

Knife, Combat, Utility

The next military issue survival knife

Standard Issue since World War II

Most are familiar with the Air Force & Navy aircrew survival knife with 5 inch fixed blade from Camillus is now manufactured in accordance with U.S. Government specifications by the Ontario Knife Company.



In addition, jet pilots and select crew members with ejection capability were issued the MC1 or M724 automatic rescue knife with 3 inch clip point blade and parachute shroud cutter. This knife was issued from 1957 until 1993.



In lieu of the MC1, helicopter pilots and crew are issued the Camillus Model 1760 folding pocket knife with their survival vest. This stainless steel knife is equipped with 2.75 inch blade, can opener, cap opener, screw driver, and awl/punch. This folding knife is also standard issue with ground combat elements and has been around since 1945. It has been affectionately known by troops as the Demo Knife.



Official Issue Swiss Army Knife

The Swiss issued model 1961, a similar knife to the demo is named the Soldier by Victorinox and Standard Issue by Wenger. In 2003, Victorinox released a 111mm series of knives known as the Trailmaster based on the German Army Knife. Not to be confused with Cold Steel's Trail Master Bowie Knife, Victorinox renamed this knife Trekker. Offered with a one-handed open blade, the Trekker became very popular in the United States. In 2008 the Trailmaster/Trekker knife was officially adopted by the Swiss Government to replace the Soldier model 1961. The new Soldier features a one-handed serrated locking blade, Philips screwdriver, can opener, small screw driver, bottle opener, large locking screwdriver, wire stripper, reamer, wood saw and key ring.



The Next Generation U.S. Survival Knife

Today, United States military flight crews have the option of a combat utility knife based on the proven trailmaster/trekker design. Derived from over 130 years of Swiss knife making experience, this new combat utility knife is based on the Swiss Soldier. The knife is made by Victorinox in Ibach, Switzerland.

This knife was approved by the U.S. Government in March 2016 for national defense use and assigned National Stock Number (NSN) 1095-01-653-1166. Federal Supply Code (FSC) 1095 classifies this knife as a miscellaneous weapon. This group includes combat weapons as well as weapon like non-combat items, such as throwing devices and pyrotechnic pistols.

It is available to military and government agencies through the Defense Logistic Agency (DLA) for \$55.00 per unit, shipping not included.



Specifications

This knife can be opened with one hand. Special features include a one-hand opening partially serrated locking blade, awl/reamer, Phillips screwdriver, can opener with small screwdriver, locking cap opener with large screwdriver, wire stripper, wood saw and lanyard ring. The knife uses a mid lock, similar to the liner lock without using the liner. Date of manufacture is on the blade. The implements are stainless steel, RC 55-56 and are black *anodized/oxide*. The handle is a dual density nylon-polymer material. The knife does not have a clip. Clips catch on equipment and have a tendency to get lost. Total weight is 4.6 oz. The knife is designed to be low profile.

Availability

The knife is exclusively distributed by The Windrose Group, LLC, 150 Selkirk Road, Williamsport, PA 17701. The Windrose Group is a new company offering the "best of class" equipment to military and first responders. Victorinox Swiss Army has MSPR at \$100.00 but they have not made this knife available to the public. Sales by the Windrose Group are extended to authorized military, law enforcement, fire/rescue individuals and government agencies. The Knife, Combat, Utility is available at the government rate of \$55.00 plus \$5.00 shipping. Contact Jerry Rinder at Jrinder24@gmail.com or 570-974-6089 to place your order.

Maintenance / Warranty

Service the knife with a drop of multi-tool or gun oil. If caked with crud or the blades do not move easily, rinse the knife with warm water and oil the joints.

Victorinox guarantees a lifetime against and defects in material or workmanship. Damage caused by normal wear and tear, misuse or abuse are not covered.