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A team of 130 works to ensure the company's success and the longevity of the brand.

95%

of our wooden handles come from sustainably managed French forests.



Our knives are exported to more than

70 countries.



2016

U.S. subsidiary established in Chicago.

60 000

people visit the Musée Opinel in Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne each year.



The factory is located in Chambéry, at the heart of the French Alps.





5,5

million knives manufactured in 2019.

The Story

The Opinel was born on the banks of a stream overlooked by the Savoie Mountains.

Invented in 1890 by Joseph Opinel, its simplicity, robustness and functionality make it a noble tool. The Opinel has been adopted by everyone and passed on from one generation to the next. It is now considered as a unique and timeless object. Made in Savoie, in Chambéry, the Opinel pocket knives and tools have remained faithful to the brand's origins.





JOSEPH OPINEL

In 1890, Joseph is 18 years old and works in the family forge at Gevoudaz, hamlet of Albiez-le-Vieux in the mountains of the Maurienne in Savoie. Against his father's wishes, he designs and fashions a small knife for use by the farmers and local villagers. Rapidly, he decides to establish his own workshop and devises ingenious machines to produce on a larger scale. In 1897 he creates the series of twelve sizes, the knives are numbered from No.01 to No.12, and stamped with The Crowned Hand from 1909.

In 1915, he decides to move his business to Cognin, in the suburbs of Chambéry. His sons, Marcel and Léon, and his grand-son Maurice, join him to develop the business.

At once entrepreneur, engineer, designer, merchant... Joseph Opinel made his mark on the company's history and the Opinel family. As an inquisitive and inventive person, he was extremely interested by the latest technical advances of his time. Indeed, he built his own camera and became the photographer of village events. As a nature lover, he took up beekeeping which he carried on throughout his life.



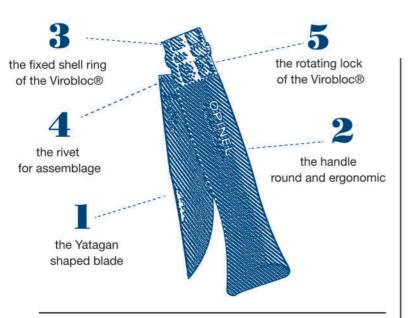
THE CROWNED HAND

In 1565, King Charles IX of France ordered each master cutler to add their emblem to their products to guarantee their origin and quality. In following on from this tradition, Joseph chose The Crowned Hand emblem as the brand's trademark in 1909. The blessing hand is that of Saint Jean-Baptiste that can be found on the arms of Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne, the town closest to Gevoudaz, home of the Opinel family. Joseph Opinel added the crown as a reminder that the Savoie was a duchy.

Since then every single Opinel blade and tool is stamped with the Crowned Hand.



Craftsmanship



THE SAFETY RING

Invented by Marcel Opinel in 1955, the Virobloc® safety ring is fitted to every folding knife from the No.06 upwards. Cut from stainless steel, the Virobloc® blocks the blade in an open position (safety of use) and in a closed position (safety of transport). In 2016, a new generation of Virobloc®, more reliable and easier to use, was developed.

CONVEX PROFILE

Opinel blades are filed to produce an exclusive convex profile which procures a high resistance to the cutting edge compared to a similar sized blade that's filed flat. Furthermore, the contact between the sides of the blade and the cut material is minimised which significantly reduces friction and therefore the cutting effort required.

TWO TYPES OF STEEL

When it was first designed, the Opinel blade was made from carbon steel. We still use a similar grade today, with an approximate carbon content of 0.90%. Our carbon steel is first produced in Germany and finalised in France before being forged in our workshop. This grade is easier to sharpen, and with regular maintenance, its cutting power is always perfect. Furthermore, when cutting a soft abrasive material such as wood, paper or cardboard, the cutting edge tends to resharpen naturally when it comes into contact with the soft material. A carbon steel blade is more sensitive to corrosion and requires more maintenance than a stainless steel blade. It should not be used in a damp or acidic environment. The blade should be dried and greased after use.

We use Swedish 12C27 modified stainless steel (Sandvik®). Thanks to the addition of 14.5% chrome it offers a high resistance to corrosion and doesn't require any particular maintenance. Its carbon content of at least 0.50% gives an excellent cutting edge. This grade provides strong resistance to abrasion which allows the blade to regularly be in contact with hard material such as ceramic, without needing to be resharpened.

WOOD

To prevent a negative impact on the environment (pollution from transport, deforestation ...), 95% of the wood for handles comes from sustainably managed French forests. Most of our knives are made from beech wood which has a fine homogeneous grain providing excellent mechanical strength. We apply a varnish which has been selected for its highly protective properties against moisture and staining. The varnish is tinted for the carbon range and clear for all the other ranges.

To create coloured handles, we use hornbeam to which we first apply a water-based wood stain before varnishing. Handles shaped from rare and precious tree species are buffed with wax applied with a cotton disk.

MADE IN FRANCE

All our pocket knives are manufactured in our factory in Chambéry, Savoie, in the heart of the French Alps.







Traditional Classic / CARBON

Tinted varnished beech handle



Carbon steel, the original steel, excellent cutting quality, **easy to sharpen**. High **risk of corrosion**, the blade must be dried and greased after use.



Tradition Classic / STAINLESS STEEL

Tinted varnished beech handle

Display 12 N°08 + sheath

gencod 312384 002406 1 😭 1



Stainless steel, 12C27 modified by Sandvik®, excellent cutting quality, high resistance to corrosion.



P30 6xNo.06 + 6xNo.07 + 12xNo.08 + 6xNo.09

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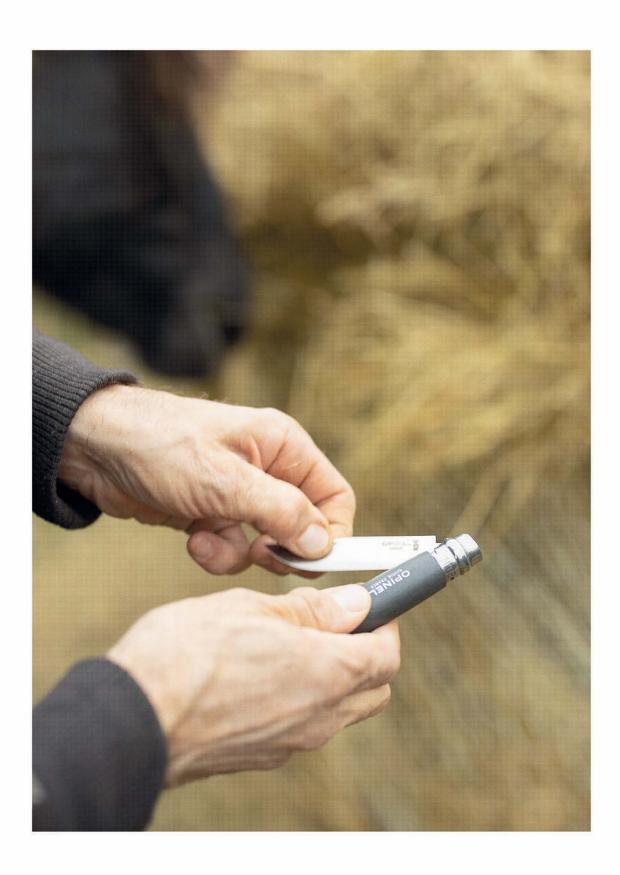
Cardhoard 4xNo.06 + 4xNo.07 + 4xNo.08

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Tradition Classic / STAINLESS STEEL







Tradition / COLORAMA

Tinted and varnished hornbeam handles, leather lace



N°06 Colorama 7 cm

gencod 312384 002200 5 8 6 Turquoise gencod 312384 002201 2 8 6 Strawberry gencod 312384 002202 9 😂 6 Cloud gencod 312384 002203 6 6 6 Sage gencod 312384 002204 3 8 6 Violet grey



Nº02 Colorama

3.5 cm

gencod 312384 002270 8 8 6 Cyan blue Anise gencod 312384 002271 5 6 6 gencod 312384 002272 2 8 6 Orange gencod 312384 002273 9 8 6 Green

Display N°02 Colorama 36 keyrings

gencod 312384 002278 4 😂 1





N°06 Colorama Kit 60 knives

gencod 312384 002225 8 😂 1



N°07 Colorama 🔽 8 cm

Violet gencod 312384 002205 0 8 6 gencod 312384 002206 7 6 6 Cyan blue Anise gencod 312384 002207 4 8 6 Orange gencod 312384 002208 1 6 6 Green gencod 312384 002210 4 6 6



N°07 Colorama Kit 60 knives

gencod 312384 002226 5 😂 1

Tradition / COLORAMA

Tinted and varnished hornbeam handles, leather lace



N°08 Colorama 8.5 cm

Black gencod 312384 002211 1 6 6 gencod 312384 002213 5 66 Burgundy Khaki gencod 312384 001703 6 6 6 gencod 312384 001705 6 6 6 Red Dark blue gencod 312384 002212 8 86



5 cm

Nº04 Colorama

Khaki gencod 312384 002054 4 86 6 Red gencod 312384 002055 1 86 6 Black gencod 312384 002268 5 66 gencod 312384 002269 2 86 Dark blue



Display NO4 Colorama 36 keyrings gencod 312384 002279 1 😂 1

N°08 Colorama Kit 60 knives

gencod 312384 002227 2 😂 1









N°08 Colorama with sheath

8.5 cm gencod 312384 001890 9 8 4

gencod 312384 001891 6 8 4

Display stand 6+6 gencod 312384 002407 8 8 1



Traditional



No.08 Animalia® - oak 8.5 cm

 Wild boar
 gencod 312384 002331 6 \$ 6

 Deer
 gencod 312384 002332 3 \$ 6

 Hare
 gencod 312384 002333 0 \$ 6

 Trout
 gencod 312384 002334 7 \$ 6

 Dog
 gencod 312384 002335 4 \$ 6

 Chamois
 gencod 312384 002336 1 \$ 6

Box of 6 knives mixed gencod 312384 002343 9 😂 1



Wooden gift box-set Animalia® gencod 312384 002342 2 ⋈ 1

N°08 laminated Birch

8.5 cm

The Finnish birch is cut in strips that are tinted with environmentally friendly methods, which contain no harmful substances.



Brown gencod 312384 002388 0 😂 4



Grey gencod 312384 002389 7 😂 4



Red gencod 312384 002390 3 😂 4



N°08 Mountain Sport - beech ___ 8.5 cm

 Hiking
 gencod 312384 002186 2 ⇔ 6

 Biking
 gencod 312384 002187 9 ⇔ 6

 Ski
 gencod 312384 002188 6 ⇔ 6







Tradition





Display stand Olive 8 No.08 + 4 No.06 gencod 312384 **002026** 1 😭 1





Tradition / LUXURY



Display stand 8 No.08 Olive +sheath \ 8.5 cm

gencod 312384 001854 1 😂 1



No.08 black Ebony, mirror-polished steel blade 8.5 cm

gencod 312384 001352 2 2 2





No.08 Horn, mirror-polished steel blade

8.5 cm

Availability and colour according to delivery gencod 312384 000980 8 😂 1





Wooden gift box No.08 Olive gencod 312384 001004 0 😂 4

8.5 cm



No.08 Chaperon,

mirror-polished steel blade 8.5 cm gencod 312384 001399 7 😂 2



No.08 Padouk, mirror-polished steel blade 8.5 cm gencod 312384 226086 3 😂 6



No.06 Padouk, mirror-polished steel blade 🤝 gencod 312384 226066 5 6



Tradition / LUXURY





No.08 Oak Black Edition 8.5 cm gencod 312384 002172 5 😂 2

The blade and the Virobloc® become black after immersion in an electrolytic bath. This treatment improves resistance to corrosion.



The N°08 Atelier reveals the expertise and creativity of our craftsmen. To limit the waste of damaged ebony, this handle allows us to recover the wood that would have otherwise been scrapped. The result is a mix of walnut and ebony separated by a sheet of maple.











Display stand 12 Chestnut knife No-07 gencod 312384 002361 3 🛞 1

The 4 cm stainless steel 12C27M blade is curved and pointed to easily pierce and peel **chestnuts** and **garlic** cloves, and quickly stone **fruit** like apricots and plums for making jams and pastries.













Oyster and Shellfish Knife No.09 gencod 312384 001616 5 \$ 6

6.5 cm

Display stand 12 No.09 Oyster gencod 312384 002405 4 😂 1

The blade, **short and robust** (6.5 cm long, 2.2 mm thick) cuts only at the tip. The tip, centred in relation to the knife's axis facilitates handling. The handle in varnished Padouk resists humidity. The knife comes with a booklet of hints and tips to learn all about oysters, and in particular, how to open them smoothly!









No.10 Corkscrew knife gencod 312384 001410 9 \$\infty\$6

10 cm

The screw is made from professional standard tempered stainless steel (**5 threads**).

The cork is easily pulled without damage.

Equipped with a 10 cm blade,

the corkscrew knife is the ideal French **picnic knife**.







handle in beech

gencod 312384 001252 5 66

gencod 312384 001327 0 84









The 8 cm blade is curved to ease cutting. Its **serrated back** allows for scraping and cleaning the mushroom.

The natural bristle **brush** is ideal for dusting off your picking.



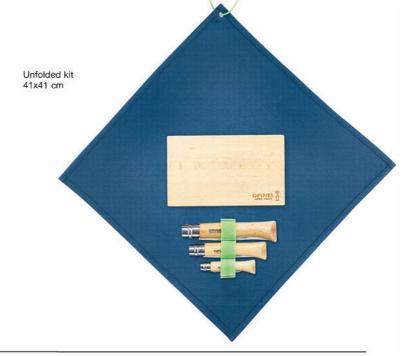




Folded kit 20, 5x12, 5cm



Nomad cooking kit gencod 312384 002177 0 \$\infty\$1



A smart and efficient travel and outdoor cooking kit:

camping, trekking, bivouac, boat, vacation home...

The N°10 folding corkscrew knife with 10-cm blade is perfect for cutting and slicing as a paring knife and for opening bottles.

The N°12 folding knife with serrated 12-cm blade is ideal for bread, big fruit or vegetable. The N°06 pocket peeler is efficient and handy for peeling vegetables and fruit.

These folding knives are made of varnished beechwood handles, stainless steel blades, and are equipped with double safety rings.

They come with a **beechwood cutting board**, and a **microfibre dish towel** doubling as a travel pouch, easy to wash and dry.





10 cm 6 cm smooth blade 5 spires corkscrew



20x12x1 cm













Tradition Junior / MY FIRST OPINEL



My first Opinel is a real knife for children to learn how to tinker, spread, cut, carve... just like the big kids!



The knives are delivered, individually packaged, in the display stand.

For greater safety, the tip of the blade on My first Opinel is **rounded**, the Virobloc® blocks the blade in an open position for use and in a closed position for transport. The wooden handle, in varnished beech or tinted hornbeam, provides a sure and comfortable grip.





Specific display for AnimOpinel knives.

Tradition Junior / No.07 OUTDOOR



The practical and resistant knife for sportspeople and adventurers.

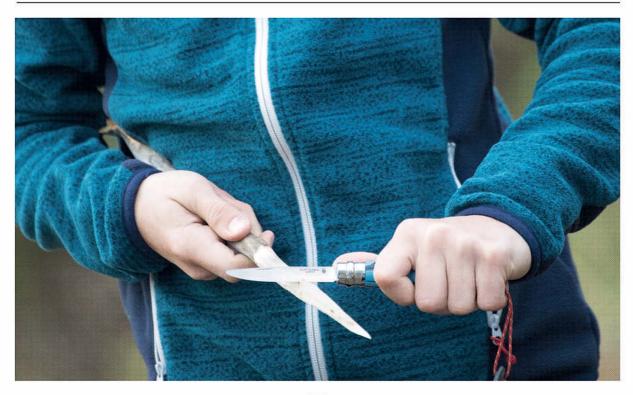


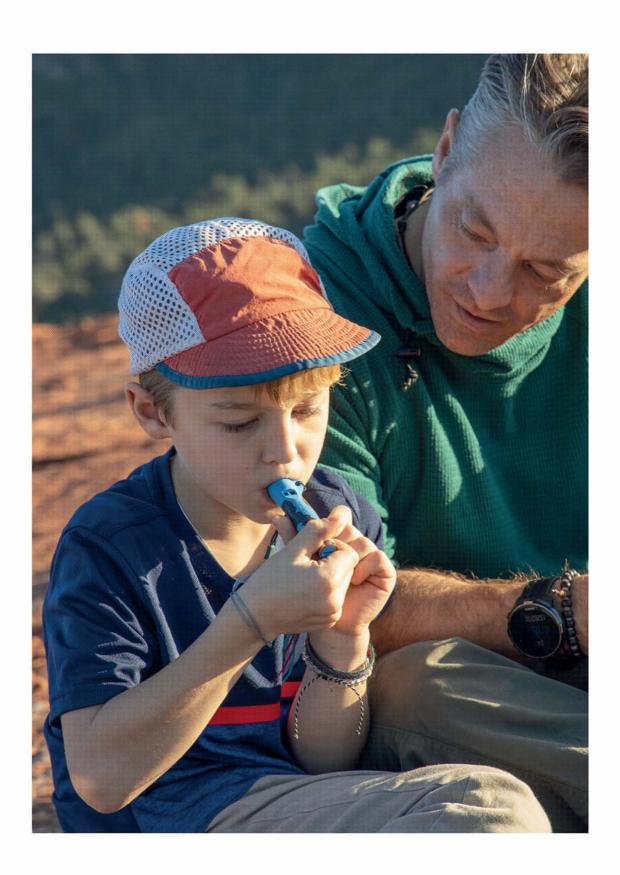
Display stand red/blue 6+6 gencod 312384 001909 8 \$\infty\$1

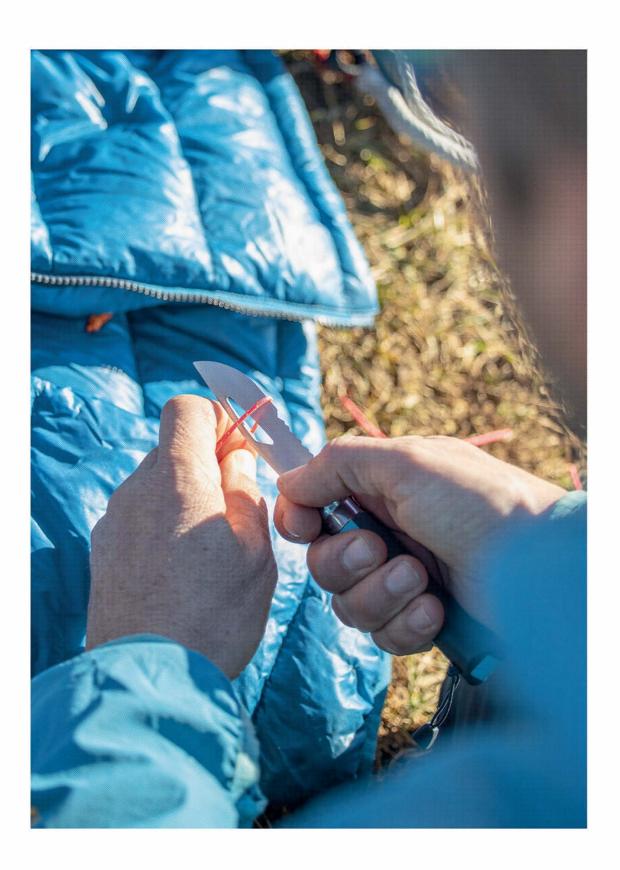


Display stand khaki/mauve 6+6 gencod 312384 002153 4 😂 1

This smooth blade has a slightly rounded tip. The bi-material handle, made of polymer reinforced with fiberglass, is water resistant and withstands extreme temperatures, and its soft elastomer covering provides an excellent grip. At the tip of the handle, there's a 100 dB **whistle** as well as a slit opening for a cord or a strap.







Tradition Multifunction / No.08 OUTDOOR sports





Display stand orange/blue 7+7 gencod 312384 001841 1 😂 1



Display stand red/green 7+7 gencod 312384 001840 4 \$\infty\$1

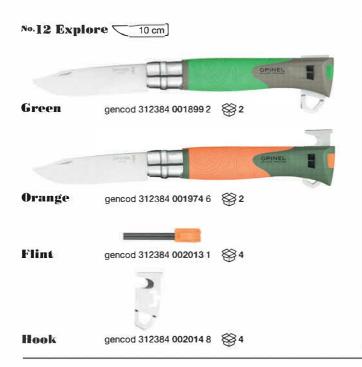
The robust blade (8.5 cm long, 2.5 mm thick) has a **serrated edge** over 3.5 cm of the length to cut natural or synthetic ropes. It also has a **shackle key** for shackles of 4 to 10 mm.

The bi-material handle is made of hard **polymer** charged with fiberglass for excellent resistance to water, knocks and extreme temperatures (-40° to +80° C), the softer part ensures good grip. At the end of the handle a 110 dB **whistle** can carry for 300 metres in a clear area.





Tradition Multifunction / No.12 EXPLORE nature & survival



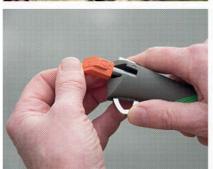


Display stand green/orange
4+4
gencod 312384 001975 3 \$\infty\$1

The short robust blade (10 cm long, 2.7 cm thick) ensures accurate cutting.

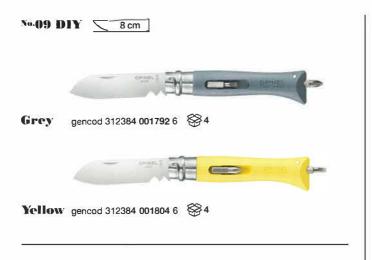
The bi-material handle is made of hard **polymer** charged with fiberglass for excellent resistance to water, knocks and extreme temperatures, the softer part ensures good grip. At the end of the handle there's a 110 dB **whistle**, **a flint** to rub on the back of the blade, a steel hook accessory to slide up (for a **cutting hook**) or down (slit opening for strap), detachable for easy cleaning.







Tradition Multifunction / No.09 DIY



A smart and useful knife, a must have for your toolbox, in the car, at the office... It's ideal for electrical work.



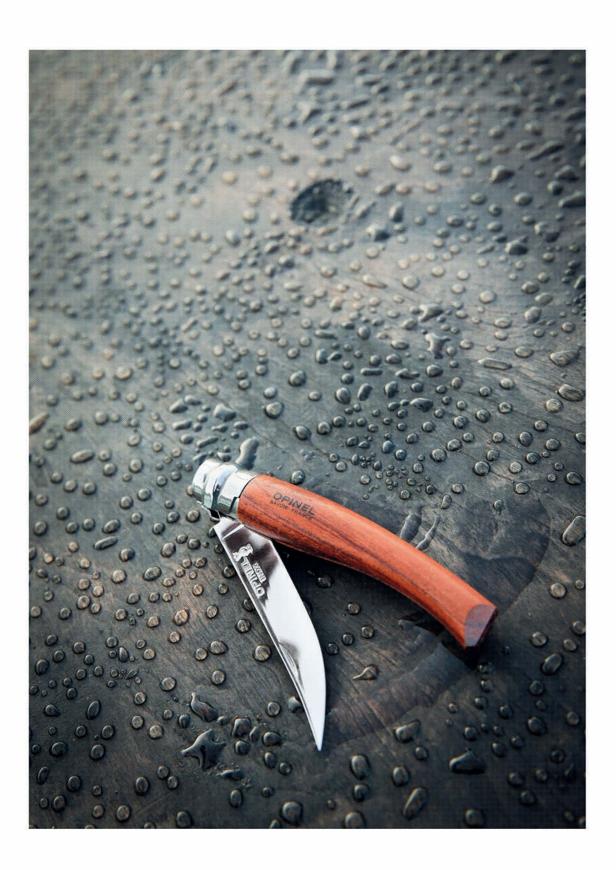
Display stand grey/yellow 6+6 gencod 312384 001805 3 \$\infty\$1

The blade, 8 cm long and 2.2 mm thick, bears two specific notches: a cable **stripper** for wires Ø < 8 mm and a **wire cutter** for wires Ø < 5 mm. The handle made from polymer reinforced with fiberglass has two bits: a **flat-blade screwdriver** (4 mm screws) and a **crosshead screwdriver** PH2 (3.5 to 5 mm screws), these bits are used at the end of the handle in a magnetic slot.









Slim knives

Stainless steel blades (12C27M Sandvik)

Slim knives Beech, natural varnish



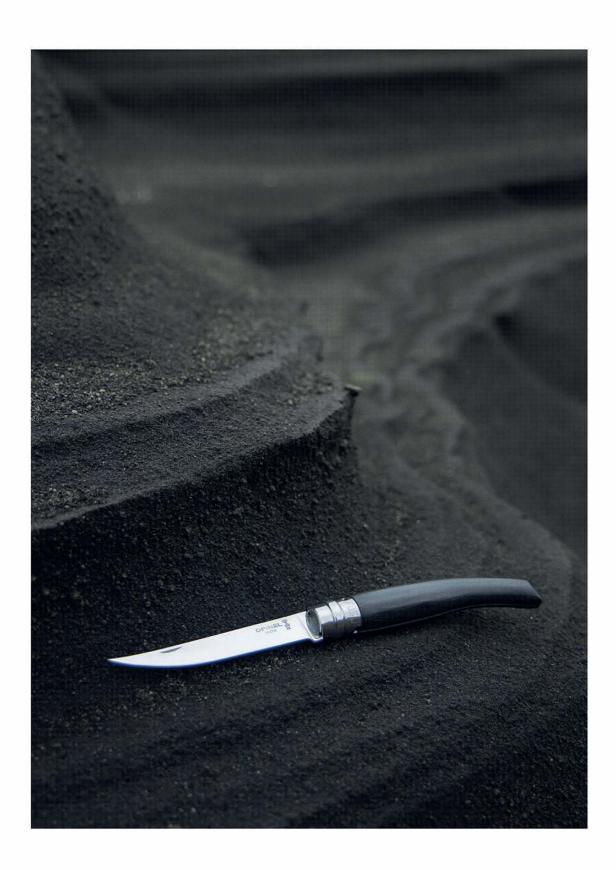
Ideal for filleting a fish, slicing thinly or as a steack pocket knife to take everywhere, the slim knife is an exceptional blade for those who want a fine, delicate and clean cut.

Slim knives Padouk, natural varnish, mirror-polished steel blade



Slim knives Olive, natural varnish, stainless steel, mirror-polished blade





Slim knives

Stainless steel blades (12C27M Sandvik)



Display stand 8 Wooden gift boxes Slim $_{No}$ 10 Olive

gencod 312384 001954 8 😂 1

Horn by the Art Cutlery Craftshop
Jacques Mongin

Horn from South African bovine is, depending on the supply, light and more or less veined with brown, or dark, sometimes veined with grey. The handle is fashioned from the tip, the only solid part of the horn. Polishing reveals the translucence and shine of this exceptional material.

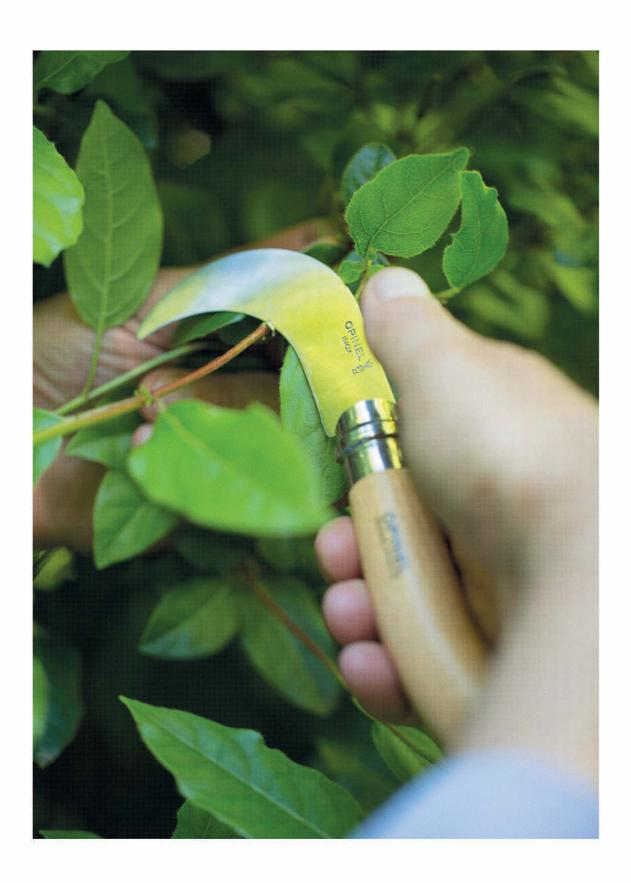


Availability and colour according to delivery









The Garden / HAND PRUNER





The blades are made of stainless steel and can cut up to **20 mm in diameter**. Their shape is optimised to reduce the effort of cutting (lever arm). The selector has **3 positions**: closed, wide opening, narrow opening, in order to adjust to branch thickness or hand size.

The handles, in varnished beech and polyamide, are equipped with safeguards to ensure comfort and safety of handling. The **hidden spring** prevents any risk of crushing or pinching.



The Garden

Handles in beech







No. 12 Saw No. 08 Garden No. 08 Grafting Billhook





Our saws are equipped with carbon blades with an anti-corrosion coating. The double row of razor-sharp teeth is oriented towards the handle and enables effortless cutting achieved **simply by pulling**.













For branches up to 8 cm in diameter.

The Garden / MUSHROOM KNIFE



Wooden gift box No.08 Mushroom handle in oak

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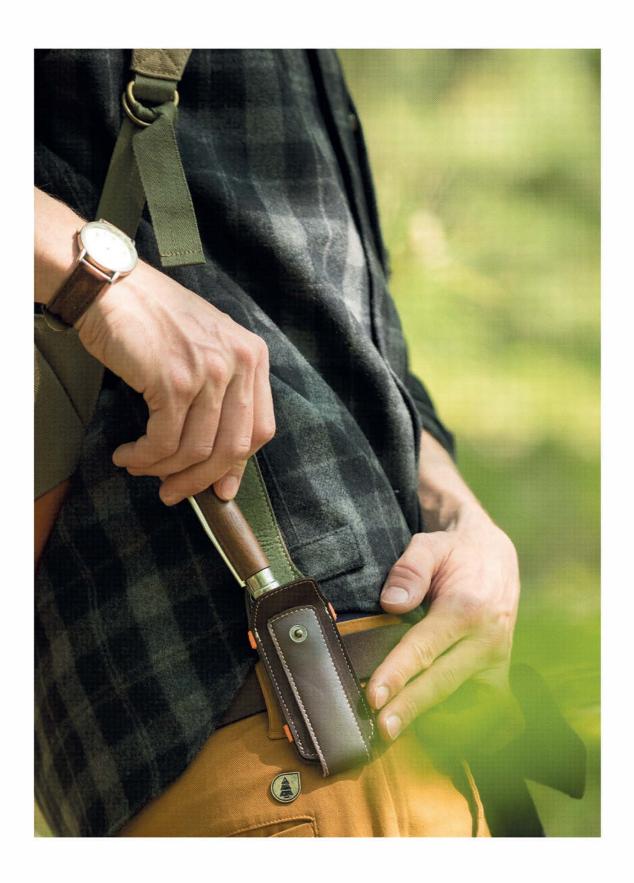


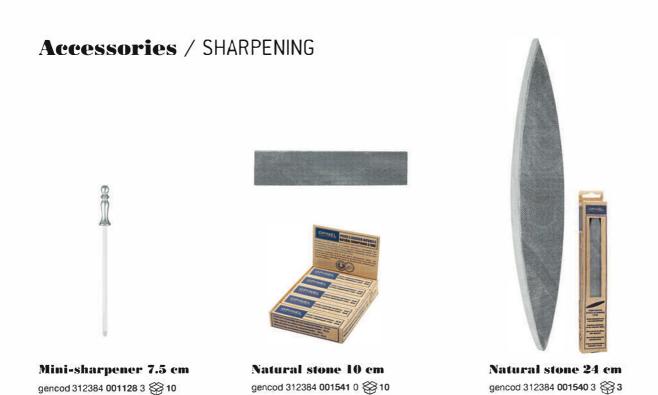
Display stand 12 №.08 Mushroom gencod 312384 **001896** 1 😭 1

The 8 cm blade is curved to ease cutting. Its **serrated back** allows for scraping and cleaning the mushroom.

The natural bristle **brush** is ideal for dusting off your picking.







Natural stone from Lombardy (Italy) is characterised by a balanced composition of quartz and carbonates. Evenly distributed, the grains of quartz provide a strong abrasive quality (7 on the Mohs hardness scale).

These stones should be used with water.

Steels

25 cm Ø13 mm, beechwood handle, leather lace, design by BIG-GAME.



Accessories / SHEATHS



Sheath Chie Tawny
gencod 312384 002180 0 \$\infty\$ 2

Cowhide, belt-loop
For knives No.07, No.08, No.09, Slim 08 / 10



Sheath Chie Black
gencod 312384 002179 4 \$\infty 2\$

Cowhide, belt-loop

For knives No.07, No.08, No.09, Slim 08 / 10



Sheath Alpine
gencod 312384 002178 7 \$\infty\$ 4

Synthetic, belt-loop, popper-button
For knives No.07, No.08, No.09, Slim 08 / 10





Pocket Sleeve
gencod 312384 002181 7 \$\infty\$4

Synthetic
For knives No.06, No.07, No.08, Slim 08

Accessories / SHEATHS



Sheath Outdoor M Brown gencod 312384 002182 4 😂 4

Synthetic belt-loop, popperbutton For knives No.07, No.08, No.09, Slim 08 / 10



Sheath Outdoor L Brown gencod 312384 002183 1 \$\iiis 4\$

Synthetic belt-loop, popperbutton For knives No.09, No.10, No.10 corkscrew, No.08 mushroom



gencod 312384 002184 8 2

Synthetic
belt-loop, popperbutton
For knives No.12, saw No.12,
No.12 Explore



Sheath Outdoor M Blue gencod 312384 002194 7 😂 4

Synthetic belt-loop, popperbutton For knives No.07, No.08, No.09, Slim 08 / 10



Sheath Outdoor L Blue gencod 312384 002193 0 😂 4

Synthetic belt-loop, popperbutton For knives No.09, No.10, No.10 corkscrew, No.08 mushroom



gencod 312384 002185 5 \$\iiistar{2}\$2

Synthetic

belt-loop, popperbutton

For knives No.12, saw No.12, No.12 Explor





