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Now there are two patented CRKT[®] Edgie[™] knives that sharpen themselves, thanks to inventor Maj. Howard Pope and knifemaker Steve Jernigan.

Since the dawn of human history, man has dreamed of a knife that would sharpen itself during normal use. Here it is, the patented* brainchild of inventor Maj. Howard Pope (USAR Ret.), who collaborated with custom knifemaker and Knifemakers' Guild member Steve Jernigan. We at Columbia River Knife & Tool[®] (CRKT[®]) call it the Edgie[™] line, because they hone their edges every time they are opened or closed.

The secret is diamond-coated spring sharpeners built into the folder frames, placed at the precise angle to give the blades a sharpening stroke as they are closed and opened. Not only do you never *need* to sharpen the Edgie blade with stones or wheels, but you *should not*, because it may alter the blade's proper self-sharpening edge angle. Of course, it is important during a long cutting work session to periodically open and close the blade to maintain the edge.

The diamond sharpening strip causes a tiny burr to form, acting as a microserration, which helps cutting action. This makes the Edgie tops for cutting cardboard boxes, rope, cord, garden stalks, and even ripe tomatoes.

All Edgie models feature removable stainless steel clips in satin finish.

Original Edgie[™]. The first CRKT Edgie is a single-edged utility knife. The 2.875" high-carbon stainless steel blade in satin finish features a strong full-width spine. For strength and long life, we've used our InterFrame build, with two stainless steel liners and stainless steel back spring, all in satin finish. The injection-molded Zytel[®] scales have castellations at the spine and a checkered inset pattern to enhance grip.

Edgie[™] 2. Next, Steve Jernigan came up with a dual-edged Edgie lockback with a 3.25" blade. The "American Eagle Wharncliffe" blade grind tapers at the tip for better penetration and much easier cutting of thick materials such as corrugated cardboard.

Again, the frame is superstrong thanks to our stainless steel InterFrame build with Zytel scales. A textured surface and soft grooved TPR insert give excellent grip under all conditions. Blue or yellow insert models are available.

The long blade slot allows easy one-hand opening. The lockback release is at the butt for exceptional lockup safety.

That's the Edgie story. It's not too glamorous, just a tale of affordable and tough little work knives designed to take a lot of use and stay sharp.

We've priced the Edgie to be an affordable volume seller. The Original Edgie has an MSRP of only \$29.99, while the Edgie 2 models are priced at \$39.99.
All Edgie models are available in clamps, designated 6442C, 6444BC, and 6444YC.

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Specifications

Edgie™

6442: Microserrated Cutting Edge
Blade: Length: 2.875" (73 mm)
Thickness: 0.10" (2.5 mm)
Steel: 420J2, 51-53 HRC
Closed: Handle length: 4.125" (105 mm)
Open: Overall length: 7.00" (178 mm)
Weight: 3.8 oz. (108 g)
MSRP: \$29.99 US

Edgie™ 2

6444B: Microserrated Cutting Edge, Blue Scale Insert
6444Y: Microserrated Cutting Edge, Yellow Scale Insert
Blade: Length: 3.25" (83 mm)
Thickness: 0.10" (2.5 mm)
Steel: 5Cr15MoV, 55-57 HRC
Closed: Handle length: 5.30" (135 mm)
Open: Overall length: 7.50" (191 mm)
Weight: 4.3 oz. (122 g)
MSRP: \$39.99 US

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