



**Caution:** Always wear safety glasses when using a drawknife. Blade is *extremely sharp*. Handle with care. Cover blade when not in use.

This drawknife, made of O1 tool steel and hardened to Rc58-60, comes finely ground with an 18° primary bevel. It is sized to be used for fine carving. For heavier shaping and major stock removal, we recommend you use a heavy drawknife or even an adze.

 **Caution:** Using this drawknife in ways other than what it was designed for can generate forces high enough to cause failure or injury. Here are a few simple rules for effective and safe use of the carver's drawknife:

- **Never** use this drawknife with a push stroke. Placing your body weight behind the blade can generate forces that can cause it to fail. Should it fail if ever used in the push mode, the resultant motion can expose your hands or arms to a broken tang or the blade edge, causing injury.
- **Do not** force the drawknife. Should the blade ever get stuck from attempting too large a cut, do not force it, or lift or raise the handles in a prying motion as this can cause the handles to break. Instead, unwedge the blade by backing out of the cut.

## Sharpening

Because the handles extend past the leading edge of the blade, there is no easy way to jig this drawknife for resharpening. Stones or a belt grinder work well, but require holding the blade at a fixed angle. Either way, progressively work your way to at least 1200x for a decent edge. For a finer edge, you can hone a micro-bevel with a small 4000x stone. If you get premature edge failure given the type of wood you are carving, the micro-bevel should be increased to 25° or more.