Kershaw 1600

Kershaw Chive Pocket Knife (Model 1600) Instruction Manual

Model: 1600

1. Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use of your Kershaw Chive Pocket Knife, Model 1600. The Chive is a compact, versatile knife featuring a 1.9-inch 420HC steel blade and Kershaw's SpeedSafe assisted opening mechanism. It is designed for everyday carry and light-duty tasks.



Image: Kershaw Chive Pocket Knife in its closed, compact form.

2. Safety Information

Always handle your knife with care. The blade is extremely sharp. Keep fingers clear of the blade path when opening and closing. Ensure the blade is fully locked open before use and securely closed before storage or transport. Keep out of reach of children.

- **Sharp Blade:** Exercise extreme caution.
- **Secure Lock:** Always ensure the frame lock is engaged when the blade is open.
- **Safety Tip-Lock:** Utilize the safety tip-lock to prevent accidental deployment during transport.
- **Proper Storage:** Store the knife in a safe place, away from children.

3. Setup

Your Kershaw Chive knife comes ready for use. Upon receiving your knife, inspect it for any signs of damage or manufacturing defects. Ensure the blade opens and closes smoothly and that the locking mechanism functions correctly. No assembly is required.

4. Operating Instructions

Opening the Blade (SpeedSafe Assisted Opening)

The Kershaw Chive features SpeedSafe assisted opening for quick, one-handed blade deployment. To open:

1. Hold the knife firmly in one hand.
2. Apply downward pressure to the flipper tab located on the back of the handle with your index finger.
3. The blade will rapidly deploy and lock into place with the frame lock.

Note: The thumb studs on the blade are primarily for blade stop and not intended for primary opening with the SpeedSafe mechanism.

Closing the Blade

To close the blade safely:

1. Locate the frame lock, which is a portion of the handle that has moved inward to secure the blade.
2. Push the frame lock outward, away from the blade's tang, to disengage the lock.
3. Carefully fold the blade back into the handle until it is fully closed. Keep fingers clear of the blade path.

Using the Safety Tip-Lock

The Safety Tip-Lock is a small slider mechanism designed to prevent the blade from accidentally opening when the knife is closed. To engage or disengage:

- When the blade is closed, slide the small button or lever near the pivot point to the 'locked' position to secure the blade.
- Slide it to the 'unlocked' position before attempting to open the blade.

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Video: Official manufacturer video demonstrating the features and operation of the Kershaw Chive knife.

5. Maintenance

Cleaning

To maintain your knife's performance and appearance:

- **Hand Wash Only:** Clean the knife with mild soap and water. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.

- **Dry Thoroughly:** After washing, dry the knife completely to prevent water spots and corrosion.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically apply a small amount of knife oil to the pivot area to ensure smooth opening and closing.

Sharpening

The 420HC stainless steel blade is designed to be easy to sharpen. Use a quality sharpening system appropriate for knife blades. Be aware that the blade's recurve near the handle may require specific sharpening techniques or tools to maintain a consistent edge along its entire length.

Corrosion Resistance

The 420HC blade steel offers good corrosion resistance. However, it is not entirely rust-proof. Always clean and dry your knife after exposure to moisture or corrosive substances.

6. Troubleshooting

- **Blade Not Opening Fully:** If the blade does not fully deploy, ensure the safety tip-lock is disengaged. The SpeedSafe mechanism relies on a torsion bar; if it feels weak, contact Kershaw customer service for assistance.
- **Safety Tip-Lock Feels Loose:** The safety tip-lock is designed to secure the blade. If it feels excessively loose or disengages unintentionally, inspect for debris or damage. If the issue persists, contact customer support.
- **Blade Play:** If the blade exhibits excessive side-to-side or up-and-down movement when locked open, the pivot screw may need adjustment. Use appropriate tools and avoid over-tightening, which can hinder opening.

7. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	1600
Blade Length	1.9 inches
Closed Length	2.9 inches
Overall Length	4.8 inches
Weight	1.76 ounces
Blade Material	420HC Stainless Steel
Handle Material	410 Stainless Steel
Opening Mechanism	SpeedSafe Assisted Opening with Flipper
Locking Mechanism	Frame Lock
Special Features	Safety Tip-Lock, Single-Position Pocketclip
Manufacture Location	USA

8. Warranty and Support

Your Kershaw Chive Pocket Knife is backed by Kershaw's Limited Lifetime Warranty. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship for the lifetime of the original owner. For warranty claims, service, or replacement parts (such as torsion bars), please contact Kershaw customer service directly.

For further assistance or inquiries, please visit the official Kershaw website or contact their customer support.

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