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FEATURED PRODUCT



C202TIP/C203TIP Mantra™ and Mantra 2

MANTRA

MSRP: \$279.95

OVERALL: 7.3in 185mm

BLADE: 3.16in 80mm

EDGE: 3.14in 80mm

WEIGHT: 3.0oz 85g

GRIND: Full-Flat

ORIGIN: Taiwan

MANTRA 2

MSRP: \$279.95

OVERALL: 7.31in 185mm

BLADE: 3.2in 81mm

EDGE: 3.2in 81mm

WEIGHT: 2.8oz 79g

GRIND: Full-Flat

ORIGIN: Taiwan

man-tra 'mantrə/
noun: mantra; plural noun: mantras

- (originally in Hinduism and Buddhism) a word or sound repeated to aid concentration in meditation.
- a Vedic hymn.
- a statement or slogan repeated frequently.
- one of two amazing new flipper-style folding knives from Spyderco.

Since Spyderco introduced its first flipper-style folding knife, the Southard Folder™, several years ago, our customers have clearly demonstrated that they're hungry for more. In response to that demand, we're proud to introduce two brand-new flipper designs that are quintessentially Spyderco: the Mantra™ and Mantra 2. These highly evolved flipper-style folders showcase state-of-the-art materials, advanced design features, high-performance blade steel, and classic Spyderco styling.

As siblings, the Mantra and Mantra 2 share identical handle construction. Built on a framework of two precision-machined solid titanium scales, the handle design features an open-backed construction that reduces weight and simplifies cleaning and maintenance. The reverse-side scale houses a sturdy Reeve Integral Lock (R.I.L.) mechanism that includes a hardened stainless steel interface. This premium feature ensures steel-on-steel contact of the lock face and blade tang and guarantees solid, reliable lock engagement and a long service life. It also serves double duty as an overtravel stop, restricting the movement of the lock bar when the knife is closed to maintain optimal spring tension. The stonewashed titanium scales are also home to a reversible deep-pocket wire clip. Easily switched for left or right-side tip-up carry in the pocket, this unique clip carries the knife very discreetly while still ensuring immediate access.

The blades of the Mantra and Mantra 2 are also unique in that they are ground from high-performance CPM® M4 tool steel—a powder metallurgy steel specially formulated to offer outstanding wear resistance, toughness, and edge retention. The blade of the Mantra has a classic Spyderco leaf-shaped profile and is full-flat ground for optimal edge geometry. It includes both an index-finger flipper and a full-sized Trademark Round Hole™ that allow it to be opened with a full spectrum of one-handed methods. In contrast, the Mantra 2's narrow, utilitarian, drop-point blade profile is somewhat reminiscent of a filet knife, but is ideally suited to a broad range of cutting tasks. Although it includes a small Trademark Round Hole™ that proudly identifies it as a Spyderco product, the Mantra 2's blade is designed only for flipper-style opening. Both blades pivot on special ball-bearing washers that greatly reduce friction and provide an incredibly smooth opening action.

The Mantra and Mantra 2 represent a powerful fusion of time-tested Spyderco design principles, high-performance materials, and the Kit Carson-inspired flipper opener. They also benefit a worthy cause, as Spyderco proudly donates a portion of the sales of both of these knives to The National Parkinson Foundation.



The National Parkinson Foundation

Founded in 1957, the National Parkinson Foundation (NPF) is committed to improving the lives of people with Parkinson's through expert care and research. Their efforts provide direct help to the estimated one million people in the United States and four to six million people worldwide afflicted with this terrible disease. Spyderco is proud to contribute to this extremely worthy cause and to support the hope that future generations can live in a world without Parkinson's. To learn more about the NPF and how you can help, please visit their web site www.parkinson.org.



A Deeper Look at Pocket Clips

Since Spyderco pioneered the concept of mounting a pocket clip on a folding knife 35 years ago, clips have come a long way. We have also learned a lot about how to make clips work best on knives of various styles, sizes, and handle materials to offer maximum versatility, convenience, and durability. Although their function is deceptively simple, there are many details to consider when choosing a clip—both during the design process and as a consumer.

One of the most basic clip decisions is whether it should be tip-up or tip-down. While some consider this purely a matter of personal preference, actually, the knife's design, its size, and its relationship to your hand size all have a lot to do with which approach works best. Fans of tip-up carry generally prefer it because it allows you to grip the knife, draw it, and open it one handed without having to adjust your grip. When the knife is carried all the way to the back of the pocket, tip-up carry also helps keep the blade safely closed by placing its spine against the back of the pocket. This is less important with knives that have strong self-close mechanisms, like those with back locks.

Tip-down carry works best for large folders like the Military™ Model. If large, long-handled knives are carried tip-up, when drawn your hand grips the handle close to the butt end—too far from the blade hole, drawer tab, or thumb stud for an immediate one-handed opening. With tip-down carry, you grip the pivot-pin end of the knife and ultimately end up in a better position to open the blade, but only after adjusting your grip after the draw. Tip-down carry also works well with some specialized one-hand opening methods that initially grip the blade instead of the handle.

One often overlooked aspect of pocket clips is their attachment point on the handle and its effect on the height of the knife's "ride" in the pocket. Some users have a strong preference for "deep-pocket" carry that conceals the knife as much as possible. Typically this is achieved by attaching the clip as close to the end of the handle as possible and works even better with "foldover" style clips like those found on the Dragonfly™ 2 and the popular Sage™ series. For smaller knives, this style of carry still allows a full grip on the knife prior to the draw and leaves the hand naturally positioned for a one-handed opening. However, when longer knives are carried deep in the pocket, it's difficult for an average-sized hand to grip deeply enough to allow a fluid draw and opening without having to adjust your grip midstream. To some users that may not matter, but it still helps to understand that knife size, clip mounting position, carry height, and individual hand size all have an effect on carry convenience and accessibility.

Some Spyderco knives feature reversible clips or even four-position clips that allow the clip mounting location to be easily changed to support different carry preferences. Popular models like the Delica™, Endura™, and Para Military™2 have four-position clips that allow tip-up or tip-down carry on either the left or right side. While this allows you to experiment with different carry styles to find the method that works best for you, please remember to add a drop of Loc-Tite® or similar thread-locking compound to each clip screw to make sure they stay in place.

Spyderco is extremely proud to have pioneered the use of pocket clips on folding knives. But like everything else we do, being revolutionary isn't good enough. As we continue to make our clips, our knives, and everything else we do even better, it's the evolution of revolution that counts.

SHOT Show 2016

The 2016 National Shooting Sports Foundation's Shooting, Hunting and Outdoor Trade Show™ (SHOT Show®) was recently held at the Sands Expo Center in Las Vegas. This year's show ran from January 19-22 and was attended by more than 64,000 industry professionals and a record number of wholesale buyers.

Spyderco was there in force with two booths. At our main booth, our sales team met with dealers and end users from all over the world to introduce them to our new products, while our public relations coordinator briefed writers and editors from dozens of publications. Spyderco's founders, with the help of design collaborators Gayle Bradley, Phil Wilson, Ed Schempp, and Brad Southard, also shared sneak peeks of prototypes and concept models of future Spyderco projects.

At the other end of the show, Spyderco's OpFocus® team catered to the interests of professional end users and tactically-oriented media members. Their booth also showed off a stunning new graphics wrap that attracted as much attention as our knives and accessories.

Thanks to everyone who visited us and supported us at SHOT for making it an outstanding start to 2016!



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