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**KA-BAR 4000142**

# KA-BAR BK-10 BECKER CREWMAN FIXED BLADE SURVIVAL KNIFE

Official Instruction Manual

## 1. Introduction

The KA-BAR BK-10 Becker Crewman Fixed Blade Survival Knife is a robust and reliable tool, designed by Ethan Becker for demanding outdoor and survival situations. Crafted from durable 1095 Cro-Van Steel, this knife features a 5 1/2-inch straight edge blade and a black Zytel handle for a secure grip. It is accompanied by a heavy-duty polyester sheath with a front pocket for convenient carry. This manual will guide you through the proper handling, maintenance, and care of your KA-BAR BK-10 to ensure its longevity and optimal performance.

## 2. 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 your knife with extreme care. Keep the blade pointed away from yourself and others. Ensure the knife is securely sheathed when not in use. Store out of reach of children. Proper training and experience are recommended for safe use in survival and outdoor activities.

## 3. Product Components

### 3.1. Knife Components




Figure 1: Front view of the KA-BAR BK-10 knife, showcasing the blade and handle.




Figure 2: Back view of the KA-BAR BK-10 knife, highlighting the full tang construction and handle fasteners.




Figure 3: Angled view of the KA-BAR BK-10 knife, showing the blade profile and handle ergonomics.

- **Blade:** 5 1/2-inch straight edge, made from 1095 Cro-Van Steel. Features a black coating for corrosion resistance and reduced glare.
- **Handle:** Black Zytel material, designed for a secure and comfortable grip. Attached with robust fasteners.
- **Lanyard Hole:** Located at the base of the handle for attaching a lanyard (not included).

## 3.2. Sheath Components




Figure 4: Front view of the heavy-duty polyester sheath.



Figure 5: The KA-BAR BK-10 knife securely fastened within its sheath.

- **Material:** Heavy-duty polyester.
- **Retention Straps:** Multiple straps with snap closures and hook-and-loop fasteners to secure the knife.
- **Front Pocket:** A small pocket on the front for carrying accessories.
- **MOLLE Compatibility:** Features webbing for attachment to compatible gear.
- **Drainage Grommets:** Located at the bottom of the sheath to allow water to escape.

## 4. Setup & Initial Use

### 4.1. Unsheathing the Knife

1. Locate the retention straps on the sheath. There are typically two main straps securing the handle and one strap over the top of the handle.
2. Unsnap the two main retention straps around the handle. Note that these straps may be initially tight and require some effort to unsnap.
3. Lift the hook-and-loop flap over the top of the handle.
4. Carefully draw the knife straight out of the sheath, ensuring the blade edge does not catch on the sheath's internal plastic liner.

### 4.2. Sheathing the Knife

1. Align the blade with the opening of the sheath.
2. Carefully slide the blade into the sheath until the handle is fully seated.
3. Secure the hook-and-loop flap over the top of the handle.
4. Fasten the two main retention straps around the handle by snapping them shut. Ensure all straps are securely fastened to prevent accidental unsheathing.

## 5. Maintenance

### 5.1. Blade Care

The 1095 Cro-Van Steel blade is robust but requires proper care to prevent corrosion, especially given its black coating. While the coating offers some protection, it can wear off with use, exposing the steel. Regularly clean the blade after each use, especially after exposure to moisture or acidic materials. Dry the blade thoroughly. For long-term storage or in humid environments, apply a thin layer of natural oil or a specialized blade wax to the blade to protect it from rust. Ensure the oil or wax is food-safe if the knife will be used for food preparation.

### 5.2. Handle Care

The Zytel handle is designed for durability and requires minimal maintenance. Clean the handle with mild soap and water as needed. Avoid harsh chemicals that could degrade the material. Ensure the handle fasteners remain tight;

periodically check and tighten them if necessary.

### 5.3. Sheath Care

The heavy-duty polyester sheath is designed to withstand rugged conditions. Clean the sheath by hand with mild soap and water. Allow it to air dry completely before storing the knife to prevent moisture buildup and potential corrosion on the blade. The internal plastic liner provides blade protection but can be a source of rattling if the knife is not fully seated or if the liner is loose. The sheath features multiple attachment points for versatility; ensure these are secure when attaching to gear.

## 6. Specifications

| Feature | Detail |
|---|---|
| Brand | KA-BAR |
| Model Name | 4000142 (BK-10 Becker Crewman) |
| Blade Material | 1095 Cro-Van Steel |
| Blade Length | 5 1/2 inches |
| Overall Length | 10 7/8 inches |
| Handle Material | Zytel (Nylon) |
| Color | Black |
| Sheath Material | Heavy-duty Polyester |
| Item Weight | 340.2 Grams |
| Special Feature | Rust Resistant Coating |
| Hand Orientation | Ambidextrous |
| Product Care Instructions | Hand Wash Only |

## 7. Troubleshooting

- **Blade Coating Wear:** The black coating on the blade is designed to reduce glare and offer some corrosion resistance. Over time and with heavy use, this coating may show signs of wear. This is normal and does not affect the structural integrity or performance of the blade. Continue to apply oil or wax to the exposed steel to prevent rust.
- **Tight Sheath Straps:** New sheaths may have very tight retention straps. With repeated use, the material will

stretch slightly, making it easier to snap and unsnap the closures.

- **Knife Rattle in Sheath:** If the knife rattles slightly within the sheath, ensure it is fully seated and all retention straps are securely fastened. The sheath's design allows for ambidextrous carry, which might result in a slightly looser fit compared to custom-molded sheaths.

## 8. Warranty & Support

The KA-BAR BK-10 Becker Crewman Fixed Blade Survival Knife is covered by the manufacturer's warranty. For specific details regarding warranty coverage, claims, or product support, please refer to the official KA-BAR website or contact their customer service directly.
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