

## IWA Knife Award 2024

### The Finalists – Category "Innovation" (excluding the winners)

The independent jury selected nine finalists from all submissions, which were on display at the BLADE Demo Area during IWA.

#### **ANV Knives: M06**

Even at first glance, the truly innovative M06, also known as "The Claw", is a surprise. A Wharncliffe blade made of high-quality Elmax steel, only 37 mm long, is held by an asymmetrical handle construction with several holes of different sizes. Operation with gloves should also be possible. Speaking of operation: A description of the handling is quite complex and is as surprising as the knife itself. But everything becomes clear as soon as you pick up the M06 yourself – as promised by the makers, the design is self-explanatory and intended for simple and "gross motor", quick handling. The hand practically knows what it is doing by itself!

#### **Casström: Swedish Forest Knife & Field Dresser Combo**

Based on the knowledge that a hunter actually needs (at least) two knives at work, the Swedish outdoor specialist Casström has a practical solution: a piggyback knife set consisting of a knife with a rounded tip for gutting and cutting up prey, plus an outdoor knife both with stabilized birch burl handle. In best Scandinavian tradition, this larger "Knife No.10" is suitable for all other tasks, from chopping wood up to personal food preparation. The two knives can be carried together in a special Kydex double sheath.

#### **Eickhorn: UC-II**

This unusual, small knife comes from Eickhorn-Solingen: it has a blade that is only 92 mm long but 4.7 mm thick. This makes this knife extremely robust and resistant despite its small size – UC stands for ultra-compact. The same applies to the G10 handle, which helps to keep the weight at a slim 115g. The genesis of this design is also remarkable: the leftover pieces of metal from the production of large knives still provide enough space in between for the compact, small knives. In this way, they can be produced in a particularly sustainable and resource-saving way.

#### **MAM Knives: Allblack**

The traditional Portuguese knife manufacturer, which is in existence since 1870 and has been producing folding knives for over 100 years, is launching an all-black knife in the "Innovation" category. Until now, the few black, titanium-coated blades from MAM Knives have been combined with light-colored wooden handles. The "Allblack" version with a blackened lock and clamp is designed to look particularly elegant.

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**Peltonen: M23 Ranger Cub**

The proven TPE plastic handle of the well-known Peltonen Ranger models M95 and M07 can also be found on this mini version of a Ranger, the M23 Cub. The small knife is an ergonomic everyday-carry-knife that is particularly suitable for carving and is also perfect for the use as a neck knife.



**Witharmour: WoodlandsF**

Made in China, designed in Germany – at first glance, the WoodlandsF is a classic, legal-to-carry slipjoint, i.e. a folding knife without any locking mechanism. It has a satin-finished VG10 blade and a pleasantly textured handle made from non-slip Micarta. The special feature of this knife, however, is the large, screw-in pin supplied, which turns this folding knife into a fixed knife. The (removable) clip makes it easy to carry around, especially when it is folded up.