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### KA-BAR BK18

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Model: BK18

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use, maintenance, and care of your KA-BAR BK18 Becker Harpoon Fixed Blade Knife. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the knife to ensure proper handling and to maximize its lifespan.





Image 1.1: The KA-BAR BK18 Becker Harpoon Fixed Blade Knife with its sheath.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

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Always handle the knife with extreme care. Fixed blade knives are inherently sharp and can cause serious injury if mishandled.

- Keep the blade pointed away from your body and others.
- Ensure a firm grip on the handle during use.
- Store the knife securely in its sheath when not in use.
- Keep out of reach of children.
- Do not use the knife for tasks it was not designed for, such as prying or hammering, unless specifically stated as an intended use.
- Wear appropriate protective gear, such as gloves, when sharpening or performing heavy-duty tasks.

**Proposition 65 Warning: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and**

birth defects or other reproductive harm.

### 3. PRODUCT COMPONENTS

The KA-BAR BK18 Becker Harpoon Fixed Blade Knife includes the following main components:

- **Blade:** 4.562" Drop Point 1095 Cro-Van Steel, Flat Dark Earth finish. Features slight jimping on the spine for enhanced control.
- **Handle:** Ultramid material, Flat Dark Earth color, designed for a secure grip.
- **Sheath:** Durable sheath with hands-free attachment options for belt or MOLLE systems.
- **Lanyard Hole:** Integrated into the handle for additional retention or customization.



Image 3.1: Overview of the KA-BAR BK18 knife and its accompanying sheath.

### 4. SETUP AND SHEATH ATTACHMENT

The KA-BAR BK18 comes with a versatile sheath designed for various carry options.

#### 4.1 Attaching the Sheath to a Belt

1. Locate the belt loop attachment on the sheath.
2. Thread your belt through the loop, ensuring the sheath is positioned comfortably and securely on your hip.
3. Fasten the belt securely. The hands-free attachment allows for quick access while maintaining retention.

## 4.2 Attaching the Sheath to MOLLE Systems

The sheath features multiple eyelets and slots for compatibility with MOLLE (Modular Lightweight Load-carrying Equipment) webbing.

1. Align the sheath's slots with the MOLLE webbing on your gear (e.g., backpack, vest).
2. Use appropriate MOLLE clips or straps (not included) to weave through the sheath slots and webbing, securing the sheath firmly.
3. Ensure all connections are tight to prevent movement during activity.



Image 4.1: The KA-BAR BK18 knife securely seated in its sheath, demonstrating belt attachment points.

## 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The KA-BAR BK18 is designed for outdoor and field utility. Its robust construction makes it suitable for various cutting and utility tasks.

### 5.1 Drawing the Knife from the Sheath

- With one hand, firmly grasp the sheath.
- With the other hand, grasp the knife handle and pull the knife straight out from the sheath. Avoid twisting or prying.
- The sheath provides secure retention; a firm, deliberate pull may be required.

### 5.2 Re-sheathing the Knife

- Ensure the sheath opening is clear of obstructions.
- Carefully align the blade with the sheath opening.
- Slide the blade into the sheath until it clicks securely into place. Do not force the blade.

### 5.3 General Use

- The harpoon-style blade profile offers strength and control for various cutting tasks.
- The jimping on the spine provides additional thumb traction for precise work.
- Always cut away from your body.
- For heavy-duty tasks, ensure a stable cutting surface and maintain a secure grip.

## 6. CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Proper care ensures the longevity and performance of your KA-BAR BK18 knife.

### 6.1 Cleaning

- **Hand Wash Only:** After each use, especially after cutting food or corrosive materials, hand wash the blade with mild soap and water.
- Thoroughly dry the blade and handle immediately after washing to prevent rust and corrosion.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners or put the knife in a dishwasher.

### 6.2 Oiling and Storage

- Apply a thin coat of rust-preventative oil to the blade regularly, especially in humid environments or after prolonged storage.
- Store the knife in its sheath in a dry environment.

### 6.3 Sharpening

- Maintain the blade's edge with a suitable sharpening stone or system.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for your chosen sharpening tool to achieve the correct edge angle.
- If you are not experienced in knife sharpening, seek professional sharpening services.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your KA-BAR BK18 knife.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Blade feels dull	Normal wear and tear from use.	Sharpen the blade using a suitable sharpening stone or system (see Section 6.3).
Rust spots on blade	Exposure to moisture, lack of oiling.	Clean the rust spots with a fine abrasive (e.g., steel wool with oil) and apply rust-preventative oil. Ensure thorough drying after use.
Knife loose in sheath	Sheath wear or improper seating.	Ensure the knife is fully inserted until it clicks. If wear is significant, consider replacing the sheath or contacting customer support.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	KA-BAR
Model Name	BK18
Blade Material	1095 Cro-Van Alloy Steel
Blade Length	4.562 inches
Blade Shape	Drop Point / Harpoon Style

Feature	Detail
Blade Edge	Straight Edge
Handle Material	Ultramid
Overall Length	9.38 inches
Item Weight	14.4 Ounces
Special Feature	Durability, Lanyard Hole, Jimping on Spine
Included Components	Ka-Bar Becker Harpoon Fixed 4.56 in Blade, Sheath
Product Care Instructions	Hand Wash Only

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

### 9.1 Warranty Information

The KA-BAR BK18 Becker Harpoon Fixed Blade Knife comes with a **Limited Lifetime Warranty**. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. For specific terms and conditions, please refer to the official KA-BAR website or contact their customer service.

### 9.2 Customer Support

For further assistance, questions, or warranty claims, please contact KA-BAR customer support through their official channels. You can often find contact information on the manufacturer's website.

*Note: Always provide your product model (BK18) and purchase details when contacting support.*

