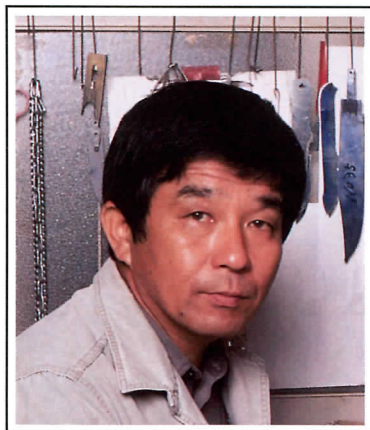


Tak Fukuta



Tak Fukuta Ceramic/Magnesium Folding Knife Model TK01

Technical Data and Features



DESIGNER:
*Mr. Tak Fukuta,
Seki-City, Japan*



Mrs. Tak Fukuta

Mr. Kuzakane Fukuta was the original spark that eventually became the Fukuta Knife Factory. In 1919 he joined the Tokyo based Suzuya organization, importing German hunting knives.

After 29 years of working with the high quality German pieces, he relocated to Seki-City and established Fukuta Cutlery Manufacturing Company (1948) and began providing Japan with high quality hunting and pocket knives.

In the family tradition, Tak Fukuta learned the art of manufacturing production knives in his father's factory.

In 1978, Tak happened to encounter one of the famous Bob Loveless hunting knives. He was so impressed by the quality and finish that he decided to become a custom knifemaker.

After contacting Bob Loveless, Tak Fukuta was invited to study with Bob Loveless and on February 5, 1978, he completed his first custom hunting knife in the Loveless Shop. This piece, signed by Bob Loveless is one of Tak's personal treasures.

In the spring of 1978, Mr. Bob Loveless was invited to the Fukuta Factory where he and Tak worked together on folding knives.

Later that year, Tak Fukuta exhibited his Loveless folding knife at the American Knifemaker's Guild Show and subsequently became the first Japanese member of the American Custom Knifemaker's Guild.

In 1981, Tak Fukuta succeeded his father's position and became the president of the Fukuta Knife Manufacturing Company.

GENERAL: The TAK folder is the first mating of these two exotic materials in the world today. It is a small folder designed and produced by one of the more respected custom knifemakers in Japan.

BLADE: A traditional drop point ground from YTZP (Yttria Tetragonal Zirconia Polycrystalline). The YTZP material is similar to Zirconia diamonds produced for jewelry. It is fired in large Kilns to temperatures exceeding 3,000 degrees F. It is then subjected to Hydro Isostatic Pressure of tremendous tonnage (Hipped). Grinding is accomplished with lapidary equipment instead of knifemaking equipment. YTZP is very hard (9.2 MOS scale) providing exceptional edge holding capability. A delightfully unusual piece of work.

HANDLE: Blanked and formed from a magnesium alloy for light weight and strength. This material is unlike any other. All of the pins are made from stainless steel.

LOCK: The rear lock is made from stainless steel ground to fit the notched tang of the YTZP blade.

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DIMENSIONS:

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Overall length - Open:	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	(120mm)
Overall length - Closed:	2 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	(73mm)
Cutting edge length:	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	(45mm)
Blade thickness:	1 $\frac{1}{16}$ "	(2mm)
Overall thickness:	5 $\frac{1}{16}$ "	(8mm)
Weight:	1 oz.	(28 gms)
Sheath:	synthetic suede (pocket style)	



The blade on this knife is made from a ceramic composite. If levered or dropped on a hard surface, it may break. The blade is not guaranteed against breakage.