KATSU JDA01

Instruction Manual

KATSU Handmade Damascus Steel Japanese Razor Pocket Folding Knife

Model: JDA01

1. Introduction

Thank you for choosing the KATSU Handmade Damascus Steel Japanese Razor Pocket Folding Knife. This high-quality folding knife features a genuine deer antler handle and a meticulously crafted Damascus steel blade, embodying traditional Japanese design with modern functionality. This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use, care, and maintenance of your knife.

2. Product Features

- **Compact Size:** 4.5 inches when closed, with a total length of 7.5 inches when open.
- **Premium Blade:** Handmade Damascus Steel blade, known for its strength, edge retention, and distinctive pattern.
- **Natural Handle:** Genuine Deer Antler handle provides a unique aesthetic and comfortable grip.
- **Traditional Opening:** Features a traditional Japanese style thumb lever for one-hand opening, characteristic of Higonokami knives.
- **Included Accessories:** Comes with a leather sheath and a hessian sack for protection and storage.

3. Setup and Initial Inspection

Upon receiving your KATSU folding knife, please follow these steps:

1. **Unboxing:** Carefully remove the knife from its packaging, including the hessian sack and any protective wrapping.
2. **Visual Inspection:** Examine the knife for any signs of damage or manufacturing defects. Ensure the blade is securely seated when closed and that the handle components are intact.
3. **Familiarization:** Before first use, familiarize yourself with the knife's opening and closing mechanism. The thumb lever is designed for one-handed operation.
4. **Sheath Use:** The included leather sheath is designed to protect the blade and allow for safe carrying. Always store the knife in its sheath when not in use.



Image: The KATSU folding knife shown with its protective leather sheath and original product box.



Image: The KATSU folding knife resting on its included hessian sack, highlighting the packaging.

4. Operating Instructions

This knife features a traditional Higonokami-style thumb lever for deployment. Always exercise caution when handling sharp objects.

4.1 Opening the Knife

To open the knife, grip the handle firmly. Place your thumb on the extended tang (thumb lever) at the back of the blade. Apply outward pressure with your thumb to pivot the blade open until it locks into place. Ensure the blade is fully extended and locked before use.



Image: The KATSU folding knife in its fully open position, showcasing the intricate Damascus steel blade and the textured deer antler handle.



Image: A side view comparison of the KATSU folding knife, both in its open and closed states, illustrating the compact folded form and the extended blade.

4.2 Closing the Knife

To close the knife, locate the liner lock mechanism inside the handle. Press the liner lock to disengage the blade. Carefully fold the blade back into the handle channel, ensuring your fingers are clear of the blade path. The blade should sit securely within the handle when fully closed.



Image: A top-down view of the KATSU folding knife, showing both the open and closed configurations, highlighting the blade's alignment and handle design.

4.3 Safety Precautions

- Always handle the knife with care. The blade is extremely sharp.
- Keep fingers clear of the blade path when opening and closing.
- Do not use the knife for prying, hammering, or as a screwdriver.
- Store the knife in its sheath and out of reach of children.
- Ensure the blade is fully locked before applying pressure during use.

5. Care and Maintenance

Proper care will ensure the longevity and performance of your KATSU knife.

5.1 Cleaning

- **Hand Wash Only:** Clean the blade and handle with a soft cloth and mild soap. Avoid harsh detergents or abrasive

materials.

- **Drying:** Thoroughly dry the knife immediately after washing to prevent rust, especially on the Damascus steel.
- **Handle Care:** The natural deer antler handle should not be submerged in water for extended periods. Wipe clean and dry.

5.2 Oiling and Storage

- **Blade Oiling:** Apply a thin layer of food-grade mineral oil or specialized knife oil to the Damascus steel blade periodically to protect it from moisture and maintain its finish.
- **Pivot Point:** A small drop of oil on the pivot point can ensure smooth opening and closing.
- **Storage:** Store the knife in its leather sheath or hessian sack in a dry environment to prevent corrosion.

5.3 Sharpening

The Damascus steel blade is designed to hold a sharp edge. When sharpening is required, use a quality sharpening stone or system appropriate for high-carbon steel. Maintain the original blade angle for best results. If unsure, seek professional sharpening services.

6. Troubleshooting

Here are solutions to common issues you might encounter:

- **Stiff Opening/Closing:** If the blade feels stiff, apply a small amount of knife oil to the pivot mechanism. Repeatedly open and close the knife to distribute the oil.
- **Blade Dullness:** If the blade becomes dull, it requires sharpening. Refer to section 5.3 for guidance.
- **Rust Spots:** Rust on Damascus steel can occur if not properly dried and oiled. Clean with a fine abrasive (like a rust eraser) and re-oil immediately. Ensure proper drying after each use.
- **Handle Discoloration:** Natural antler handles may change color slightly over time due to exposure. This is normal and part of the material's character. Avoid harsh chemicals.

7. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	KATSU
Model Name	JDA01
Item Model Number	713741343892
Blade Material	Handmade Damascus Steel
Handle Material	Genuine Deer Antler
Closed Length	4.5 Inches
Total Length (Open)	7.5 Inches
Blade Length	3 Inches
Blade Shape	Drop Point
Opening Mechanism	Traditional Japanese Style Thumb Lever (Higonokami)
Lock Type	Liner Lock

Item Weight	3.35 ounces (0.21 Pounds)
Country of Origin	Japan

8. Warranty Information

Specific warranty details for KATSU products may vary. Please refer to the product packaging or the official KATSU website for the most up-to-date warranty policy. Generally, proper care and maintenance as outlined in this manual are essential for the longevity of your knife and to maintain any potential warranty coverage.

9. Customer Support

For further assistance, questions, or concerns regarding your KATSU Handmade Damascus Steel Japanese Razor Pocket Folding Knife, please visit the official KATSU website or contact their customer service department. Contact information can typically be found on the brand's official online store page or product packaging.
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