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Model: Quick-Change Folding Lock-Back Knife

1. SAFETY INFORMATION

- Always handle the knife with care. Blades are extremely sharp.
- Keep fingers clear of the blade path when opening, closing, and changing blades.
- Ensure the blade is fully locked in the open position before use.
- Close the blade and engage the lock-back mechanism when not in use.
- Store the knife in a secure location, out of reach of children.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), such as gloves, when handling or changing blades.
- Do not use the knife for purposes other than its intended use as a utility knife.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Kobalt Quick-Change Folding Lock-Back Utility Knife is a versatile and durable tool designed for various cutting tasks. Its robust construction and quick-change blade mechanism make it an efficient choice for professionals and DIY enthusiasts alike. The knife features a secure lock-back design for safety during use and a convenient pocket clip for easy access.



Figure 1: Kobalt Quick-Change Folding Lock-Back Utility Knife (Closed Position)

Key Features:

- **Quick-Change Blade Mechanism:** Allows for fast and easy blade replacement without additional tools.
- **Lock-Back Design:** Ensures the blade is securely held in the open position during use, preventing accidental closure.
- **Durable Construction:** Features an aluminum handle and stainless steel blade for long-lasting performance.
- **Folding Design:** Compact and safe for storage and transport.
- **Pocket Clip:** Provides convenient carrying options.

3. SETUP AND BLADE INSTALLATION

Initial Inspection:

Before first use, inspect the knife for any signs of damage or manufacturing defects. Ensure all components are securely fastened.

Installing a New Blade:

1. With the knife in the closed position, locate the quick-release button/lever near the blade housing.
2. Press and hold the quick-release button/lever.
3. Carefully slide out the old blade (if present). Dispose of used blades safely in a designated container.
4. Insert a new standard utility blade into the slot, ensuring it aligns correctly with the internal mechanism.
5. Release the quick-release button/lever. The blade should click securely into place.
6. Gently pull on the blade to confirm it is firmly seated and locked before use.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Opening the Knife:

1. Hold the knife firmly with one hand.
2. Use your thumb to push the thumb stud or flipper mechanism (if present) to swing the blade open.
3. Continue opening until you hear a distinct "click," indicating the lock-back mechanism has engaged and the blade is securely locked in the open position.
4. Verify the blade is locked by gently attempting to close it without disengaging the lock.

Using the Knife:

- Apply steady, controlled pressure when cutting.
- Always cut away from your body and fingers.
- Ensure the cutting surface is stable and clear of obstructions.
- Avoid twisting or prying with the blade, as this can cause it to break or dislodge.

Closing the Knife:

1. Locate the lock-back release lever on the spine of the handle.
2. Press down on the release lever to disengage the blade lock.
3. Carefully fold the blade back into the handle until it is fully enclosed. Keep fingers clear of the closing blade path.

5. MAINTENANCE

Cleaning:

- After each use, wipe down the blade and handle with a clean, dry cloth to remove any debris or moisture.
- For stubborn grime, use a mild soap solution and a soft brush, then rinse thoroughly and dry immediately.
- Ensure the pivot point and lock mechanism are free of dirt to maintain smooth operation.

Blade Care:

- Replace dull or damaged blades promptly to ensure safe and effective cutting. Refer to the "Setup and Blade Installation" section for instructions.
- Store new blades in their original packaging or a safe container.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Blade Does Not Lock Open:

- Check for debris obstructing the lock-back mechanism. Clean as described in the Maintenance section.
- Ensure the blade is fully extended until the "click" is heard.

Difficulty Changing Blade:

- Ensure the quick-release button/lever is fully depressed.

- Check for any rust or corrosion on the blade or internal components. Clean and lubricate if necessary.

Blade Appears Loose:

- Verify the blade is correctly installed and the quick-release mechanism is fully engaged.
- If the blade is still loose, it may be worn or damaged and should be replaced.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Brand:	Kobalt
Model:	Quick-Change Folding Lock-Back Knife
ASIN:	B001G3KURI
GTIN/UPC:	820909504160
Blade Material:	Stainless Steel
Handle Material:	Aluminum
Color:	Blue
Item Length:	8 Inches
Handle Type:	Manual-Retractable

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information or product support, please refer to the manufacturer's official website or contact their customer service department. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

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