

Know Your Blades!

Whether you're a seasoned collector and just need to brush up on your blade shapes, or a new collector looking to expand your knowledge of knives, you will find this article a necessary tool. It would be difficult to include every blade style and shape Case ever made, but this guide contains a good representation of the majority of the shapes you will encounter. So know your blades and at the next knife show, you won't find yourself saying "A What Blade?"



California Clip - This version is slightly different from that of the standard clip utility blade in that it is shaped like the state of California.

Can Opener - This is used to open cans. Most popular with campers.



Clip Blade - This is commonly used as a multi-purpose blade and is preferred for its versatility.

Coping or Cut-off Pen Blade - This is used commonly in carpenter's knives to scratch lines in wood or other materials. It is also used for carving and whittling.



Drop Point Blade - This is used for gutting larger game animals.

Electrician's Blades - This is used as a screw driver and wire scraper and was designed to be used as an electrician's tool.



Fillet Blade - It's flexibility and design is intended for filleting fish as well as serving as an all-purpose utility tool.

Fish Scaler Blade - The special serrated design allows ease in scaling fish. The hook disgorger on the tip of the blade is used to remove the hook from the fish's mouth.



Fork Blade - This is used as a utensil for eating. The Cap Lifter feature is used for opening bottles by lifting the cap.

Long Spear or Physician's Blade - This is used for scooping powder from vials and loosening caked powder. (It also could have been used as a back up tool during surgery when surgical instruments were unavailable.)



Manicure Blades - This is used to file fingernails.

Marlin Spike Blade - The long narrowing form of this allowed the user to untie knots. It is also used to aid in weaving rope.



Pen Blade - This blade was engineered to cut and sharpen turkey quills that were used for ink pens. It also serves as a great blade for light work.

