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**KA-BAR 5054**

# KA-BAR 5054 Short Fighting/Utility Knife Tanto User Manual

Model: 5054

## 1. Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use of your KA-BAR 5054 Short Fighting/Utility Knife. Please read these instructions thoroughly before using the product. Proper handling and maintenance will ensure the longevity and performance of your knife.



Image 1.1: The KA-BAR 5054 Short Fighting/Utility Knife, featuring a black tanto blade and a black Kraton G handle.

## 2. Safety Information

Knives are sharp tools and must be handled with extreme care. Always observe the following safety guidelines:

- Keep the knife out of reach of children.
- Always cut away from your body.

- Ensure a stable grip on the handle before use.
- Never use the knife for tasks it was not designed for, such as prying or hammering.
- Store the knife securely in its sheath when not in use.
- Do not attempt to catch a falling knife.

**California Proposition 65 Warning: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.**

## 3. Setup and Initial Inspection

### 3.1 Unboxing

Carefully remove the knife and its sheath from the packaging. Inspect both items for any signs of damage or manufacturing defects. If any issues are found, contact the retailer or manufacturer immediately.

### 3.2 Sheath Usage

The KA-BAR 5054 comes with a durable glass-filled nylon sheath designed for secure carry. To insert the knife, align the blade with the sheath opening and push firmly until it clicks into place. To remove, grasp the handle firmly and pull the knife out of the sheath. The sheath features multiple attachment points for versatile carrying options.



Image 3.1: The KA-BAR 5054 knife secured within its glass-filled nylon sheath.

## 4. Operating Instructions

The KA-BAR 5054 is designed for fighting and utility tasks, including hunting and general outdoor use. Its tanto blade shape is particularly effective for piercing and tasks requiring a strong tip.

- **Grip:** Hold the Kraton G handle firmly. The textured surface provides a secure grip even in wet conditions.
- **Cutting:** For general cutting, use a smooth, controlled motion. The hollow grind provides a sharp edge for various materials.
- **Piercing:** The tanto point is robust and designed for strong piercing capabilities. Apply steady pressure when piercing tough materials.
- **Avoid Twisting:** Do not twist the blade excessively during use, as this can cause damage to the blade or tip.



Image 4.1: Close-up view of the Kraton G handle, designed for a secure grip.

## 5. Maintenance

### 5.1 Cleaning

After each use, especially when exposed to moisture, dirt, or corrosive substances, clean your knife thoroughly.

- **Hand Wash Only:** Wash the blade and handle with mild soap and water.
- **Dry Immediately:** Thoroughly dry all parts of the knife with a clean cloth to prevent rust.
- **Avoid Dishwashers:** Never place your knife in a dishwasher, as harsh detergents and high temperatures can damage the blade and handle.

### 5.2 Sharpening

Maintain the blade's sharpness for optimal performance. The KA-BAR 5054 has an edge angle of 20 degrees. Use a sharpening system appropriate for this angle. If you are not experienced in knife sharpening, seek professional assistance to avoid damaging the blade.

### 5.3 Storage

Store the knife in its sheath in a dry environment. The 1095 Cro-Van steel is rust-resistant, but proper storage further protects the blade from environmental factors.

## 6. Troubleshooting

| Issue | Possible Cause | Solution |
|---|---|---|
| Blade feels dull | Normal wear from use. | Sharpen the blade using appropriate tools or seek professional sharpening services. |
| Rust spots appear on blade | Improper drying or prolonged exposure to moisture. | Clean the rust spots with a fine abrasive or rust remover. Ensure thorough drying after each use and proper storage. |
| Sheath retention loosens | Wear and tear from frequent use. | Inspect the sheath for damage. If retention is significantly compromised, consider replacing the sheath for safety. |

## 7. Specifications

| Feature | Detail |
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| Model Number | 5054 |
| Blade Length | 5-1/4 inches (13.3 cm) |
| Overall Length | 9-3/8 inches (23.8 cm) |
| Blade Material | 1095 Cro-Van Steel |
| Blade Type | Fixed Blade, Tanto Shape |
| Grind | Hollow |
| Edge Angle | 20 degrees |
| Handle Material | Kraton G |
| Weight | 0.40 lbs (181 grams) |
| Sheath Material | Glass-Filled Nylon |
| Manufacturer | KA-BAR |
| Country of Origin | USA |

## 8. Warranty and Support

For information regarding product warranty, please refer to the official KA-BAR website or contact KA-BAR customer service directly. Warranty terms and conditions may vary.
For further assistance, technical support, or to inquire about replacement parts, please visit the official KA-BAR website: www.kabar.com

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