrosion resistance and is ideally suited for knife blades because of its strength and abrasion resistance (edge retention).

Molybdenum – An alloying element that when added to stainless steel increases hardness, tensile strength and abrasion resistance.

Nickel – An alloying element that helps improve toughness and corrosion resistance in stainless steel.

Vanadium – An alloying element that when added to stainless steel improves strength, and promotes a fine grain structure, an important factor in wear resistance.

HEAT TREATMENT

Ductility – The ability of a material to deform or bend without fracturing.

Edge Retention – A measure of a blade's ability to hold an edge (continue cutting) by resisting abrasion and wear.

Heat Treating and Hardening – The controlled heating and cooling of metals for the purpose of altering their physical/performance properties; usually referring to the hardening of metal. A critical step in the manufacturing of any blade.

Rockwell Hardness – A common method of measuring the hardness of metals. There are several different scales of Rockwell hardness (A, B, C). The most common scale used for measuring knife blades is the "C" scale, often written as RC. The higher the number on the scale, the harder the material. Knife blades typically are between RC 53 and RC 61, depending on the type of blade and steel used.

Tempering – Normally the final step in the heat treat process of a blade. The blade is heated to a temperature lower than the hardening temperature of the steel. This process relieves stress that is created in the blade by working and hardening and improves the toughness of the blade. Without tempering, a blade will be brittle and subject to cracking.

HANDLE MATERIALS

G10 – A high-strength, almost indestructible laminate that is resistant to heat, cold, chemicals, impact and abuse. Used as a handle material on several Buck knives including the Strider Tactical series.

Phenolic – A thermo-set plastic that is resistant to heat, cold, shock and chemicals. Best suited for handles on fixed-blade knives.

Thermoplastic & Thermoplastic Rubber – Plastic or rubberized materials that can be molded into intricate shapes and a variety of colors for use as knife handles. Many materials used are considered "engineering" plastics because of their high strength characteristics and use in medical and automotive industries. Some common brand names include Valox®, Zytel® and Kevlar®.

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