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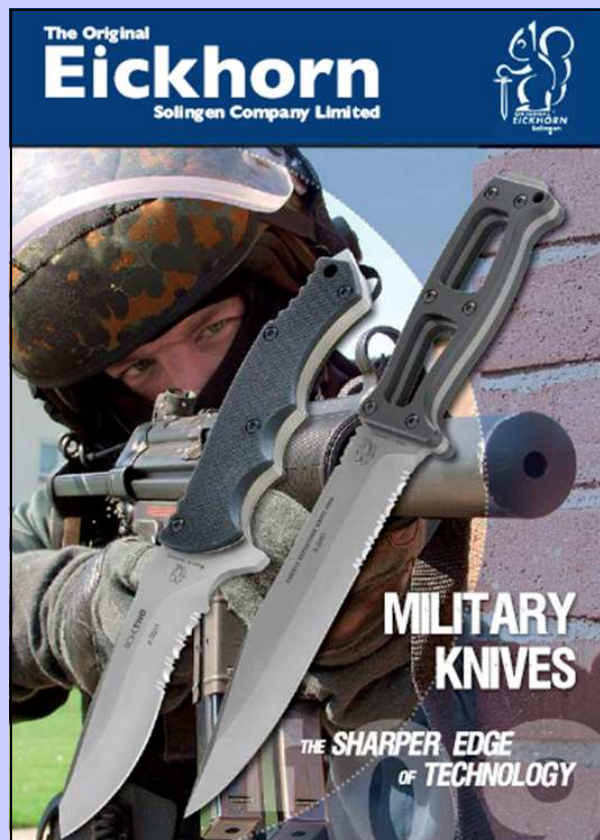
Exciting New Products available from Pacific Bladeware:

Eickhorn Knives

Eickhorn of Solingen, Germany have long been associated with manufacturing knives and bayonets for the world's military forces. Today, they not only produce military blades but also the finest Emergency and Rescue tools on the market. Collectors particularly will immediately identify with the famous **Squirrel Logo** that has come to represent only the very best in steel blades.

During the next week or so we will be adding a number of OEC (Original Eickhorn Company) Knives and Bayonets to our range of products and, in the coming months, we hope to be able to present our customers with the full range of Eickhorn bladeware.

Knife Collectors.....
Watch out for the new Fairbairn-Sykes
2000 Dagger coming soon with our OEC
knife shipment.



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TerraLUX LED Lighting & Upgrades

Some of our regular customers may have already noticed that we are now importing and distributing TerraLUX LED lighting products.

TerraLUX Inc. is a Boulder, Colorado based company that invents, designs, develops, patents and manufactures OEM LED lighting solutions based on its proprietary TerraLUX LED Light Engines.

LED lighting has taken the world by storm and collectively, the world's Governments have decided that because lighting consumes 20% of the world's power, that changes have to be made in order to convert to a more economical and environmentally favourable lighting source, and that's where LED lighting steps in. LED lighting Technology replaces the 100 year old incandescent light bulb that consumes so much power to operate. In a nutshell, global authorities have made the decision to convert from light bulb to LED power within the next ten years.

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LED's generate pure white light, unlike the incandescent yellow of the light bulb. It also produces far more quality light and drains only half as much battery power than does the standard light bulb. The lifespan of LED's is awesome with an approximate 100,000 hours burn-time (11 years) and they are almost indestructible too.

Tough and reliable, TerraLUX LED's have certainly made an impact on the lighting stage.

The US Military alone recently purchased 1200 TerraLUX Upgrades for Maglites used by their forces in Iraq and there are many more professions where LED's have quickly made their mark and become an indispensable tool.

If you wish to know more about this amazing technology then please check out the TerraLUX Company history in the Pacific Bladeware **Manufacturers History** section on our Homepage.



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Smith & Wesson - A Brand You Trust

Smith & Wesson is one of the world's most recognisable brands, and for good reason. Since first opening their doors, they have focused on designing and manufacturing innovative solutions that are unparalleled in the field of personal protection.



Almost every major law enforcement and military agency in the world has used Smith & Wesson products and, to this day, most police departments in the United States depend on this brand of firearms and accessories.

Smith & Wesson boot knives are now available through the Pacific Bladeware website.



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More Knife Regulations — What Next....

It has never been my intention to get involved with politics, especially those of other countries. Equally so it is difficult not to get drawn-in when you see some of the decisions made and proposed legislation that is currently being considered by the powers -that-be regarding knife laws and further restrictions.

For example - only two years ago, on the say-so of only one female member of the Scottish Parliament, all swords were totally banned in Scotland (The land of the Claymore). There were to be no exceptions to this ruling that dictated that "Scot's no longer needed to use nor carry swords for any reason" - therefore they were banned.

I am still not entirely sure at this moment if there were further amendments added to this ruling that would allow Collectors to continue their hobby or Military re-enactors to maintain their historic interests in re-enacting famous Anglo-Scot military battles of yesteryear. What I do know is that the lady in question was quite adamant and, if I may say so, extremely subjective in her endeavours to have this motion ratified which, to many people's amazement, she managed to do.

In Australia there is a current move in Parliament to have all pocket-knives that have a thumb-stud on the blade banned. In fact any knife that can be opened using only one hand has come into question. All I can say here is that have any of these 'Authorities' tried to open one of these knives one-handed? I handle knives each and every day of my life including the pocket knives in question. With practise, some of them open quickly and smoothly— however, if you are not familiar in the way these things work then they can be sometimes difficult at best and, in certain cases, almost impossible to open one-handed. In fact, I can open a standard 'two-handed' pocket knife easier and faster than the majority of people can using the single-handed thumb stud. Still, these bureaucratic 'experts' must have their say and all we can do is sit and wait for the outcome.

The United States of America, even with their more relaxed attitude toward guns and knives, has decided to step onto the podium and air their views on the subject. No, it is not the Administration this time but the U.S. Customs Service (since when did they start making Federal decisions on knife laws...?).

I quote from a letter from Doug Ritter, Chairman and Executive Director for Knife Rights Inc. in the United States.

"U.S. Customs has proposed the prohibition of the importation of assisted and one-handed opening knives. During this process they have broadly redefined that the term 'Switchblade' is to cover almost all pocket knives; obviously this will have potentially far-reaching consequences. This proposition - or as it is now named 'The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Bill' - will be taken up by the Senate on Tuesday, July 7th." Well, July 7th has now passed and hopefully results of that decision will be known shortly.

I realise that America is a far cry from Australia and what happens in the States should be of little concern to us. However, it is a fact that whatever changes occur to knife laws on the other side of the globe usually have a rather unnerving habit of eventually finding their way to Australia and that does directly affect us and should be our concern.

To summarise - the world has gone crazy with political correctness which is now way out of hand. Now, even as I write, many countries in Europe are bandying around with New Laws and Regulations regarding our beloved knives that will see many new changes come into force within the next few years. To what extent these changes occur - we will just have to wait and see - and hope that they don't affect us too much.

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International Import Regulations

All countries have their own rules and regulations concerning the importation of Daggers and Double-edged knives across their borders. Some countries allow knives through without any problems, yet others may need specific documentation prior to releasing the items for delivery. Therefore, to avoid any unnecessary delays, or even possibly the seizure of your goods, it may be prudent for international customers to first check with their local authorities to see if an import permit is required prior to ordering those particular items from our website.

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If we are sold out of any particular item, it will be marked
'Currently out of Stock'
under the item listing on the relevant webpage.

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