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The award-winning CRKT[®] My Tighe[™], Brian Tighe's production folder series, is available in two sizes, in bead-blast or black dress, with patented* Veff[™] Serrations.

Canadian knifemaker Brian Tighe is a true Renaissance Man, with an array of professional skills including tool and die making, metallurgy, engraving and photography. In his St. Catharines, Ontario, workshop, he produces a wide array of custom folders, all with those signature touches that immediately make them stand out as Brian Tighe knives.

Columbia River Knife & Tool[®] (CRKT[®]) has translated Brian's popular My Tighe custom frame-lock folder into an affordable production line. At first glance, the knife seems like a design exercise until you grasp it and understand that the concave cut scales are craftily shaped to enhance grip, aggressive with contours in just the right places.

Brian's blade design is unique too, with its asymmetrical spine facets, high-hollow grind and deep belly with recurve. We use 1.4116 stainless steel in a high satin finish and offer both Razor-Sharp and our exclusive Combination Razor-Sharp and patented* Veff[™] Serrated edges. Designed by knifemaker Tom Veff, these unique scalloped and angled serrations cut through rope and cord smoothly without snagging. On our "K" models, the blade is coated with black nonreflective titanium nitride for maximum corrosion resistance.

The frame-lock folder has an open build with heavy-duty 420J2 stainless steel frames and a 6061 T6 aluminum back spacer. Frames are bead-blast on the bright models, and black EDP plated on the "K" model. The injection-molded black Zytel[®] scales have a carbon fibre texture.

Our patented OutBurst[®] assisted opening mechanism instantly springs the blade fully open after you have opened the blade approximately 30°.

Dual ramped thumb studs allow My Tighe models to be quickly opened with either hand.

All models feature a removable black Teflon-plated pocket/gear clip.

Mini My Tighe[™]. The slightly smaller personal carry version of the My Tighe[™] is not simply a scaled-down version of the bigger frame-lock model, but was carefully re-proportioned by Brian, reflecting his passion for design detail.

Handle length is 3.73", blade length is 3.0", and weight is reduced to 3.8 ounces, much more convenient for daily in-pocket carry.

It's hard to ignore any Brian Tighe design. Carry one and you will certainly start a conversation among knife fanciers everywhere. The knife industry was so impressed at the Blade Show in Atlanta, Georgia, that the My Tighe was named the 2006 Imported Knife of the Year.

The bright-finished My Tighe models have an MSRP of only \$89.99, while the black-on-black model is \$99.99 MSRP, remarkable for folders with these features and build quality. Mini My Tighe bright-finished models are \$79.99 MSRP, and the black-on-black model is \$89.99.

Models 1091C, 1091KC, 1093C, and 1093KC are available in retail clampacks.

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Specifications

My Tighe™

1090: High Satin Blade, Bead-Blast Frame, Razor-Sharp Cutting Edge, OutBurst Assisted Opening

1091: High Satin Blade, Bead-Blast Frame, Combined Razor-Sharp & Veff Serrated Cutting Edge, OutBurst Assisted Opening

MSRP: \$89.99 US

1091K: Black Blade and Frame, Combined Razor-Sharp & Veff Serrated Cutting Edge, OutBurst Assisted Opening

MSRP: \$99.99 US

Blade: Length: 3.625" (92 mm)
Thickness: 0.124" (3.1 mm)
Steel: 1.4116, 55-57 HRC

Closed: Handle length: 4.50" (114 mm)

Open: Overall length: 8.125" (206 mm)

Weight: 5.6 oz. (159 g)

Mini My Tighe™

1092: High Satin Blade, Bead-Blast Frame, Razor-Sharp Cutting Edge

1093: Combined Razor-Sharp & Veff Serrated Cutting Edge

MSRP: \$79.99 US

1093K: Black Blade and Frame, Combined Razor-Sharp & Veff Serrated Cutting Edge

MSRP: \$89.99 US

Blade: Length: 3.0" (76 mm)
Thickness: 0.12" (3.0 mm)
Steel: 1.4116, 55-57 HRC

Closed: Handle length: 3.73" (95 mm)

Open: Overall length: 6.5" (165 mm)

Weight: 3.8 oz. (108 g)

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