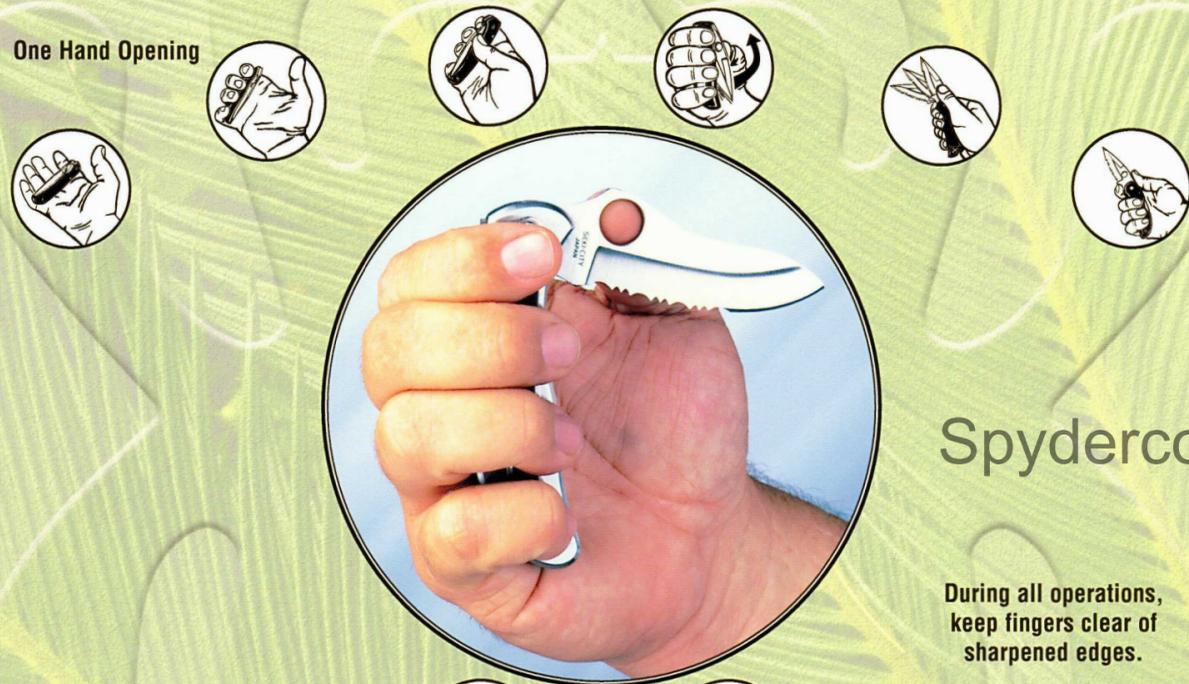


Spyderco Trademark Round Hole

The Spyderco Trademark Round Hole is a symbol of quality in the knife industry. Perhaps the most recognizable feature on a Spyderco folding knife, the hole facilitates easy opening and closing of the knife with one hand. Spyderco was the first knife company to include the round hole in its blade designs, and now other companies incorporate different hole shapes in their blades. The hole offers convenient access and maximum control while opening, as well as accommodating large, small and gloved hands.

The position of the hole in the blade allows for a continuous opening motion - the thumb rests against the hole at a comfortable distance from the palm to allow for easy rotation from the pivot point. To open the knife using the hole, place the knife in your open hand at the base of your fingers and grasp the clip side of the handle with the tips of your fingers. Rest the pad of your thumb in the hole, then gently and smoothly slide the blade away from the handle (see below). When a solid click is heard, the knife is locked in the open position (note that the blade should always be locked securely in the full open position before every use).

One Hand Opening



One Hand Closing



During all operations, keep fingers clear of sharpened edges.

The hole may also be used for smooth one-hand closing. To close a folding knife that includes a front lock, simply turn the open knife in your hand so that your fingers are on the open side of the handle and your thumb rests on the lock release. Making sure that your index finger is located as high as possible on the handle, release the lock by pressing with your thumb - a gentle "flick" of the wrist may be necessary. The kick (the unsharpened portion at the base of the blade) will fall onto your index finger, protecting your hand from the cutting edge. Rotate the knife so that it is sitting at the base of your fingers with your fingertips on the clip side of the handle (the opening position). Place your thumb pad in the hole or on top of the blade spine and glide the blade safely to the closed position (see above). Slightly different closing procedures are used with other locking mechanisms, but all require the utmost care and caution.

The hole provides other advantages in addition to easy one-hand opening and closing. In many of our models, the hole forms a hump on the top of the blade that serves as a thumb rest for increased control. The hole may also be grasped between the thumb and forefinger to guide the blade during intricate cutting. Overall, the Spyderco Trademark Round Hole represents the excellence found in all Spyderco pocket cutlery.



Clip

Spyderco has been making CLIPIT folding knives since 1981 and was the first company to use the clothing clip as part of its knife designs. The clip, which is located on one side of the knife handle, allows for secure attachment of the knife to a pocket or other convenient location for easy access. The knife user no longer needs a sheath or holster, nor must he or she experience the "weighted-down" feel of a knife in the bottom of a pocket. If the CLIPIT is carried inside a pocket or purse, then, the clip may be used to hold money or other items. The clip also provides extra leverage when opening the knife with one hand - it is positioned to accommodate either right- or left-hand operation (or both on models with a reversible clip).



Diagram B



Diagram A

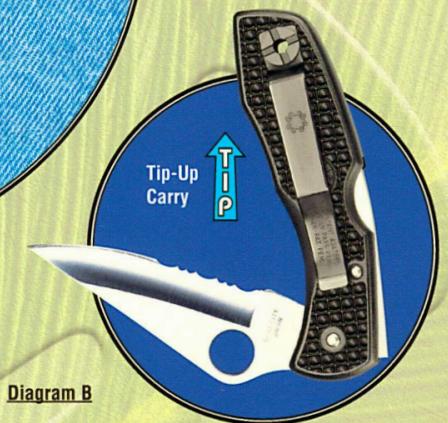


Diagram B

CLIPITs are designed to be carried such that the knife is on the inside of the pocket and the clip is on the outside (Diagram A). In this position, the knife is secure and protected and can be easily removed when needed. In addition, it sits flat along the inside of the pocket for comfortable carry regardless of knife size. Clip placement also determines whether the tip of the knife blade points up (tip up carry) or down (tip down carry). (Diagram B). Carry configuration is designated based on the needs of the user and the overall knife design. Each configuration requires a different accessing technique, though both work equally well. The clothing clip is now a popular folding knife feature industry-wide, and Spyderco alone makes a wide variety of clip styles.

Premium Materials Spyderco researches and selects materials to best suit the intended use(s) of the tool and the specific needs of the user. Our goal is to optimize strength, durability, wear resistance, and performance to achieve overall dependability.

