

DOUG RITTER RSK Mk4 Gentleman's Folder

LONE WOLF TURNS OUT AN ELEGANT URBAN SURVIVAL BLADE!

THE LONE WOLF RSK MK4 offers great looks with enough back-bone to still serve as a useful survival blade.

Anyone who's been around the knife industry for the last few years knows that Doug Ritter's designs have always been made with the user in mind. His highly acclaimed RSK Mk1 and Mk3 knives are well known and help to support the work of his non-profit Equipped To Survive Foundation. Doug's latest endeavor, the Mk4, is a small tactical folding knife that follows in the performance footsteps of his previous designs, while drawing less "tactical" attention from the non-knife folk.

The Mk4 is a collaborative effort between Doug Ritter, Paul Poehlmann and Lone Wolf Knives. This gentleman's pocket folder features a 2.4-inch stone finished recurved blade made from CPM S30V, stone finished 420 stainless steel frame and silver tweed G-10 aerospace composite handle. Perhaps the best feature of the knife is the unique ambidextrous Axial Lock.

In true Ritter ideology, the folder is pure utilitarian in design but also sports an elegant look and feel to it. In my opinion, this knife would be perfectly suited to fit in a lady's purse or carried in business suit attire, but don't just stop there. In a pinch it's tough enough to be used as a small survival folder since it's capable of batoning through hard wood, making friction fire sets, or dressing out larger game.

The blade's spine incorporates a prominent ramped thumb rest for enhanced control and security and there's also a slight finger guard built into the handle. These features provide some amount of protection when working in wet or grimy conditions. The high flat grind with 30-degree inclusive edge and 7-degree bevel makes the Mk4 a very efficient cutter;

slicing everything from cardboard boxes to a tough dinner steak without slowing down. The grind pattern coupled with the S30V seems to hold its edge forever and when you finally decide to touch it up, all that's required is a few strokes on a Sharp-maker or flat hone to put it back to factory condition.

If you're looking for a small folder that's tough in its design characteristics, but has the ability to be carried in an environment that may not be friendly to large tactical or survival folders, then the Mk4 should fit the bill.

— Jeff Randall

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