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CRKT[®] Carson Desert Tactical Folders with the AutoLAWKS[™] safety. Designed especially for coalition forces, these rugged folders are in wide use by military personnel.

The service men and women of the coalition forces in the Middle East and Afghanistan require cutting tools that can stand up to the harsh demands of the desert. The Carson Desert Tactical Folders from Columbia River Knife & Tool[®] (CRKT[®]) have been developed specifically to blend into the desert environment.

Our two special M16 Zytel[®] models feature our super rigid InterFrame build with 420J2 stainless steel liners, threaded stainless steel back spacers, and Desert Camo pattern Zytel scales. Blades are nonreflective bead-blast finished AUS 4 stainless steel. They blend and almost disappear in the desert.

M16[®]-13ZM Military. This model features a 3.50” (89 mm) spear point blade and weighs only 3.5 oz. (99 g). It is ideal when weight and bulk must be kept to a minimum, and is usable in a variety of carry positions. It comes with a removable Teflon[®]-plated clothing/gear clip.

M16[®]-14ZSF Special Forces. Our tactical SF models feature two Carson Flippers, resulting in a true hilt when the blade is opened. Our Big Dog Zytel version has a 3.875” (98 mm) blade and full-size handle with a pommel which is exceptionally powerful in tactical situations. Weight is a hefty 6.3 oz. (179 g).

M16[®]-14D Desert Big Dog. This is an aluminum frame M16 in desert camo. The contoured handles of 6061 T6 aluminum are hard anodized Desert Tan. The 3.875” (98 mm) AUS 8 stainless steel blade, chosen for edge retention and durability, receives a highly corrosion-resistant Desert Tan nonreflective titanium nitride coating.

Each M16-14ZSF and M16-14D comes with two stainless steel Teflon-plated clothing/gear clips, extra screws and a Torx[®] tool, allowing four-position carry on belts or webbing— tip up, tip down, left or right. Please note: These knives are not designed for tip-up in-pocket carry.

All models feature our exclusive patented* AutoLAWKS[™] safety, which automatically turns the folders into fixed blades when the blade is opened and locked.

One-hand opening and closing is quick and smooth, the result of precision tolerances and Teflon[®] bearings at the blade pivot. The dual ambidextrous thumb studs with checkered surfaces provide instant access in any circumstance.

All blades have Combined Razor-Sharp and Triple-Point[™] Serrated edges.

Pricing for the Carson Desert series makes them exceptional values. The M16-13ZM is only \$59.99 MSRP, the M16-14ZSF is only \$69.99 MSRP, and the M16-14D is \$99.99 MSRP.

The Carson Desert Tactical Folders are available in retail clampack packaging as M16-13ZMC, M16-14ZSFC, and M16-14DC.

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Specifications

M16[®]-13ZM:

Build: InterFrame with Zytel Scales
Color: Desert Tan with Bead-Blast Blade
Blade: Combined Razor-Sharp & Triple-Point Serrated Cutting Edge
Length: 3.50" (89 mm)
Thickness: 0.10" (2.5 mm)
Steel: AUS 4, 55-57 HRC
Closed: Handle length: 4.75" (121 mm)
Open: Overall length: 8.25" (210 mm)
Weight: 3.5 oz. (99 g)
MSRP: \$59.99 US

M16[®]-14ZSF:

Build: InterFrame with Zytel Scales
Color: Desert Tan with Bead-Blast Blade
Blade: Combined Razor-Sharp & Triple-Point Serrated Cutting Edge
Length: 3.875" (98 mm)
Thickness: 0.14" (3.5 mm)
Steel: AUS 4, 55-57 HRC
Closed: Handle length: 5.375" (137 mm)
Open: Overall length: 9.25" (235 mm)
Weight: 6.3 oz. (179 g)
MSRP: \$69.99 US

M16[®]-14D:

Build: 6061 T6 Aluminum Frame
Color: Desert Tan Handle and Blade
Blade: Combined Razor-Sharp & Triple-Point Serrated Cutting Edge
Length: 3.875" (98 mm)
Thickness: 0.14" (3.5 mm)
Steel: AUS 8, 58-59 HRC
Closed: Handle length: 5.375" (137 mm)
Open: Overall length: 9.25" (235 mm)
Weight: 5.3 oz. (150 g)
MSRP: \$99.99 US

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