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**For 2010, CRKT® continues to broaden its product line of knives, tools, and accessories, delivering “tough knives for tough times.”**

Columbia River Knife & Tool® (CRKT®), a Tualatin, Oregon-based manufacturer of knives, tools, and accessories founded in 1994, has announced its new product line-up for 2010.

Company president and co-founder Rod Bremer notes, “Regardless of economic conditions, we have continued to work with some of the world’s leading designers, and we are once again introducing a long list of new products that offer new mechanisms, innovative product shapes and colors as well as premium materials.”

The 2010 CRKT full-color catalog is the largest ever, with a total of 92 pages. It is divided into three sections: Sport & Work Knives, I.D. Works® Tools, and For Those Who Serve® Professional Knives & Tools.

**Sport & Work Knives.** CRKT continues to “think outside the box” by seeking out new and unique designs and mechanisms, just when everyone in the industry thinks they have seen it all. For example, the company is introducing the tiny McGinnis Shrimp™, the Gekkota™ Pocket and Golf, the ExiTool™, Ta-Bar Tool™, Norfolk™ Diver and Whitewater, and Klecker NIRK™ — all exciting and unusual. At the same time, it continues to broaden its traditional knife models, including for the first time, Classic pocket knives, as well as the Centofante Tribute™, Carson M4™-02 series, and the Delegate™ and Vertex™ lines.

**I.D. Works™ Tools.** This exciting line continues to be dedicated to multifunctional tools that are uniquely creative. The motto is simply “Inspired Design works.®” This year we’re adding the award-winning Flux™ modular tool system and the inspired Eat’N Tool™.

**Professional Knives & Tools.** The CRKT “For Those Who Serve®” line of professional knives has proven very popular with operators in the field. This year CRKT has added a smaller Hissatsu™ 2 Folder, the fully-featured Fire Spark™ tactical folder, and the Elishewitz Tao™ tactical pen line.

**More natural and premium materials.** CRKT is continuing to specify the natural and premium materials that are common in the best custom knives, including more knives with layered Micarta®, G10, stag, jig bone, white bone, ram horn, and hardwoods such as thuya root, cocobolo, ebony, walnut, and burl.

**New web site.** The CRKT web site, [www.crkt.com](http://www.crkt.com) has been completely redesigned from the ground up to allow users to find products faster, conduct better searches, and find a broader array of products.

**Collaborations with leading designers.** CRKT is probably best known for its K.I.S.S.<sup>®</sup> series, the original two-piece money clip knives designed by Ed Halligan, and its M16<sup>®</sup> series, designed by Kit Carson. “These knives were pivotal to our success,” says Bremer. “We recognized them as successful custom designs which deserved to be put into production to reach a wider audience. We continue to seek collaborations with leading custom knifemakers and bright young industrial designers, because it is good for us, good for them, and good for our customers.”

This year CRKT has contracted with another high profile knife designer, Ken Onion, to produce a series of knives, beginning with his Ripple design.

**Growing distribution.** You will find CRKT knives at fine cutlery, select sporting goods, specialty stores, and U.S. Army, Air Force, and Marine exchange stores worldwide. The company was founded on the belief that knowledgeable sales people are still valuable in helping you select the right knife for the job, advising you on care and maintenance, and supporting the product after you buy it. Their products are also available from reputable web site purveyors.

**Quality.** All CRKT knives and tools are built incorporating the most advanced equipment and production systems available, and quality is controlled from beginning to end. Knives are built the way they should be built—without compromising quality in any part of their creation. CRKT accessories are crafted to the same standards as the knives, so that each sheath, for example, lives up to the customers’ high expectations.

For more detailed information on individual CRKT products, please see the 2010 CRKT catalog, the specific 2010 product press releases, or their web site, [www.crkt.com](http://www.crkt.com),

New Sport and Work Knives from CRKT for 2010 are:

**Delegate<sup>™</sup> EDC.** A classic new personal carry line with Fire Safe<sup>™</sup> thumb release and OutBurst<sup>®</sup> assisted opening, InterFrame build with aluminum bolsters and white bone or cocobolo inserts.

**Delegate<sup>™</sup> Gentleman.** This smaller version of the Delegate is a lightweight gentleman’s knife, also with premium blade steel, InterFrame build, and a G10 bolster inlaid with light burl.

**Vertex<sup>™</sup> CP.** A value-priced folder with OutBurst<sup>®</sup> assist and Fire Safe<sup>™</sup> stud release. The CP features a notched clip point blade of 8Cr14MoV stainless steel and cocobolo scale inserts.

**Vertex<sup>™</sup> DP.** You also have the choice of Vertex with a modified drop point blade and Micarta<sup>®</sup> scale inserts. Both models have OutBurst<sup>®</sup> assist, Fire Safe<sup>™</sup> stud release, and aluminum scales.

**Pocket Classics.** Yes, CRKT now has a full line of premium classic pocket knives. They include the Congress four-blade, Whittler three-blade, Stockman three-blade, to sizes of Trapper with two blades, and two single-blade Toothpick designs.

**Centofante Tribute™**. These two premium lockbacks are a tribute to the late Frank Centofante. They feature his sleek design, plus custom-quality premium blade steel and layered Micarta® frame.

**Klecker NIRK™**. Here are two lockback folders of truly “irreducible complexity,” each made of just two pieces of stainless steel, ingeniously cut to give strong lockup and complete lockback functioning.

**Slip K.I.S.S.® 2**. Ed Halligan’s popular slip-joint K.I.S.S. two-piece knife is now available in a smaller size with a 2.375” blade. It weighs just 1.0 oz. and is available with a multicolor or anthracite scale.

**Gekkota™ Pocket**. It’s a little multi-tool that looks like a brooch with a gecko design. It features a knife blade, blade screwdriver, bottle opener, money clip, and key chain loop.

**Gekkota™ Golf**. CRKT now makes the tool every golfer needs. This Gekkota has a divot fork, screwdriver, bottle opener, stainless steel money clip, key chain loop and magnetic stainless steel ball marker.

**McGinnis Shrimp™**. Gerry McGinnis came up with this solid and very small frame-lock folder. The tough little guy has a 1.75” blade with recurve, moonglow back spacer, and key chain loop. Available in five colors.

**McGinnis Notorious™**. Here’s a rugged Gerry McGinnis frame-lock folder with stainless steel build, G10 scale onlays, premium blade steel and OutBurst® assisted opening. Comes with a cool custom clip. Also offered in black oxide tactical finish.

**McGinnis Premonition™**. Gerry McGinnis has also come up with an E.D.C. with an open build of layered G10, an inset locking liner, premium stainless steel blade and flipper for fast opening. Also available in black tactical dress.

**Carson M4™-02 Series**. CRKT is now offering Kit Carson’s classic folder in a smaller size with 3.25” blade, premium blade steel, OutBurst® assisted opening. The M4-02 has black G10 bolsters and white bone scales. Two additional M4 models offer custom quality with brushed stainless steel bolsters, your choice of stag or burl scales, and the patented LAWKS® safety.

**Folts Minimalist™ Tanto and Bowie**. The original Alan Folts Minimalist Wharncliffe fixed blade was so successful that CRKT is now offering it in Tanto blade and Bowie skinner blade models.

**Tabor Ta-Bar Tool™**. Raleigh Tabor came up with this rugged multi-tool with knife blade, pry bar/nail puller, bottle opener, ruler scales, a file edge, 6 mm wrench, and hex bit

screwdriver. Zytel<sup>®</sup> sheath included.

**ExiTool™**. Every driver needs this Russ Kommer-designed seat belt cutter, window breaker and L.E.D. flashlight. It clips onto any standard seat belt and stays out of the way until you need it.

**Norfork™ Diver and Whitewater**. These two rugged water sport fixed blades feature combo serrated edges, line cutters, pry hooks, plus a unique locking sheath system complete with leg straps.

**Veff™ Sharp**. Tom Veff came up with the ultimate diamond-coated field sharpener. It features six stepped sections which can handle virtually any knife or tool blade and all types of serrations.

New to the 2010 CRKT catalog in the I.D. Works<sup>®</sup> tool line are:

**Flux™ System**. This modular quick-change carabiner tool system initially features five modular tools, any two of which can be “clicked” onto the aluminum carabiner double chassis. Tools include the Flux Knife, Flux Driver, Flux Wine Tool, Flux L.E.D. Light, and Flux Flash Drive.

**Eat’N Tool™**. This lightweight stainless steel camping tool, designed by Liong Mah, is a spoon, a fork, bottle opener, pry bar/blade screwdriver, with 10 mm, 8 mm, 6 mm wrenches and carabiner.

New to the CRKT 2010 Professional “For Those Who Serve<sup>®</sup>” line are:

**Elishewitz Tao™ Pens**. The tactical pen may not be mightier than the sword, but these four Allen Elishewitz-designed pens of anodized 6061 aluminum can go anywhere, and they could save your life.

**Hissatsu™ 2 Folder**. Now James Williams has designed a smaller concealed-carry Hissatsu Folder with a 3.125” blade, OutBurst<sup>®</sup> assisted opening and the patented LAWKS<sup>®</sup> safety.

**Fire Spark™**. This new tactical design combines everything CRKT knows know about folders, including Fire Safe<sup>™</sup> and OutBurst<sup>®</sup> assisted opening, and the LAWKS<sup>®</sup> safety. In black or satin finish.

**Biotac™**. Here’s a great lightweight fixed-blade carry harness designed by Ed Van Hoy. Fully adjustable, it allows six basic carry positions for fixed blades with locking detent sheaths.

CRKT knives, tools, and accessories are covered by exceptional warranties, which are fully detailed in the company catalog and website.

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