

KA-BAR

1217 USMC FIGHTING / UTILITY KNIFE



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In December 1942 the 1219C2 Fighting/Utility Knife was introduced to the United States Marine Corps for issue to Marines during World War II. The 1219C2 would be made by several manufacturers, but would forever be known as the “Kabar”.

Marines, soldiers, and sailors preferred the KA-BAR 1219C2 to others due to the quality of the knife. Union Cutlery did not make the most 1219C2 Fighting/Utility Knives; however, many considered their version to be the best. The “KA-BAR” name on the knife made this blade easy to identify.

Today, the USMC Fighting/Utility Knife continues to serve alongside Marines, soldiers, sailors, and airmen around the world.

KA-BAR® 1217 CURRENT SPECS

“The KA-BAR® is a field use knife that we have been making since WWII. These specifications are for our CURRENT production and reflect the evolution and improvement of the knife design and materials over the years.

- Blade Length: 7”
- Overall Length: 11.875”
- Approximate Weight: 0.65 lb (knife only)

- Grind Extends to Fuller

- Differential Heat Treated High Carbon Cro-Van Steel for Easy Sharpening
- Smooth Black Epoxy Powder Coating is Baked On

- KA-BAR/OLEAN NY Blade Mark
- USMC Blade Mark on Pile Side

- Offset Blade

- Downward Bent Guard

- Distinct Oval Shaped Handle
- Stacked Leather Washers and Traction Grooves in Handle

- Pinned Butt Cap

- Visible Tang in Butt Cap

- Leather or Hard Plastic Sheath Included

For even more information, please visit our YouTube and Vimeo channels or our website where you can find several videos authenticating KA-BAR products against similar products.



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KA-BAR® GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1095 Cro-Van Steel

Easy to sharpen carbon steel used in many American-made KA-BAR Knives.

440A Steel

A high-carbon stainless steel used in many American production knives.

American Home

Sister company to Union Cutlery Company. Specialized in sharpening products. R. Emerson Brown was president of company.

Blister Pack

A cardboard backed clear-front packaging option that allows products to be hung on peg boards for retail merchandising.

Brown Brothers

The first knife-related company started by Wallace Brown alongside his brother R. Emerson Brown.

Clam Pack

A clear plastic packaging option that allows products to be hung on peg boards for retail merchandising.

Ceramid®

Food and water approved polymer (plastic).

Cryogenic Quenching (CR)

The process of freezing blades to improve blade performance.

D2 Steel

A high-carbon, high-chrome tool steel often used for blanking dies. This steel has excellent edge holding ability. Use diamond or ceramic to sharpen.

Danforth Brown

Former President of Union Cutlery and KA-BAR. Son of Wallace Brown. Guided company through the Great Depression and World War II.

Epoxy Powder Coating

A coating process that protects blades from corrosion and also makes them non-reflective.

Flat Ground

A grind that tapers from the top of the blade down to the cutting edge. Also known as a "V" grind.

Frame Lock

Similar to the side lock or liner lock, except the lock is part of the handle.

Full-Length Tang or Full Tang

Extension of the blade steel that runs completely through the handle to the end of the knife

Fuller or Blood Groove

A longitudinal groove on the blade of a knife.

G10

An extremely durable material made of woven fiberglass soaked in epoxy resin, then highly compressed and baked.

Glass-Filled Nylon (GFN-PA66)

Material used to make sheaths. Nylon is reinforced with glass particles and other materials to provide strength and durability while still allowing some flexibility.

Grilamid® FWA

Food and water approved polymer (plastic).

Guard

Also known as a hilt, is the material that separates the handle and the blade. Serves to keep the hand from slipping on the blade when cutting. Can be single or double.

Hollow Ground

The ground surface of the blade is concave. Used to create a fine cutting edge.

John Brown

A founder of what is today KA-BAR Knives. Father of Wallace and R. Emerson Brown. Involved in a number of cutlery businesses including Union Razor, Union Cutlery, John Brown Saws, and American Home.

Kraton G® Thermoplastic Elastomer

Referred to simply as Kraton, or Kraton G® is a man made material, resin, or rubber that can be molded into knife handles. Provides a non-slip grip. Trademark of Kraton Polymers Group of Companies.

Liner Lock

A locking mechanism that features a tab cut out of the liner which is used as a stop to lock the blade in an open position. To close, the liner tab is pushed back to its original position.

Lock Back

A folding knife that has a lock release on the back of the handle.

Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP)

The price at which the manufacturer recommends retailers sell their product. Some sellers may sell above, at, or below this price. This is not determined by the manufacturer.

Micarta®

A man-made material, made by layering resin and cloth. Used to make very fine knife handles. Westinghouse trademark.

MOLLE

An acronym for Modular Lightweight Load Carrying Equipment.

Powdered Metal

A process used to make shaped metal pieces. Fine metal particles are molded under pressure and then fused under high heat. Also known as sintered metal.

Rockwell Hardness (HRC)

An industry scale used for measuring the hardness of blade steel. The higher the reading, the harder the steel. Written as HRC or RC followed by a range of numbers.

S35VN Steel

A high-end stainless steel known for its edge retention and toughness.

Swedge

A faux double edge on the blade of a knife. Excellent for reducing the weight of the blade and balancing.

TPR (Thermoplastic Resin)

Thermoplastic Resin is used for making handles. On KA-BAR products like the Kukri #249, it has a firm but still "giving" feel.

Tidioute Cutlery Company

A former knife company in Tidioute, PA. May have originated as far back as 1874, though we only have records dating to the late 1890s. Formed the foundation of what is today KA-BAR Knives.

Ultramid®

Trade name for hard plastic-like material used to make handles and other products requiring a more rigid stability.

Union Razor

The sales company of Wallace Brown in the 1890s. Would later absorb the Tidioute Cutlery Company to manufacturer knives in the early 1900s.

Union Cutlery

To more accurately reflect their diverse product line the name Union Cutlery Company was adopted. This name replaced Union Razor Company.

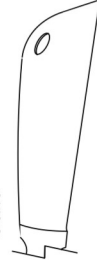
Zytel®

A glass-filled nylon material used in making handles for knives. DuPont trademark.

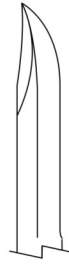
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Clip Point



Cutlass



Drop Point



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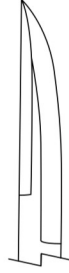
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Kukri



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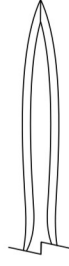
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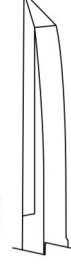
Spear Point



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Warhog



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KA-BAR® SIZE COMPARISON CHART

This size chart is a visual reference and size comparison chart of all our products in relation to some everyday items.

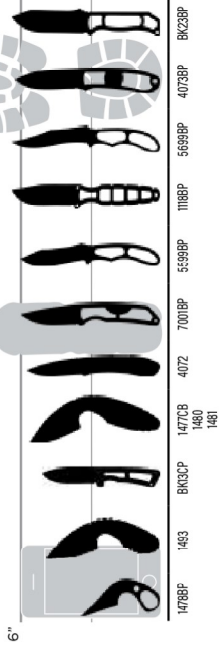
The average smartphone measures 6" in height.

The average 16.9 oz water bottle measures 8" in height.

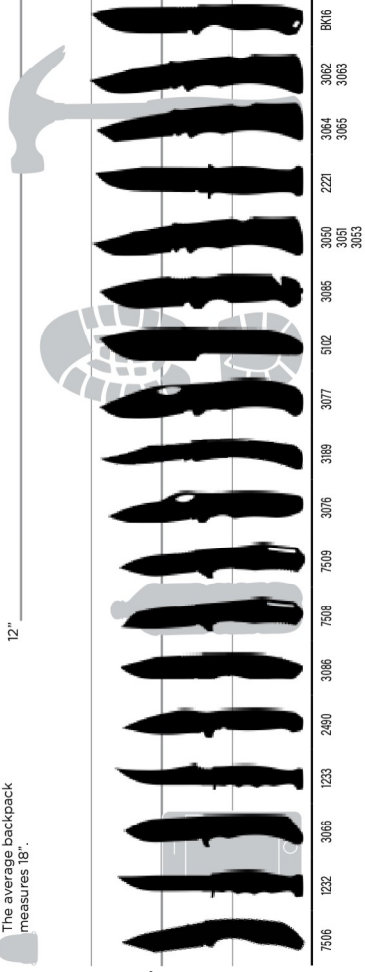
The average shoe size of an adult male measures 10.5".

The average household hammer measures 13".

The average backpack measures 18".



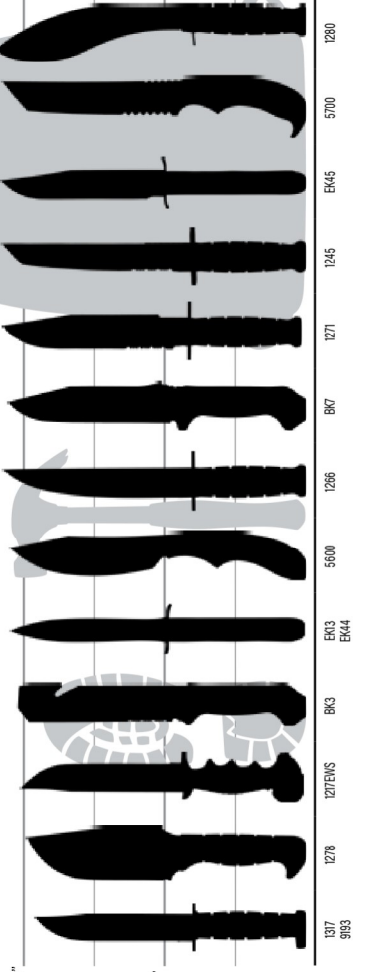
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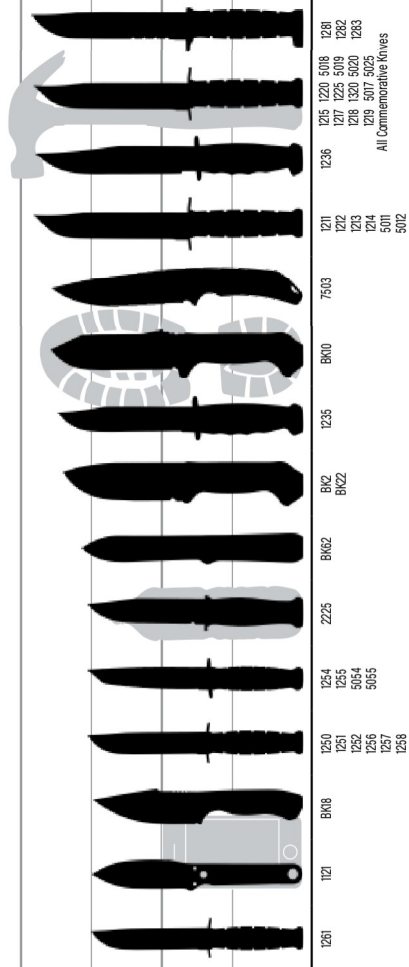
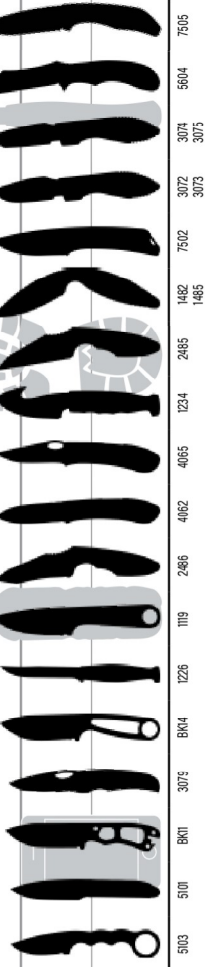
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All Commemorative knives

