

This is an answer to an inquiry from a custom via an email:

A QUESTION ABOUT THE LIVESAY BEND BLADES

Hello XXX;

XXX thanks for the note and question about the bent blade on the Bu-Shi Fighter. You say you do not want the blade to be bent. Okay, but first let me give you a little history on the bent blade Livesay Knives. A number of years ago I had an inquiry on a knife from a Federal Government Agency that had purchased from me before for what I refer to as my "Special Assets Department." Over the years, I have manufactured some very interesting cutlery items for both this government agency, and other agencies or departments within our government, and for one friendly overseas government. To the letter every one of these cutlery items has been STERILE (unmarked - no marking, etc.) that have been shipped to any of over four different organization for a better word. The original Bu-shi was designated as model number 143 in our computers and on our records, and was later given the name Bu-Shi Fighter for the commercial market sales. The model 143 originally took liberties from the government contracted EELS knife concept, which had a longer curved blade. Working with both trauma surgeons, and forensic pathologist who have studied the cause of death from knife or gunshot wounds brought about this knife design, i.e.: the bend bladed knife. If you are interested in the killing aspects for a bend blade over a "STRAIGHT" blade, I will go into it in some detail for you in a separate e-mail. Please be advised that some of the things that I will detail or not for public knowledge. Not that it is illegal or takes any liberties, but is very explicit in detail.

(Editors note: 9.10.08 - There is a detailed explanation of developmental thought at this link)

Therefore, first off ALL or both series of the BU-SHI knives have bent blades. The standard Bu-shi is a flat ground model with a bend that is put into the blade at the time of the heat treat by sticking the hot blade in a "JIG" before cooling in quench oil. This JIG is what sets the slight bend in the knife. This or other JIGS are used in such model as the EELS, model 150 Dark-Side Bu-shi, some WOO knives, SIX Knives, and ZIPPERS.

Secondly, all Bu-shi knives are flat ground on the mark-side of the blade with the slab-side being flat. The bend is always to the slab-side of the knife blade. This bend in the Bu-shi series, EELS, and ZIPPER knives is normally very easy to see. When this knife lies on a flat surface or a metal rule is placed against the blade this bend it again noticeable.

One thing to remember about the Bu-shi Knife series. These knives are not hunting knives, not throwing knives or some type of knife that one would use as a "utility" type knife. This knife is designed to inflict the most sever trauma to a target with the least amount of energy so as too render the target ineffective. In other words, you want to be able to kill you adversary in a clean, quick manner with little or not injury to yourself. Plain and simple.

Hope this helps, Newt

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