

## Field Manual: CF-Combat Utility Knife

### Calico Forge Combat Utility Knives & All Models

#### The Calico Forge Series Combat Utility Knife

Your CF-Knife is a combat utility knife that is designed and made for unconventional military infantry application. The CF-K is a tactical weapon made to work in part with your primary battle weapon system. Your CF Series Knife will also function as a field expedient tool when mission critical tasks are required: demolitions, como, weapons clearing, entrenching, combat medical, aviation breakout and SERE. The CF-Series has built in fail-safe features that will absorb shock, sustain impact and tolerate stress. The CF Series Knife is made to US Mil-Specifications and can be utilized within unit, battalion and regimental SOP's.

#### Field Maintenance and Cleaning

The CF Series Knife has a 5160 carbon steel blade. Carbon Steel is not rust proof and must be maintained the same way as your primary weapon. Keep your blade clean and free from moisture after each field use. If you are working in humid/wet conditions, you can prevent your blade from rusting by wiping it off and applying a very light coat of oil. You can use the same lubricants on your knife as you use on your primary weapon. The handle material is made of Mi G10 material and will absorb weapons lubricant well. In dry/arid environments, minimal maintenance is required.

#### Field Sharpening

The CF Series Knife has a hollow ground blade with a top bevel. You should sharpen your blade between a 15 to 20 degree angle on a stone or steel of 220 to 300 grit. A steady stroke on a stone or steel, pushing the edge forward from heel to point is recommend. Even consecutive passes done equally on each side will produce consistent results. Make sure that there is contact with the entire edge surface while making forward sharpening strokes on both sides. If available, apply small amounts of water or lubricant on the stone. Sharpening steels do not require water or lubricants. Repeat these steps until you acquire a working cutting edge suitable for field use.

Knowing how to care and maintain your knife is just as important as caring for your primary weapon. This knife will perform to its optimal potential if sharpened and kept clean when possible. If cared for properly with respect, this knife will serve you well and perform effectively in the field of combat. Your life may depend on this knife. Remember: If you take care of your knife, it will take care of you.

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