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The name Hisshou™ means “certain victory.” This CRKT® professional tool is the modern embodiment of the close-quarters sword of the Samurai.

Let us be clear: the Hisshou™, designed by James Williams for Columbia River Knife & Tool® (CRKT)®, is a specialized tool that is intended for military personnel and special forces operators. James developed this design to meet the specific requests of coalition forces overseas for a more powerful tactical tool than his CRKT Hissatsu™, which is in wide use.

Historically, military swords have been sized to fit the fighting environment. Long swords, such as the English broad sword and Japanese *katana*, could only be used effectively on open fields of battle. Fighting in close or confined quarters required shorter swords, such as the sailor’s cutlass and the Japanese *wakizashi*, which is similar in size to the Hisshou.

The Hisshou comes into play when the operator’s firearms cannot be used, as often happens in entry and search operations. It is designed for multiple carry options depending on the choice of the operator.

The Hisshou’s 13” full-tang dual grind Tanto blade is YK-30 high-carbon steel, high satin finished. The long, tapered tip grind is designed for maximum slashing power combined with superior penetration. At 16.4 ounces, the Hisshou also offers superior slashing ability as compared to the Hissatsu.

James has followed centuries of Japanese tradition in designing the classic cord-wrapped handle with ray skin underlays, which compares very well to more modern handle materials, giving excellent grip under all conditions.

We have designed a custom Kydex® sheath with a convertible belt-mounting system for the Hisshou. The sheath has detents which grip the knife securely and wide entry lips which allow the knife to be returned to the sheath with one hand.

The belt clip can be attached with the Chicago screws provided for vertical or horizontal carry. There is also a quick-release retaining strap.

Each Hisshou comes in a custom dark lacquered wooden box for presentation and storage.

The Hisshou demands respect, and is certainly not a sport or work knife, but it can truly be a lifesaver for the military professional. This is a knife that would have been carried by the Samurai.

The Hisshou MSRP of \$325.00 gives a further indication of its serious intent.

Specifications

Hisshou™

2910: High Satin Finish, Razor-Sharp Cutting Edge
Blade: Length: 13.0" (330 mm)
Thickness: 0.26" (6.5 mm)
Steel: YK-30, 57-59 HRC
Knife: Overall length: 18.38" (467 mm)
Weight: 16.4 oz. (465 g)
MSRP: \$325.00 US

Hisshou Sheath *(included with knife)*

Material: Kydex
Overall length: 13.875" (352 mm)
Width: 3.0" (76 mm)
Weight: 6.7 oz. (190 g)

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