Hunting Knife care

The blade is made from high carbon steel. It is not stainless so it will rust if water is left on it. After using the blade wipe it dry. Before storing the knife I recommend that you clean it with soapy water, dry it completely and wipe WD-40 or mineral oil on the blade. I don't recommend storing the blade in a leather sheath for long periods of time because it can cause the blade to rust. The knife is shipped with a thin coat of mineral oil applied to prevent rusting.

The blade was designed with cutting and slicing in mind. Using it to chop wood or other dense objects will prematurely dull the blade and cause it to chip or even break.

This type of steel will form patina with use. This is normal and will not affect the function of the knife. If you want to reduce the patina you can purchase Flitz polish (available on Amazon). You just need to rub a small dab on the knife. Place the knife on a soft cloth on the counter so the handle overhangs the edge and the blade is lying flat against the surface. (So when you're polishing you don't cut your finger off) Rub it on with a soft cloth or paper towel and buff. Bunch up the cloth or towel when you are polishing to once again protect your fingers/hands from the edge.

If the handle is natural wood the appearance may dull with age, and I will be glad to re-buff it if needed. Apply a dab of Minwax paste finishing wax and buff a few time a year. Man made materials like micarta and G10 shouldn't require any maintenance.

The blade will dull eventually even when used properly. It can be re-sharpened by hand on a flat, fine grit stone. Hold the blade at a 20 degree angle when sharpening. I will be glad to re-sharpen the knife, or repair the edge, if needed.

If you are not satisfied with your knife simply return the unblemished knife within 2 weeks of purchase for a full refund.

I warranty the knife against workmanship defects under normal usage, and will repair or replace the knife if necessary as long as I remain able to make knives. Natural handle materials may shrink, crack, and/or discolor with change in temperature, or humidity or age. As this is normal, expected, and can normally be avoided with maintenance these issues would not be covered under this warranty. I sincerely hope you enjoy your knife and get many years of use out of it.

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