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FEATURED PRODUCT



## C171TIBLP MIKE DRAPER FOLDER™

MSRP: \$499.95  
OVERALL: 8.98in 228mm  
BLADE: 3.70in 94mm  
EDGE: 3.42in 87mm  
WEIGHT: 4.7oz 133g  
GRIND: Full-Flat  
ORIGIN: Japan

Mike Draper is a Wyoming native who grew up carrying and using knives. When his wife Audra developed an interest in making custom knives in the mid 1990s, he naturally followed suit and soon began crafting handmade blades part time. In 2000, a back injury ended his career as a heavy equipment mechanic, so he began making knives full time. Since then, he has earned a Journeyman Smith rating from the American Bladesmith Society and developed a distinctive style of knifemaking that includes everything from tough tactical folders to investment-quality art knives. This unique approach has not only earned him a loyal following among his customers, but also piqued Spyderco's curiosity, ultimately leading to his first design collaboration.

Spyderco's Mike Draper Folder reflects both extremes of Draper's talents as a knifemaker, combining a practical, highly functional folding knife pattern with exceptional craftsmanship and a sophisticated colored handle treatment. The business end of the knife is a modified drop-point blade made from VG-10 stainless steel. Its full-flat grind balances strength and low-friction edge geometry and ensures an acute but resilient point. An easily accessible Trademark Round Hole™ proudly proclaims it as a Spyderco product and allows swift one-handed opening with either hand.

By far the most distinctive feature of the Mike Draper Folder is its handle, which is assembled from precision-machined solid titanium components. The two scales are intricately CNC machined to produce a stunning spider web pattern and areas with a subtle surface texture. Portions of the pattern are then colorized to contrast boldly against the matte-finished titanium and further highlight the design.

The handle's profile flares at both ends to create a highly functional integral guard and a butt hook. This shape effectively brackets the hand between the two ends and, together with the subtle texture of the scale designs, provides an amazingly solid, comfortable grip. The handle also houses a solid, full-length back spacer and a sturdy Walker LinerLock mechanism, both of which are finished flush with the scales to maintain the knife's graceful lines and prevent unintentional release of the lock during use. Purpose designed for right-side, tip-up carry, the Mike Draper Folder features a custom pocket clip that flows seamlessly with the handle contours and the colorized spider web pattern.

A dramatic departure from the Spyderco norm, the Mike Draper Folder is a both a work of art and a practical everyday cutting tool that truly reflects the style and versatility of its designer.

GIVING BACK



## National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan designated November as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. At that time, fewer than 2 million Americans suffered from Alzheimer's, but today that number has soared to nearly 5.4 million.

To help battle this tragic disease, Spyderco donates a portion of the proceeds from the sale of every Sage Series folder to the Alzheimer's Association, Colorado Chapter. To date, you have helped us donate more than \$100,000 to this extremely worthy cause. The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support, and research. Their mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

The Alzheimer's Association Colorado Chapter provides counseling, educational programs, support-group services, and a 24-hour help line to serve the individuals and families in Colorado living with Alzheimer's disease. For more information about their programs and other ways you can support them, please visit <http://www.alz.org/co/>.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



## M.A.P. (Minimum Advertised Pricing)

*"Integrity is being good even if no one is watching"...*

We wanted to make everyone aware we are implementing a change for 2016 that you should hear directly from us. Spyderco will be implementing a Minimum Advertised Pricing (MAP) Policy with our retailers that will go into effect January 1, 2016. This means that there can be no advertisements on-line or in print at a price lower than 40% off of MSRP. We are also not raising prices on nearly all of our product line. Our policy is slightly unconventional and is designed with *everyone* in mind.

We are consumers too, we understand buying products based on important factors like product quality, price, business reputation, customer service, and other factors, and we understand the value of finding that great deal and knowing that you are purchasing a product from a reliable source. We also understand that over the last 40 years, we have cultivated unique partnerships to include consumers, retailers, wholesalers, and suppliers that have all contributed to our success in one way or another.

Our number one priority is to continue to bring you Reliable High Performance products. We plan to continue growing our innovative product line, finding creative ways to fight counterfeit products in the marketplace and continue strengthening our relationships with those who are committed to the same goals.

Many of us have our favorite store or website that we purchase from for many different reasons with price being only one of those factors. This does not mean that on January 1st, all of our products will suddenly be extremely more expensive, instead what it means is that Spyderco is working with everyone in our network to continue bringing our products to you at fair prices through your favorite retailers.

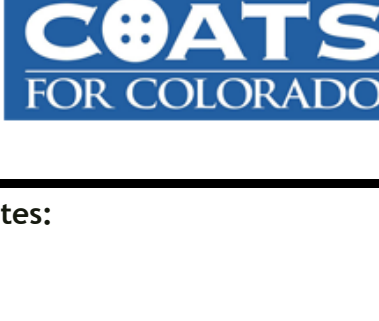
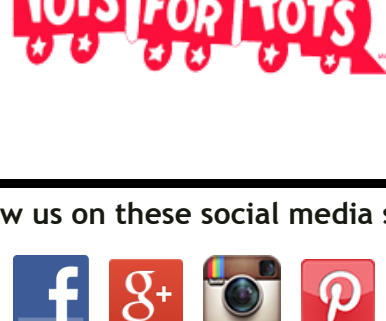
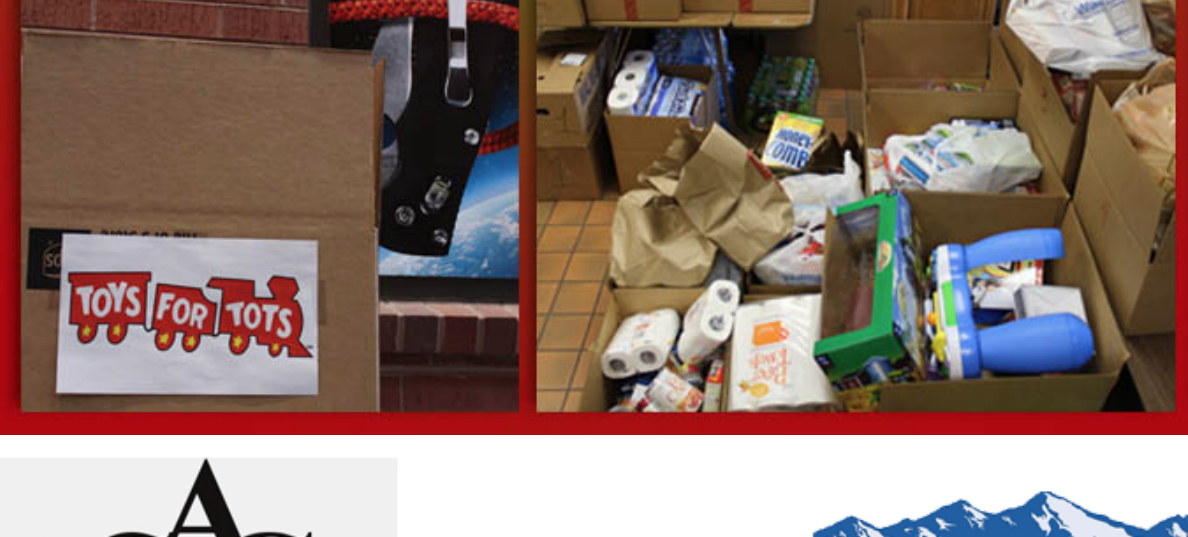
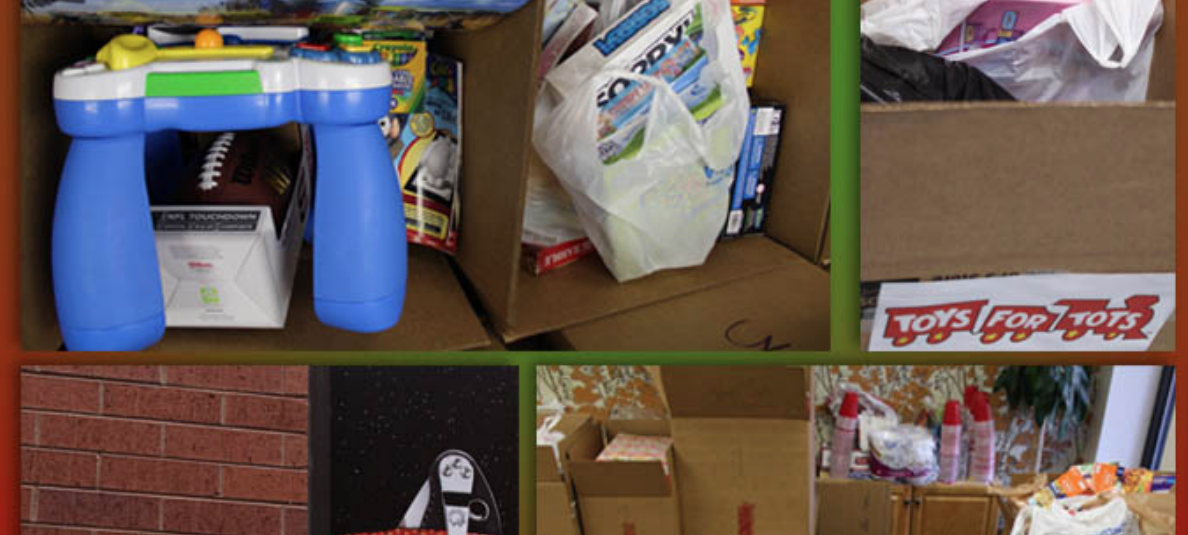
This is a work in progress and we will continually review and apply our CQI - Constant Quality Improvement philosophy in the coming months. The Spyderco Crew thanks you for your undeniable loyalty and continued support!

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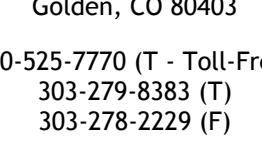


## A Time of Giving

As the Holidays rapidly approach, we are all reminded that there are many in this world who are less fortunate than we are. To extend a helping hand, the Spyderco Crew regularly contributes to a number of worthy causes, including the Golden Christian Action Guild's Holiday Food & Toy Drive, the annual coat drive for Coats for Colorado, Inc (a non-profit subsidiary of Dependable Cleaners) and the US Marine Corps Reserve Help for Tots Program. These charities provide food and clothing to families in need and help brighten the lives of children with gifts of Holiday toys. We are extremely proud of our Crew and their generous spirit and are grateful for your continued interest in our products. By serving you, we also have the ability to help others.



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