Cold Steel SR1

Cold Steel SR1 S35VN Steel Folding Knife Instruction Manual

Model: SR1 | Brand: Cold Steel

1. Introduction

The Cold Steel SR1 is a high-performance tactical folding knife designed for durability and reliability in demanding environments. Crafted from premium S35VN steel with a robust G-10 handle and featuring the secure Tri-Ad locking mechanism, this knife is built for functional, practical use. This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use, care, and maintenance of your SR1 folding knife.



Image: The Cold Steel SR1 S35VN Steel Folding Knife in its open position, showcasing the clip point blade and OD green G-10 handle.

2. Safety Information

Always handle your Cold Steel SR1 knife with extreme care. Knives are sharp tools and improper handling can result in serious injury.

- **Keep out of reach of children:** This product is not a toy and is intended for adult use only (18+ years).
- **Always cut away from your body:** Ensure your fingers and other body parts are clear of the blade's path.
- **Use appropriate cutting surfaces:** Avoid cutting on hard surfaces that can dull or damage the blade.
- **Ensure blade is fully locked:** Before use, always verify that the Tri-Ad lock is fully engaged and the blade is secure.
- **Store safely:** When not in use, keep the knife folded and secured in a safe location to prevent accidental deployment or access.

- **Legal Disclaimer:** You must be at least 18 years old to purchase this item. It is the buyer's responsibility to check local laws before purchasing.

3. Setup and Unboxing

Your Cold Steel SR1 knife comes ready for use directly from its packaging. No assembly is required.

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove the knife from its box.
2. **Inspect:** Examine the knife for any signs of damage or manufacturing defects. Ensure the blade is sharp and the locking mechanism operates smoothly.
3. **Familiarize:** Before attempting to use the knife for any task, familiarize yourself with its opening and closing mechanisms.



Image: The Cold Steel SR1 knife shown in both its open and closed configurations, highlighting its compact folded form and extended blade.

4. Operating Instructions

4.1 Opening the Blade

The SR1 features a thumb stud for ambidextrous one-handed opening.

1. Hold the handle firmly with one hand.
2. Place your thumb on the thumb stud located near the pivot point on the blade.
3. Apply outward pressure with your thumb to swing the blade open until it fully locks into place with an audible click.
4. Visually confirm the Tri-Ad lock is engaged.

4.2 Closing the Blade

The Tri-Ad lock is a strong and secure locking mechanism. Closing requires deliberate action.

1. Hold the handle firmly, keeping fingers clear of the blade path.

2. Locate the lock bar on the spine of the handle.
3. Press down firmly on the lock bar to disengage the lock.
4. Carefully fold the blade back into the handle using your other hand or by gently pushing the spine of the blade against a safe surface until it is fully closed.



Image: A hand demonstrating the secure grip on the textured G-10 handle of a Cold Steel folding knife, similar to the SR1.

5. Maintenance

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and performance of your Cold Steel SR1 knife.

5.1 Cleaning

- **Hand Wash Only:** Clean the blade and handle with mild soap and water. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.
- Rinse thoroughly and dry immediately with a soft cloth to prevent water spots and corrosion.
- Pay special attention to the pivot area and locking mechanism to remove any debris.

5.2 Lubrication

- Apply a small amount of high-quality knife oil to the pivot point periodically, especially after cleaning or if the action feels stiff.
- Open and close the blade several times to distribute the oil.

5.3 Sharpening

- Maintain the blade's edge using a sharpening system appropriate for S35VN steel.
- If you are not experienced in knife sharpening, it is recommended to seek professional sharpening services to avoid damaging the blade.



Image: A close-up view of a knife blade, similar to the SR1, demonstrating its sharpness by cleanly cutting through paper.

6. Troubleshooting

Blade is stiff to open/close:

This can be due to debris in the pivot or lack of lubrication. Clean the pivot area thoroughly and apply a small amount of knife oil. If the issue persists, check for any bent components or contact support.

Blade does not lock securely:

Ensure no debris is obstructing the Tri-Ad locking mechanism. Press the lock bar firmly to ensure it fully engages. If the lock still feels loose, discontinue use immediately and contact Cold Steel customer support. Do not attempt to use a knife with an insecure lock.

Blade is dull:

The blade requires sharpening. Refer to the 'Sharpening' section in Maintenance or seek professional sharpening services.

7. Specifications

Feature	Specification
Model Name	SR1
Blade Length	4 inches
Blade Material	CPM-S35VN Stainless Steel
Blade Thickness	4.8 mm
Blade Shape	Clip Point

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Handle Length	5 3/8 inches
Handle Material	OD Green G-10
Overall Length	9 3/8 inches
Weight	7.04 ounces (198.4 g)
Locking Mechanism	Tri-Ad Lock
Pocket Clip	Ambidextrous (Left/Right)
Country of Origin	Taiwan



Image: A detailed chart outlining the key specifications of the Cold Steel SR1 knife, including dimensions, materials, and features.

8. Warranty and Support

Cold Steel provides a **lifetime warranty** on the SR1 knife, covering defects in materials and workmanship. This warranty does not cover normal wear and tear, misuse, or accidental damage. For warranty claims, technical support, or any inquiries regarding your Cold Steel SR1 knife, please visit the official Cold Steel website or contact their customer service department directly. Ensure you have your product model number and purchase details available when contacting support.

Note: Warranty terms may vary based on region and retailer. Always refer to the official Cold Steel warranty policy for the most accurate and up-to-date information.

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