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Meet the CRKT® Alaska Pro Hunters. Designed by hunting guide and knifemaker Russ Kommer. Classic knives for serious hunters, that you'll cherish and leave to your children.

Maybe we at Columbia River Knife & Tool® (CRKT)® overdid it. It started when we told knifemaker and hunting and fishing guide Russ Kommer, then based in Anchorage, Alaska, that we wanted a series of premium classic hunters with stacked leather handles. He came back with these functional (and graceful) designs. They are knives that you will use for skinning, caping and field chores, then clean and display proudly—for decades to come.

Construction is the best we can achieve, and we think it is unique. We start with a full-tang premium 440A stainless steel blade that will hold an edge while dressing the largest big game animals in North America without constant need for touchup. We add a stainless steel bolster, oversize rings of leather cut and dyed in Oregon, and a stainless butt cap, swedged in place by a stainless steel tube rivet.

Finally, the entire handle is hand-shaped and finished to achieve the perfect contour, so each knife is an individual work of art. The high hollow ground blades, bolster and butt cap are given a high satin finish to close the metal pores, which makes cleaning easier and fights corrosion. Blades are sized so when skinning with the three-finger grip your index finger is right at the blade tip.

The full-fitted sheaths of 9 oz. shoulder leather feature a classic basketweave pattern. These are handfinished production hunters that most custom knifemakers would be proud of. We've named them after Russ's favorite hunting ranges.

The **Chugach Range**. The perfect Alaska utility knife, with a simple tear drop handle and modified drop point. Useful for both skinning and caping chores. If we can only take one knife, this is our choice.

The **Wrangell Range**. A classic drop point hunting blade with a choiled "power grip" handle that gives you security, no matter how you choke up on the knife. It is ideal in wet and icy conditions.

They're Alaskan classics. Remarkable quality and value at only \$149.99 MSRP. And in case you can't get to Alaska on your next hunting trip, Russ says they work just as well in Montana and Tanzania.

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Specifications

Chugach Range Pro Hunter

2760: Modified Drop Point, Razor-Sharp Cutting Edge
Blade: Length: 3.75" (95 mm)
Thickness: 0.16" (4.0 mm)
Steel: 440A, 55-57 HRC
Knife: Overall length: 7.875" (200 mm)
Weight: 5.0 oz. (142 g)
MSRP: \$149.99 US

Wrangell Range Pro Hunter

2770: Classic Drop Point, Razor-Sharp Cutting Edge
Blade: Length: 3.50" (89 mm)
Thickness: 0.16" (4.0 mm)
Steel: 440A, 55-57 HRC
Knife: Overall length: 7.75" (197 mm)
Weight: 5.7 oz. (162 g)
MSRP: \$149.99 US

Pro Hunter Sheath *(included with knives)*

Material: 9 oz. Shoulder Leather
Overall length: 7.50" (191 mm)
Width: 2.00" (51 mm)
Weight: 1.8 oz. (51 g)

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