## KA-BAR BK21

# KA-BAR #BK21 Becker/Reinhardt Kukri Knife User Manual

Model: BK21

## Introduction

The KA-BAR #BK21 Becker/Reinhardt Kukri Knife is a robust and versatile tool designed for demanding outdoor tasks. With an overall length of 18.75 inches and a blade length of 13.25 inches, this kukri features a high carbon steel blade known for its durability and edge retention. It is equipped with a comfortable rubber handle and comes with a durable polyester sheath for safe transport and storage. The blade is stamped with "KA-BAR, BK&T/Reinhardt" and has an edge angle of 20 degrees, making it suitable for various cutting and chopping applications.



Image: The KA-BAR #BK21 Becker/Reinhardt Kukri Knife, showcasing its distinctive curved blade and black finish.

## Important Safety Guidelines

Handling any sharp instrument requires extreme caution. Adhere to the following safety guidelines to prevent injury:

- Always keep the blade pointed away from yourself and others.
- Ensure a firm grip on the handle before use.
- Never attempt to catch a falling knife.
- Store the knife in its sheath when not in use, out of reach of children.
- Do not use the knife for tasks it is not designed for, such as prying or hammering.
- Wear appropriate protective gear, such as gloves, when handling or sharpening the blade.
- This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Handle with care and wash hands after contact.

## Initial Setup

Upon receiving your KA-BAR #BK21 Kukri, carefully remove it from its packaging. Inspect the knife and sheath for any signs of damage or manufacturing defects. The knife comes pre-sharpened from the factory, but you may wish to refine the edge to your personal preference before first use.



Image: The KA-BAR #BK21 Kukri Knife resting beside its polyester sheath, ready for storage or transport.

The included polyester sheath is designed for secure carry. Ensure the knife is fully seated within the sheath and the retention strap is fastened before carrying.

## Proper Use and Handling

The KA-BAR #BK21 Kukri is primarily designed for heavy-duty chopping and cutting tasks, such as clearing brush, processing firewood, or building shelters. Its unique blade shape and weight distribution make it an effective tool for these applications.

- **Grip:** Hold the rubber handle firmly. The ergonomic design provides a secure grip even in challenging conditions. For chopping, a slightly looser grip can allow the blade's weight to do more work, while a tighter grip is needed for precision tasks.
- **Chopping:** Utilize the forward weight of the kukri for powerful chopping strokes. Aim for a clean, angled cut.
- **Fine Work:** For more delicate tasks, choke up on the handle, placing your hand closer to the blade's ricasso for better control.
- **Thrusting:** The blade's design allows for effective thrusting when necessary, such as piercing materials.
- **Intended Use:** This knife is recommended for hunting and general outdoor utility. Avoid using it on extremely hard materials like rocks or metal, which can damage the blade.

## Care and Maintenance

### Cleaning

After each use, especially when exposed to moisture or corrosive materials, clean the blade thoroughly. Hand wash only. Use warm, soapy water and a soft cloth. Dry the blade completely to prevent rust, as it is made of high carbon steel, which is prone to corrosion if not properly maintained. Apply a thin coat of rust-preventative oil to the blade before storage.

### Sharpening

Maintain the blade's sharpness for optimal performance. The factory edge angle is 20 degrees. Use a sharpening stone or a suitable sharpening system. For best results, maintain the original edge angle. Sharpening should be done carefully to avoid injury.

### Storage

Store the knife in its polyester sheath in a dry environment. Avoid storing it in humid conditions or direct sunlight, which can degrade the handle material or promote rust on the blade.

## Common Issues and Troubleshooting

| Problem | Possible Cause | Solution |
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| Blade is dull or not cutting effectively. | Normal wear and tear; improper use on hard surfaces. | Sharpen the blade using appropriate tools and techniques. Avoid cutting on abrasive surfaces. |
| Rust spots appear on the blade. | Improper drying after use; lack of protective oil; exposure to moisture. | Clean and dry the blade thoroughly after each use. Apply a thin coat of rust-preventative oil. Remove light rust with fine abrasive or rust remover. |
| Handle feels loose or wobbly. | Screws securing the handle scales may have loosened over time due to heavy use. | Inspect the handle screws. Tighten them carefully with the appropriate tool. Consider applying a thread-locking compound (e.g., Loctite) to prevent future loosening, ensuring not to overtighten. |
| Sheath is difficult to use or knife doesn't fit securely. | Debris inside sheath; sheath material deformation. | Clear any debris from inside the sheath. Ensure the knife is inserted correctly and the retention strap is fastened. |

## Product Specifications

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| **Brand** | KA-BAR |
| **Model Name** | Reinhardt Kukri |
| **Model Number** | BK21 |
| **Overall Length** | 18.75 inches |
| **Blade Length** | 13.25 inches |
| **Blade Material** | High Carbon Steel |
| **Edge Angle** | 20 degrees |

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| **Handle Material** | Rubber |
| **Sheath Material** | Polyester |
| **Item Weight** | 3 Pounds |
| **Recommended Uses** | Hunting |
| **Country of Origin** | India |
| **UPC** | 617717200212 |

## Warranty and Customer Support

KA-BAR products are known for their durability and are often backed by a manufacturer's guarantee. While specific warranty terms may vary, KA-BAR generally stands behind the quality and craftsmanship of its knives. For detailed warranty information or to inquire about service and support, please refer to the official KA-BAR website or contact their customer service directly.
When contacting support, please have your product model number (BK21) and any purchase details readily available.


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