

San Mai III™ Steel

A close inspection of any Shinobu Tanto blade will reveal a thin line approximately 3/16th" from the edge running the entire length of the blade. This line is created as stainless spring steel is wrapped around a hard stainless steel core to support it. These three pieces are then hammer forged into one inseparable piece of San Mai III™ steel. This costly laminate is a Cold Steel exclusive rivaling that found in the finest Samurai swords.

Blair's King Snake
Native to Texas. Grows to 3 feet.

Small Shinobu Tanto



Weighing less than an ounce this ultra light Tanto folder gives big knife performance with its San Mai III™ blade. Perfect for pocket, purse or key chain, it can even be worn as a zipper-pull on your favorite jacket. Comes complete with a removable lanyard key ring attachment.

WEIGHT: 0.9 OZ.
LENGTH (overall): 4 1/4" (Blade): 1 3/4"

Large Shinobu Tanto

Heavy duty is the only way to describe this super rugged lockback. Its reinforced point and thick, razor sharp blade have been specially heat treated and honed by hand, ready to pierce or cut just about anything.

WEIGHT: 5.5 OZ.
LENGTH (overall): 8 3/4" (Blade): 3 1/2"

Medium Shinobu Tanto

Now you can carry a Tanto in your pocket! Weighing in at only 2.6 ounces this lightweight knife delivers heavyweight performance. It comes razor sharp and ready to make short work of everyday cutting jobs.

WEIGHT: 2.6 OZ. LENGTH (overall): 6 1/4" (Blade): 2 3/4"

The Shinobu Tanto Series

These tremendous new lockbacks incorporate three important advances in design and materials. First, every blade reflects the reinforced point of the original Tanto. This particular shape and grind has been shown time and again to offer maximum resistance to chipping, bending or breaking. Second, each blade is ground out of the same costly San Mai III™ steel found in the Master Tanto.

A blade made from this laminate possesses unparalleled qualities of strength, sharpness and edge retention. Finally every knife offers a true non-slip shock absorbing Pachmayr®-type grip made of deeply checkered Thermolin which acts as a cushion to the hand.

Every Shinobu Tanto is supplied complete with a matching rugged belt case.

The Urban Pal

One piece construction makes this perhaps the world's strongest pocket knife. Expert heat treating and tempering allow the Urban Pal to withstand abuse that would leave much larger knives broken and useless. The mirror polished blade is 3/16" thick and is hair-shaving sharp. It comes complete with a top quality suede-lined sheath equipped with belt loop and detachable key ring.

WEIGHT: 1.6 oz.
LENGTH (overall): 3" (Blade): 1 1/2"



Push Knives

The Terminator

Following the success of the Urban Skinner we received many requests for a longer, double-edged, more traditional push knife. Here it is... deeply hollow ground with an edge to match that of the finest sword.

WEIGHT: 4.0 oz.
LENGTH (overall): 5 1/2" (Blade): 3 3/4"

The Urban Skinner

A Cold Steel original this boot knife offers real peace of mind in a light weight, unobtrusive package. A law enforcement favorite.

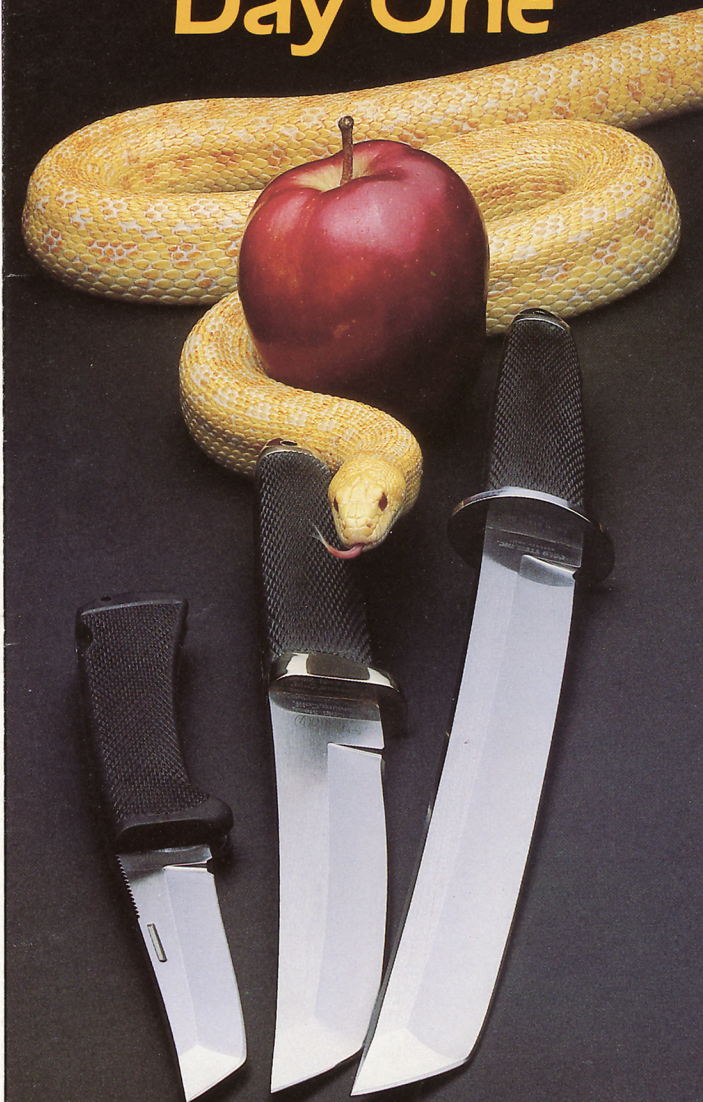
WEIGHT: 3.5 oz.
LENGTH (overall): 4 1/2" (Blade): 2 3/4"

Cold Steel scooped the competition with the finest push knives made commercially in over 100 years. Both of these razor sharp blades feature a unique non-slip grip that molds to the fist. Each knife comes complete with a low profile black leather sheath and boot/belt clip. These fine knives can be used by novice or expert alike. Just grasp the knife in the fist with blade protruding between index and middle fingers for a grip that's practically impossible to dislodge.

Smooth Green Snake
Native to Southeastern USA.
Grows to 2 feet.

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Native to California.
Grows to 6 feet.

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Boa Constrictor
Native to South America.
Grows to 12 feet.

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Anatomy of a Blade

Without a doubt, the original Tanto designed by Lynn C. Thompson is the strongest stainless steel production knife in the world. Its reinforced point has been hammered through 55 gallon drums and even car doors without apparent damage. It has been driven 5/8" into hard maple and then forced sharply sideways without chipping or snapping. In independent tests Mastersmith Dan Maragni of the American Bladesmith Society and Soldier of Fortune Magazine's own Bill Bagwell have been unable to break the blade by hand pressure alone while it was locked in a vise. In fact it took the leverage of a three foot pipe just to bend it! Dan and Bill both came to the same conclusion... the Tanto is equal in strength and quality to custom blades costing three times as much!

When you examine the Tanto or any Cold Steel blade, for that matter, you are handling a precision made tool crafted from the finest materials and designed to last a lifetime.

ACTUAL SIZE

Reinforced Point:
This unique triangular chisel grind results in the strongest point design available for maximum resistance to breakage.

Hollow Grind:
The Tanto features a deep hollow grind with a satin finish that offers less resistance in cutting and provides a sharper edge.

Perfect Curve:
The blade is scientifically designed to a perfect 23° curve for maximum efficiency when using cutting or slashing strokes.

Razor Sharp:
Every Cold Steel blade is hand honed and buffed to razor sharpness... Guaranteed!

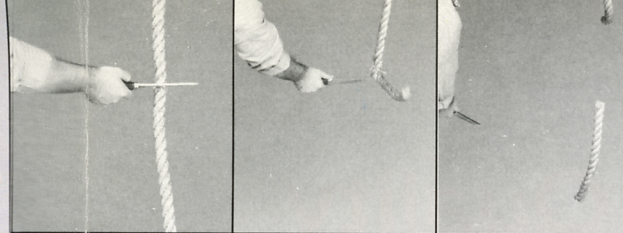
Lightening Holes:
The tang has been drilled along its length to lighten it without sacrificing strength. This process also gives the Tanto its perfect balance.

Full Tang Construction:
Like all Cold Steel knives, the Tanto features full tang construction. This means the massive blade continues through the interior of the handle to the pommel, maximizing blade strength and preventing blade breakage at the guard.

Master Tanto:
A close inspection of the Master Tanto's blade will reveal a thin line approximately 3/16th" from the edge running the entire length of the blade. This line is created as stainless spring steel skins are wrapped around a hard stainless steel core to support it. These three pieces are then hammer forged into one inseparable piece of San Mai III™ steel. This difficult and expensive process produces a blade that is 25% stronger than our incredibly tough original Tanto.

Rope Cut:

When it comes to a razor edge, others promise but Cold Steel delivers. Every blade we make is carefully honed and buffed to scalpel-like sharpness. This sequence of photos shows Lynn C. Thompson demonstrating the Tanto's phenomenal cutting power by severing a free hanging, 1 1/4" manilla hemp rope with a single stroke.



Pommel:

The highly polished solid brass pommel features a tapered semi-pointed design that provides the maximum amount of force when used in striking.

Unique Handle:

Ergonomically designed, the handle is deeply checkered and in cross section resembles a flattened oval so it won't roll or twist in the hand.

Non-Slip Kraton:

For an unparalleled non-slip grip the handle is constructed of Kraton, a space age rubber compound which is impervious to the elements yet slightly yielding to the touch.

Balance:

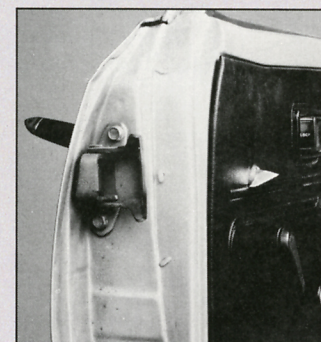
The Tanto balances perfectly at a point immediately behind the guard. This lends a feeling of effortless control when using the knife for difficult cutting and skinning jobs.

Guard:

The Tanto's guard is made of highly polished virgin brass, custom fitted to the blade. It is designed to protect the hand yet is small enough not to get in the way or snag on clothing.

Awesome Penetration:

For several years Cold Steel has advertised the incredible point strength and penetrating power of the Tanto. Here is an unretouched photo showing the Tanto driven right through a car door (three layers of steel) with no appreciable damage to the point or edge. In fact when removed from the door this blade was still hair shaving sharp.



Pommel Stud:

This threaded stud is permanently welded to a notch in the tang. Its special alloy steel is able to absorb the tremendous forces generated by blows struck with the pommel.

The Tanto Series

The Tanto family of blades now has four members. All carry the trademarked reinforced triangular point, secure Pachmayr-type, Kraton grip and distinctive east meets west design. . . And all display the same attention to detail that made Cold Steel the industry standard of quality. These blades are all hand honed to razor sharpness and are supplied complete with matching heavy-duty black leather sheaths.

The Mini Tanto

Now Tanto strength and cutting power is available in a small, unassuming package. Complete with polished brass hilt and pommel.

WEIGHT: 3.9 OZ.
LENGTH (overall): 8" (Blade): 4 1/4"

The Original Tanto and Master Tanto

Imitated but never equalled these are the strongest sharpest knives commercially available. The awesome Master Tanto (not pictured) even adds the increased strength of laminated San Mai III™ construction (described in panels to the left.) Here are the blades that started the Cold Steel legend.

WEIGHT: 9.2 OZ.
LENGTH (overall): 10 3/4" (Blade): 5 3/4"

The Magnum Tanto

Experience sword-like cutting power as we bridge the gap between knife and sword, retaining the best properties of both. The Magnum Tanto carries a traditional ridge on the blade back and a small Tsuba (oval guard) at the hilt fashioned of 300 series stainless steel.

WEIGHT: 13 OZ. LENGTH (overall): 14" (Blade): 8 3/4"

Reticulated Python

This king of snakes grows to an incredible 30 feet in length. Found in Southeast Asia.



15th century Wakazashi heirloom quality sword with traditional handle of silk cord braiding over ray skin (same) and gold inlaid mounts.

Hunting Knives

The new hunting series from Cold Steel is ready for the great outdoors. Notice the original Tanto style non-slip Kraton grip complemented by the highly polished silver of 300 series stainless steel on guard and pommel. All these razor sharp blades have a serrated thumb rest for maximum control in skinning and come complete with wilderness quality black leather sheaths.

The California Drop Point

You'll really appreciate the 4oz. weight of this mighty little hunter on a long hard trail. The traditional drop point blade will hold its razor edge better than even custom knives costing much more.

WEIGHT: 4 OZ.
LENGTH (overall): 8" (Blade): 4 1/4"

Mini Outdoorsman

WEIGHT: 4 OZ.
LENGTH (overall): 8" (Blade): 4 1/4"

California Mountain King Snake Grows to 3 feet.

The Outdoorsman

WEIGHT: 8.9 oz.
LENGTH (overall): 10 3/4" (Blade): 5 3/4"

At last heavy duty skinning knives that really hold an edge. These two blades feature an upswept point offering plenty of 'belly' for skinning, a sharpened false edge for chopping and a serrated thumb rest for maximum blade control.

Quality Without Compromise



Lynn C. Thompson
PRESIDENT, COLD STEEL, INC.

The seed that became Cold Steel was planted five years ago during an afternoon's martial arts practice. In the midst of training the blade of my combat knife broke. I was surprised at the apparent frailty of this well known blade, but resumed practice with a spare. Lo and behold my spare knife broke in the same manner, losing 3/4" off the tip. Right then I saw the need for a knife tough enough to take on the real world.

Today, after a great deal of research and design work, Cold Steel is the premier knife manufacturer of the 80's. . . Always exploring innovative materials and construction techniques while retaining the best tried and tested elements of the past.

The original Cold Steel Tanto has captured world wide attention and has been featured in numerous books, magazines, television shows and even movies. Success has spawned many imitations but none has ever matched the strength, sharpness and quality of the original.

This brochure represents the entire range of Cold Steel blades from our original Tanto series to our sleek new folding lock backs, from rugged hunting knives to compact push knives. Compare our knives to the competition and you'll see why Cold Steel has become the industry leader when it comes to superior design and impeccable quality.

Each knife has received scrupulous attention in every phase of manufacture and assembly so you can rest assured that any Cold Steel product you own is the finest available.

So feast your eyes now on these magnificent creations of the bladesmith's art, but I urge you to visit a better dealer soon and experience the fit, finish and feel of real Cold Steel first hand. . . nothing else even comes close.



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