

HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR BENCHMADE KNIFE

There are four primary factors in considering a Benchmade knife: the activity you are using it for, the opening mechanism, the blade style and the blade steel. Read below to make sure you get the knife that works for you.

ACTIVITY

Outdoor, Tactical, Everyday use—there are many uses for a knife and some knives are better for certain activities than others. Look to our recommended use icons for guidance (*See foldout*).

MECHANISM

We offer five primary actions: manual opening, assisted opening, automatic opening, fixed blade and bali-song. If you are a mountain climber, you may want an assist. If you are a sportsman, a fixed blade may be the right choice. Whatever the case, consider which mechanism type is optimal for your needs. Mechanisms like the AXIS® lock deliver manual opening, assisted opening and automatic opening. Others, like the monolock, deliver only manual opening. For a quick overview, see the next page of this guide; for detailed information on our mechanisms, visit page 93.

BLADE STYLE

While the cutting edge does the work, the edge is applied in different ways to the cutting surface depending on the shape of the blade. Blade shapes with larger radiuses may be optimal for hunting while blade shapes with hard angles, like the tanto, may be better for tactical applications. The next page of this guide helps to explain these variations.

BLADE STEEL

Steel composition can mean the difference between 1 sharp cut and 1,000. There are many types of steel and additional factors that play into the right kind of steel for your usage. For instance, the way some steels are heat treated plays a critical role in a knife's performance. For more detailed information, visit page 94.

BENCHMADE QUICK GUIDE

HOW WILL YOU USE YOUR KNIFE?

-  **TACTICAL** Designed for hard, immediate use, these high strength knives feature robust mechanisms for situations where performance is a must.
-  **RESCUE** For critical situations. Gloved hands and the need to cut pliable materials are considerations in the design of these knives.
-  **EVERY DAY** Not obtrusive or uncomfortable in slacks or shorts; just convenient and well fitted to your general needs.
-  **OUTDOOR** From water to woods, backpacking trips to car camping, kayaking to fly-fishing, these versatile cutting tools can be used for many tasks.
-  **HUNTING** Knives are a critical component of a successful hunt. These are the most advanced hunting knives ever made.
-  **SURVIVAL** Things can happen unexpectedly for any adventurer. These knives have been built for the unexpected.

KEY KNIFE FEATURES








-  **AXIS®** Exclusive to Benchmade, the AXIS® lock is truly ambidextrous and extremely strong.
-  **Dual-Action** Works both as auto and manual opening mechanism.
-  **Ambidextrous** Can be used equally with either hand.
-  **Reversible Clip** Pocket clip can be removed and placed in alternate locations on the handle.
-  **MOLLE® Compatible** A versatile attachment system designed for kitting military equipment.
-  **LifeSharp: Service and Warranty** Our industry-leading lifetime warranty and product service program. For more detailed information, visit pages 89 and 96.

ACTIONS

- Manual-opening** “Manuals” must be opened 100%, from the closed position to the open position, by the user.
- Assisted-opening** “Assists” have a spring that encourages the blade into the open position once the user pushes the blade manually beyond a certain point.
- Automatic-opening** “Autos” have a button or other actuation switch that mechanically fires the blade open without the user directly manipulating the blade.

- Bali-Song®** “Balis” or “butterfly knives” open and close by way of two handles that rotate around the front and back of the blade.
- Fixed Blade** These knives are permanently open and almost always come with a sheath to protect the edge.

BLADE STYLES

-  **Clip-point** A classic shape with precision tip-control and good versatility.
-  **Drop-point** A well balanced blade shape, often found on hunting knives and utility-purposed knives.
-  **Reverse Tanto** High tip strength combined with an edge radius that offers more general utility.
-  **Sheepsfoot** Typically a general purpose, good slicing shape.
-  **Spear-point** This symmetrical style makes for good slicing and puncturing.
-  **Tanto** Mostly tactical in nature, the tip-strength is typically very high.
-  **Weehawk** Our classic bali-song blade style.

CONFIGURATION CODES (INSIDE OF MODEL NUMBERS)

BLADE VARIATIONS

- None** No coating, no serrations
- S** Serrations, no coating
- BK** Black coating, no serrations
- SBK** Serrations and black coating

HANDLE

- ORG** Orange
- OD** Olive Drab
- SN** Sand
- PNK** Pink
- YEL** Yellow
- BLU** Blue
- *-1, -2, etc, typically indicate handle material variations

HOW TO NAVIGATE KNIFE SPREADS

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KNIFE DESIGNER

KNIFE/FAMILY NAME

940, 940-1 & 943
OSBORNE DESIGN • U.S.A.



Highly regarded as one of the most quintessential EDCs of all time.

MECHANISM AXIS® lock

BLADE STYLE 940 & 940-1: Reverse tanto; 943: Clip-point

BLADE STEEL 940-1: CPM-S90V super premium stainless steel (59-61HRC); 940 & 943: CPM-S30V premium stainless steel (58-60HRC)

HANDLE 940: Green anodized, 6061-T6 billet aluminum; 940-1: Carbon fiber with stainless steel liners; 943: Black anodized 6061-T6 billet aluminum

KNIFE USAGE

KNIFE FEATURES



KNIFE DESCRIPTION

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943SBK — BLADE VARIATIONS

	940/943	940-1
BLADE LENGTH	3.40" [8.64cm]	3.40" [8.64cm]
BLADE THICKNESS	0.115" [2.92mm]	0.115" [2.92mm]
OPEN	7.87" [19.99cm]	7.87" [19.99cm]
CLOSED	4.47" [11.35cm]	4.47" [11.35cm]
WEIGHT	2.90oz [82.21g]	2.44oz [69.17g]
HANDLE THICKNESS	0.41" [10.41mm]	0.44" [11.18mm]

CONFIGURATIONS/MSRP

940		\$215
940S	SERR	\$215
940BK	BLACK	\$230
940SBK	SERR BLACK	\$230
940-1		\$315
940S-1	SERR	\$315
943		\$215
943S	SERR	\$215
943BK	BLACK	\$230
943SBK	SERR BLACK	\$230

SERRATIONS

BLACK COATING

SPECIAL SERVICES



LIFESHARP SERVICE

BENCHMADE
LIFESHARP
SERVICE AND WARRANTY

We will gladly resharpen your Benchmade knife to a factory razor sharp edge (service does not apply to any serrated portion of the blade). Simply ship your knife to us. We will inspect the knife for any warranted repairs and “tune” the knife for optimum performance. Ship the knife to Benchmade, postage-paid and insured. Please enclose your return shipping address. www.benchmade.com/lifesharp



PERSONALIZED LASER MARKING

Make any Benchmade your Benchmade. Commemorate an event or outfit the unit. Whatever the occasion, now you can have your logo or artwork laser-etched onto any Benchmade. Depending on the particular model, the mark can be placed either on the blade or, in some models, on the handles. If you are interested in this special service, simply call a Benchmade customer service representative at 800.800.7427 or visit www.benchmade.com/lasermark.



COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE.

For over twenty-five years, Benchmade has been designing and manufacturing world-class products for world-class customers.

When Benchmade was founded, the mission was to create something better; something exceptional. Today, we continue to innovate with the goal of taking performance and reliability to the next level. To exceed what is expected.

Whether you are using a Griptilian® for every day duties or taking the fight to the enemy with the Infidel®, our knives are built to perform. When you choose to purchase a Benchmade, you do so because you want the best. You demand it. And programs like our LifeSharp Lifetime Service and Warranty are the foundation of our commitment to excellence.

We live it and breathe it, and we know what you mean when you say:

It's not a knife. It's my Benchmade.





DESIGNER COLLABORATION

Benchmade believes working with custom designers creates the most innovative and functional designs in the industry. These skilled artisans and craftsmen pour their passion into their work and agonize over every detail. By collaborating with a selection of world-class custom designers, we're able to tap into the newest locking mechanisms, modern materials, and custom blending and finishing techniques.



Mel Pardue The most senior design team member, Mel has been grinding sparks, making knives and creating a following for 25-plus years. His style has a class and simplicity all its own. The Pardue collaborations offer great utility to the everyday knife user while at the same time presenting an upscale distinction. Less is definitely more with Mel's designs.

McHenry & Williams

Bill McHenry & Jason Williams It runs in the family... Bill and son-in-law Jason spend their days making exquisite pieces of "art with an edge on it." Their dedication and talents complement one another very well and have led to several noteworthy innovations in the knife-making world. Benchmade was fortunate to be involved with one such innovation, the AXIS[®] mechanism. The rest is history in the making.



Warren Osborne Being raised in the farming and ranching industry taught Warren early on what great utility a quality knife can offer. How a knife feels in the hand over extended use, blade design/edge configurations, and the types of materials used are all mandatory considerations of an Osborne design.



Seiichi Nakamura Engineering was his life's work until he retired to focus his efforts on a passion for custom knife work. He specializes in small Japanese-style folders, gentleman's carry and jewelry knives. His eye for artistry and mechanical engineering make him a perfect fit for the innovative Benchmade team.



Shane Sibert Since 1994, Shane Sibert's goal has been to design and create unique knives that will evoke pride of ownership while at the same time perform tasks and challenges with exceptional ease. A lifelong avid backpacker, Sibert draws inspiration from hiking throughout the Pacific Northwest's vast wilderness. He's an occasional practitioner of martial arts and enjoys scuba diving in Oregon's chilly waters.



Ken Steigerwalt In 1978, at the age of 15, Ken found himself at the kitchen table with some files and a vise. Three years later he decided that knife-making was going to be his full-time career. Since then, Ken has dedicated himself to wowing the industry with his innovative style. He describes his work as a passion and a journey to build a better knife than the last. Benchmade has been fortunate to be involved with one such innovation, the Nitrous[®] Assist mechanism.

LERCH

Matthew Lerch Co-developer of the Nitrous[®] Assist mechanism, Matthew has his finger on the pulse of industry-leading innovations.



Bob Lum Growing up in the Pacific Northwest and a passion for eastern cultures gave him an opportunity to develop an appreciation for the importance of a fine knife which comes through in his elegant and utilitarian designs. Thanks, Bob.



Greg Thompson Greg used an extensive background in mixed martial arts to create the Special Operations Combatives Program (SOCP), a designated program for U.S. Army Special Operations Forces. With over 15 years of experience training Special Operations soldiers, Greg currently works as the Director of Training for the 18 ABN CORPS at Fort Bragg, NC.



Butch Ball Butch Ball developed a passion for knives at a very early age. After building a few fixed blades in the early '90s, he decided in 2000 to begin a true custom shop. Butch starts each knife as a prototype which he then tests, recreates and tests again. At each stage in this development process, he is thinking of ways to improve the design whether mechanical or ergonomic. The results of this process are designs that are as robust as they are innovative.



LOCKING MECHANISMS

It seems simple enough. You open the knife, you close the knife. But it's the mechanics of motion that happens in the process of opening and closing that can make the difference between ordinary and extraordinary. Is the knife easy to actuate, can it be opened with one hand, is it ambidextrous, and will it be reliable when you need it most? These are all essential considerations when it comes to knife mechanics.

AXIS®

A patented Benchmade exclusive, AXIS® has been turning heads and winning fans ever since its introduction. A 100 percent ambidextrous design, AXIS® gets its function from a small, hardened steel bar that rides forward and back in a slot machined into both steel liners. The bar extends to both sides of the knife, spans the liners and is positioned over the rear of the blade. It engages a ramped tang portion of the knife blade when it is opened. Two omega-style springs, one on each liner, give the locking bar its inertia to engage the knife tang. As a result, the tang is wedged solidly between a sizable stop pin and the AXIS® bar itself. Available in manual, AXIS® Assist or Auto AXIS® configurations.

AXIS® ASSIST

Easily opened, quickly and with one hand; this evolution of the AXIS® includes a spring that helps to fire the blade into the open position once the user pushes it beyond a certain point manually. The AXIS® lock also has the added benefit of "suck-back," which encourages the blade to stay in the closed position. AXIS® Assist knives also feature integrated safety lock systems.

LINER LOCK

The basic principle is an integral locking bar resulting from the knife liner being stress-bent, enabling it to spring into position behind the rear tang of the blade when the blade is opened. The locking bar wedges against the rear of the blade, locking it open until you physically push it clear and close the blade (locking-liners are made either right- or left-hand specific). And with a modified locking-liner you get a patented feature that helps to enhance the lock function. The function success and function failure of a locking-liner depends greatly on how well it is made and also the quality of the materials used. With Benchmade, you get both.

MONOLOCK

The monolock mechanism is basically a locking-liner on steroids. The knife liner is one in the same as the knife handle and thus the handle is designed and made to function as the locking mechanism. Subsequently, a thicker material is used to provide enough surface area to be a functional handle and in turn creates a larger surface area to lock the blade with. If executed properly, the monolock design rates very highly in strength and function.

NAK-LOK®

Built from the framework of the locking-liner with some innovative updates. The lock engages using tensile strength, compared to the compression hold of more traditional locking-liners. With the Nak-Lok®, the possibility of personal injury is greatly reduced with the opening finger never crossing the blade's path.

NITROUS®

Another patented Benchmade exclusive, the Nitrous® boosts the blade with ease. As the blade is closed, the two torsion arms that run the length of the handle liners are secured in place and make contact with the blade tang. When opening, the user rotates the blade open to a 30-degree angle, the torsion arms take over and continue the blade opening process on their own. The huge advantage to the Nitrous® design over other similar concepts is that the blade must be rotated open to beyond a 30-degree angle which offers added user control.

BALI-SONG®

As much an art form as it is the ultimate example of form following function. The Bali-Song, or butterfly knife, is of Filipino ancestry dating back to nearly AD 800. Its basic form consists of a pin-hinged, two-piece handle which, when closed, encases the blade for carry. Opening and closing can be accomplished with a single hand, making the tool that much more utility capable.

AUTOMATICS

Sometimes restricted to Active Duty Military, Law Enforcement and Public Safety, these automatic knives utilize either push-button, slide-release, or dual-action mechanisms. Benchmade autos take full advantage of powerful springs coupled with our precisely machined lock mechanisms, providing the most reliable automatic systems available in the industry. Our patented integrated safety mechanism, located on the handle spine in all push-button automatics, can also ensure that the blade will not inadvertently deploy or close once it is locked open.

AXIS® AUTOMATIC

Auto AXIS® — Strong, reliable, fast, and AXIS® lock through and through; this locking mechanism fires the blade open 100% mechanically when the AXIS® bar is pulled downwards. Auto AXIS® also features integrated safety mechanisms and the added safety of "suck-back."

AXIS® DUAL ACTION AUTOMATIC

Dual action knives come in multiple forms, but only one group features the strength and ambidextrous versatility of the AXIS® lock. The AXIS® Dual Action automatic mechanism allows the user to open the knife like a regular AXIS®, but there's a secret. Pull the AXIS® bar further down in its stroke and a spring takes over and fires the blade automatically.

PUSH-BUTTON AUTOMATIC

Push the button and the blade fires into the open position. Our push-button mechanisms are not only fast and convenient, they are extremely strong. Most also feature integrated safety mechanisms.

AMBIDEXTROUS PUSH-BUTTON AUTOMATIC

While push-button automatics have traditionally been single sided, Benchmade also has pioneered the first ever ambidextrous push-button autos that feature push-buttons on both sides.

OUT-THE-FRONT (OTF) AUTOMATIC

Our OTF mechanisms are mechanical masterpieces. Slide the lock button towards the top and the blade fires straight out. Pull the button back to the bottom and the blade returns to the handle.

BLADE STEELS

Benchmade uses a variety of modern materials selected for their superior performance characteristics. We strongly believe that if you're going to put this much effort into designing a premium quality performance cutting tool, then it only makes sense to build it with premium materials.

KEY

- **Edge Retention** How long a blade can maintain its sharpened edge
- **Strength** Maximum stress withstood before a blade breaks or fails
- **Corrosion Resistance** Resistance of a blade to oxidization and chemical attack
- **Toughness** Resistance of a blade to fracture and chipping

STEELS

CPM-S30V HRC: 58-60

Premium steel created especially for knives, it is a powder steel creating uniform carbide distribution and clean steel properties. As a blade material it offers excellent corrosion resistance and superb edge qualities. This stainless steel is extremely well balanced, making it one of the best all-around choices for daily tasks.

CPM-M4 HRC: 62-64

A powder-metal, non-stainless, special purpose high-speed steel with a combination of high carbon, moly, vanadium and tungsten for excellent wear resistance and toughness. Due to its lower level of chrome content it may require additional care to avoid corrosion.

CPM-20CV HRC: 59-61

Excellent edge retention and great corrosion resistance are typically hard to find in one steel, however they meet here in CPM-20CV. A powder metal steel that takes a fine edge and maintains it, 20CV is a great choice for someone looking for low maintenance and superior cutting performance.

CPM-S90V HRC: 59-61

A true super steel, S90V offers substantial improvements in corrosion resistance over 440C and wear resistance far beyond that of D2. Extremely high carbon and vanadium content gives this premium stainless powder-metal alloy the ultimate in edge retention while maintaining great strength and toughness properties.

440C HRC: 58-60

Originally designed for ball bearings, valves and gears, this high-carbon stainless steel is the staple of the cutlery industry. A high-chromium stainless steel with balanced hardness and corrosion resistance, 440C takes a fine edge and is fairly easy to re-sharpen. An excellent value-priced steel for its performance.

1095 HRC: 55-58

High carbon steel that has been used for knife blades for over a century. Excellent strength and toughness allows this steel to take a beating that would leave other blades in pieces. Poor corrosion resistance and edge retention means that you have to take a little extra care to keep the blade clean and sharp.

D2 HRC: 60-62

A high carbon, high chrome tool steel provides better edge retention than 440C and 154CM, however has less toughness and corrosion resistance than either of these alloys. The original "go-to" tool steel for knife blades, D2 provides great edge retention but requires a little extra care to keep the rust off.

M390 HRC: 58-61

A super-performance blade steel with exceptional cutting ability and wear resistance. Given its uniform microstructure M390 is often used in surgical cutting instruments and other applications that require a high finish. Extremely high carbon and chrome content also give this premium stainless powder-metal alloy the best corrosion resistance of any martensitic stainless alloy.

Damasteel HRC: 58-60

With alternating layers of RWL34 and RPMC27, this powder metal 'damascus' steel doesn't just get by on its looks alone. The interweaving of these two alloys provides great strength and toughness while affording edge retention comparable to that of 440C. Used in special applications due to its high cost and artistic nature.

N680 HRC: 57-59

Special application steel when corrosion resistance is the primary requirement. Ideal for salt water applications, the addition of nitrogen to the alloy gives this the best corrosion resistance of any blade steel, with edge retention between 420HC and 440C.

154CM HRC: 58-61

A premium grade steel developed for tough industrial applications. Known for its best all-around qualities, 154 CM offers a good balance of corrosion resistance, toughness and edge quality.

HEAT TREATMENT

Over the years we have developed a "special recipe" for heat treating our blade steels. This process maximizes the steel's molecular structure for a custom toughness and superior performance. All steels may be created equal, but when it comes to Benchmade, that's where it stops.

HANDLES AND LINERS

HANDLES

CARBON FIBER

A contemporary premium composite of thin strands of carbon tightly woven into various weave patterns, then impregnated with resin which is most commonly clear but can be color-tinted. It offers great looks and is exceptionally strong for its minimal weight.

STABILIZED WOOD

A composite material backfilled with resin, stabilized wood is much more resistant to environmental hardships than natural wood.

MICARTA

Layers of linen cloths soaked in resin and compressed together. Most commonly used on more stylish knives due to its rich color finish qualities.

6061-T6 ALUMINUM

A nonferrous metal originally developed as a premium aircraft-grade aluminum, it offers a solid handle form and function at a nominal weight. Most typically color anodized.

NORYL GTX®

A modern engineered plastic offering high-strength, low-flex and lightweight properties. Molded to form.

G10

An extremely durable makeup of layers of fiberglass soaked in resin, then highly compressed and baked. Impervious to moisture or liquid and physically stable under a wide range of temperatures. Most commonly black, but is also available in various colors.

VALOX®

A reinforced resin with excellent stiffness, strength and dimensional stability. Molded to form.

GRIVORY®

An amorphous nylon copolymer with exceptional dimensional stability. 50% or greater glass fill.

SANTOPRENE®

A thermoplastic elastomer that is molded to specification. It offers excellent flexibility with high tear strength and fatigue resistance. Resistance to many harsh chemicals. These features contribute to improved performance in a range of tough jobs.

ANODIZATION

An electrochemical process used for adding color to titanium surfaces. A combination of chemical bath and electrical voltage level generates the desired color. A similar process is used for aluminum with the addition of a chemical coloring bath.



LINERS

6AL-4V TITANIUM

Considered an exotic metal alloy (titanium + 6% aluminum + 4% vanadium) with an excellent strength-to-weight ratio that offers exceptional performance in a knife. Titanium is corrosion resistant to natural elements as well as many industrial chemicals.

410SS STAINLESS STEEL

A common knife grade with low carbon, high chromium content steel that offers excellent bend toughness and wearability. It offers excellent corrosion resistant characteristics as well.

SHEATHS

BALLISTICS NYLON

A heavy-duty woven nylon fabric originally developed for use in bulletproof vests and body armor. Offers great lightweight sheath durability.

LEATHER

A natural material dating back to human's earliest beginnings in the knife world. It can be easily dyed and tooled for desired visual effect. Offers traditionally accepted levels of performance and design capability.

KYDEX®

A mixture of acrylic and PVC that offers outstanding impact and chemical resistance as well as fire retardancy. Widely used in the auto and aerospace industries. Molded or thermo-formed.

BOLTARON®

A proprietary, fire retardant PVC/Acrylic alloy sheet, black in color, offering a UL Standard 94 V-0 fire rating, excellent impact strength, abrasion resistance, chemical resistance and thermoformability. Manufactured using recycled resin, it is a cost effective alternative to other general-purpose flame retardant materials.

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WARRANTY

LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

Benchmade Knife Company, Inc. ("Benchmade") warrants to the original owner that this knife will be free from defects in materials and workmanship. Benchmade will, without charge, repair or replace, at Benchmade's option, any knife returned for warranty work and found to be defective by Benchmade, according to the terms of this Warranty. If we choose to replace the knife, we may replace it with the same model or one of equal value. The knife must be shipped by owner prepaid and insured freight, together with a description of the problem, and must be accompanied by the original bill of sale, your charge or credit card receipt or any satisfactory proof of the original date of purchase from a retail dealer. Any automatic knife (button or slide activated spring-opening) returned for Warranty service from outside of Oregon must also include a signed Automatic Knife Opening Acknowledgement ("AKOA") form, or be returned through the authorized Benchmade dealer. Any automatic knife sent by you to us without a signed AKOA form will not be returned to you. To obtain an AKOA form, please visit www.benchmade.com. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

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WHAT IS COVERED?

This Warranty covers replacement parts and labor.

WHAT IS NOT COVERED?

This Warranty does not cover normal wear; non-factory re-sharpening of the blade; cosmetic damages (such as scratches on the product); damage caused by neglect and/or misuse (meaning use of the knife for any purpose other than its intended purpose as a cutting tool) or the failure to perform normal or necessary maintenance. The Warranty does not cover disassembly or modification of any product by any person other than Benchmade's Warranty department. The Warranty does not cover damage incurred while in shipment; insurance for the product during shipping is recommended and is your responsibility. Do not use your new knife as a screwdriver, pry bar, chisel or punch. Do not throw your knife or use it for any purpose other than cutting. Do not disassemble your knife. Do not sharpen your knife on a power grinding wheel. Any of these acts will void your Warranty. MINIMUM CHARGE TO REASSEMBLE A KNIFE WHEN THE WARRANTY HAS BEEN VOIDED IS \$20 PLUS PARTS.

Repair or replacement, as provided under this Warranty, is the exclusive remedy of the consumer. Benchmade shall not be liable for any incidental, reliance, indirect, special, punitive, exemplary, or consequential damages or breach of implied Warranty on this product, including any damage to person or property. Benchmade's liability under any and all circumstances is limited to the purchase price paid by you for the product. Some states do not allow exclusion or limitation of certain types of damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from state to state.

This knife has only one use, as a cutting tool. Benchmade knives carry no warranty except as expressly contained herein. Benchmade disclaims all warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose other than for use as a cutting tool.

Please review the Warranty information and proper knife care instructions provided with each knife.

ORDERING OF AUTOMATIC KNIVES

Automatic knives are available for sale in Oregon. The sale of automatic knives is federally regulated. Always check permissibility within your state or locality as non-federal personnel may be precluded from ownership or use by state laws. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. Purchase of automatic knives outside of the state of Oregon must be preceded by the submission of an AKOA form.

The Benchmade AKOA form can be found at www.benchmade.com/media/forms/ako_acknowledgment.pdf

SHIPPING OF AUTOMATIC KNIVES

All automatic knives shipped by Benchmade will be sent via courier (UPS, FedEx, etc.) and CANNOT be shipped through the U.S. Postal Service. Also, please note that all returns of automatic knives must be shipped via courier (UPS, FedEx, etc.). It is our policy that all automatic knives shipped out of state require a signed AKOA form. We will not ship automatic knives out of state until we receive a signed AKOA form.

ARE BENCHMADE ASSIST-OPEN KNIVES LEGAL?

Because of the way that the Benchmade assist-open knives are designed and built, they are not considered automatic or switchblade knives under federal interpretations.

Even though the Benchmade assist-open models are not classified as automatics or switchblades, it is still recommended that the user research and verify the legalities in their own specific areas.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, INDEMNITY

The purchase, use, and ownership of knives is subject to a wide variety of federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Knife laws and regulations are subject to local interpretations and may change frequently. It is the responsibility of the buyer to be aware of and to comply with the laws that govern the buyer in the buyer's specific area, pertaining to owning, carrying, transporting, shipping, and using the product.

We encourage responsible ownership.

THE KNIFE IS VERY SHARP. USE WITH CARE. BE SMART AND SAFE. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. MISUSE OF THE PRODUCT OR FAILURE TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN YOUR PRODUCT CAN CAUSE MECHANISMS IN THE PRODUCT TO NOT FUNCTION PROPERLY AND COULD CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE PRODUCT AND/OR SERIOUS INJURY OR EVEN DEATH.

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