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KA-BAR BKR16-BRK

Ka-Bar Becker Knife with Drop Point, Short, Carbon - Instruction Manual

Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use, maintenance, and care of your Ka-Bar Becker Knife with Drop Point, Short, Carbon (Model BKR16-BRK).
The Becker Short Drop Point Knife is a robust, solid one-piece design, ideal for various tasks without being cumbersome. It features full tang construction and a black epoxy powder coat for durability.

Product Features

- **Blade Type:** Short Drop Point with a flat grind for strong edge retention and easy sharpening.
- **Blade Material:** 1095 Carbon Steel with a protective coating to help prevent rust.
- **Handle:** Alloy Steel handle, interchangeable, designed for comfortable grip with a convenient ridged thumb serration area for control during pressure cutting. Includes an extra set of brown handles.
- **Construction:** Full tang design for maximum strength and durability.
- **Sheath:** MOLLE compatible Cordura sheath with a pouch for small survival gear and a separate sheath for a BK13 knife (not included). The sheath features a removable belt loop for easy attachment and detachment.
- **Origin:** Made in USA or imported.

Specifications

Attribute	Detail
Brand	KA-BAR
Model Name	Short Drop Point
Model Number	BKR16-BRK
Blade Material	1095 Carbon Steel
Blade Shape	Drop Point
Blade Edge	Flat

Blade Length	Approximately 9 inches (22.86 cm)
Overall Length	Approximately 14 inches (35.56 cm)
Handle Material	Alloy Steel
Color	Black
Item Weight	16 ounces (0.45 kg)
Special Feature	Rust Resistant Coating
Included Components	MOLLE compatible Cordura sheath, extra set of brown handles

Setup

Handle Removal and Attachment

The handle of your Ka-Bar Becker knife is designed to be interchangeable, allowing for customization or replacement. To remove the handle:

1. Locate the two hex bolts on each side of the handle.
2. Using a 5/32 inch Allen wrench, carefully unscrew and remove both bolts.
3. Gently pull the handle scales away from the full tang of the knife.

To attach a new handle or reattach the existing one:

1. Align the handle scales with the holes on the full tang.
2. Insert the hex bolts and tighten them with the 5/32 inch Allen wrench. Ensure they are snug but do not overtighten to avoid stripping the screws.



Image: Close-up view of the knife handle, showing the hex bolts for removal and attachment.

Operating Instructions

The Ka-Bar Becker knife is a versatile tool suitable for various outdoor and utility tasks. Its sharp edge and robust construction make it effective for:

- **Slicing:** The flat grind and sharp edge allow for precise and clean slicing.
- **Chopping:** The substantial size and weight of the blade make it suitable for light chopping tasks.
- **Bushcraft:** Ideal for preparing kindling, making feather sticks, and other camp-related activities.
- **Hunting:** Can be used for field dressing and other hunting applications.

Sheath Usage

The included Cordura sheath provides safe storage and transport for your knife. It features a hard plastic insert to protect the blade and user.

- **Blade Insertion:** The sheath is designed to allow the blade to be inserted in either direction.
- **Retention Strap:** Secure the knife in the sheath using the snap-button retention strap around the handle.
- **MOLLE Compatibility:** The sheath is equipped with MOLLE webbing for attachment to compatible bags or gear.

- **Removable Belt Loop:** The belt loop can be opened and closed via Velcro and snap buttons, allowing you to attach or remove the sheath from your belt without needing to unthread your belt.
- **Accessory Pouch:** A small pouch on the sheath can store compact survival items like matches or a small sharpener.
- **BK13 Sheath:** A dedicated slot is available for the optional BK13 knife (sold separately).



Image: The Ka-Bar Becker knife securely stored in its MOLLE-compatible Cordura sheath.

Maintenance

Cleaning

After each use, especially when exposed to moisture or corrosive materials, clean your knife thoroughly:

1. Wash the blade and handle with mild soap and water.
2. Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue.
3. Dry the knife completely with a clean cloth.

4. For the 1095 Carbon Steel blade, apply a thin layer of rust-preventative oil or wax to the exposed metal surfaces to protect against corrosion.

Sharpening

The 1095 Carbon Steel blade holds an edge well and is relatively easy to sharpen. Use a quality sharpening system appropriate for knife blades. Regular light sharpening will maintain optimal performance.

Storage

Store the knife in its sheath in a dry environment to prevent rust and protect the blade. Ensure the knife is clean and dry before storing for extended periods.

Troubleshooting

Blade Rusting

If rust appears on the 1095 Carbon Steel blade, it can typically be removed with fine abrasive pads or rust-removing compounds. Ensure proper cleaning and application of rust-preventative oil after removal to prevent recurrence.

Sheath Wear

The Cordura sheath is durable, but prolonged use may cause wear, particularly where the blade contacts the fabric. Applying wax to the inside of the sheath where the blade slides can help reduce friction and wear. Replacement sheaths are available from the manufacturer or aftermarket suppliers.

Safety Information

WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.
Always handle the knife with extreme care. Keep fingers clear of the blade. Store out of reach of children. Use appropriate personal protective equipment when handling or sharpening the knife.

Warranty and Support

Your Ka-Bar Becker Knife is covered by a manufacturer's warranty. For specific warranty details, claims, or product support, please refer to the official KA-BAR website or contact their customer service directly.
For additional information or inquiries, please visit theKA-BAR Store on Amazon.

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