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MEMORANDUM FOR MILITARY/INDUSTRY DISTRIBUTION

**SUBJECT: Initial Draft(s) of: Proposed CID A-A-##### - KNIFE, COMBAT, AUTOMATIC,
OUT-THE-FRONT (OTF)
Project Number(s): 1095-2026-002**

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<https://landandmaritimeapps.dla.mil/programs/milspec/default.aspx>

This is an initial draft of a proposed CID, which is intended to cover the general requirements for automatic, out-the-front knives.

Concurrence or comments are required at this Center within 30 days from the date of this letter. Late comments will be held for the next coordination of the document. Comments from military departments must be identified as either "Essential" or "Suggested". Essential comments must be justified with supporting data. Military review activities should forward comments to their custodians of this office, as applicable, in sufficient time to allow for consolidating the department reply. Lack of response to this draft will be construed as concurrence.

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Sincerely,

-/Signed/-
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Chief,
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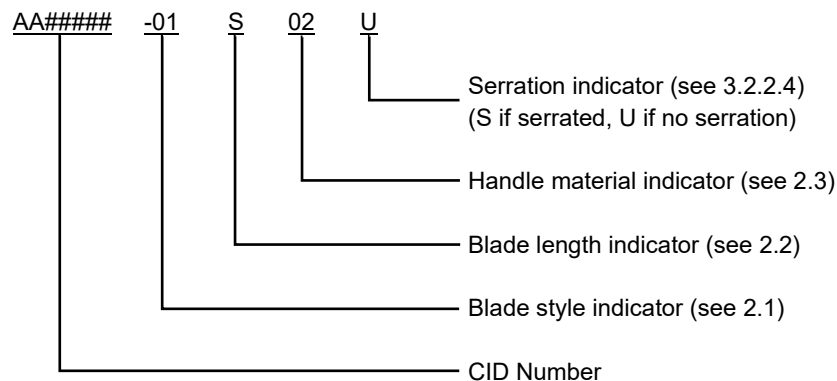
COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

KNIFE, COMBAT, AUTOMATIC, OUT-THE-FRONT (OTF)

The General Services Administration has authorized the use of this commercial item description by all Federal Agencies

1. SCOPE. This Commercial Item Description (CID) covers the general requirements for automatic, Out-The-Front (OTF) knives covered by this CID are intended for general utility purposes by military, law enforcement, and emergency rescue personnel.

2. CLASSIFICATION/PART OR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN). This CID uses a classification system which is included in the PIN as shown in the following example (see 7.1).



2.1 Blade style indicator. Knives are classified by blade style as specified in Table I.

TABLE I. Blade styles.

Style Indicator	Blade style
01	Drop-point
02	Tanto
03	Spear
04	Dagger

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2.2 Blade length indicator. Knives are classified by blade length as specified in Table II.

TABLE II. Blade length.

Blade length indicator	Blade length range (in.)
S	3.0 – 3.65
L	>3.65 – 4.15

2.3 Handle material. Knives are classified by handle material as specified in Table III.

TABLE III. Handle material.

Handle material indicator	Material
01	Metal
02	Non-metal

3. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS

3.1 Functional performance.

3.1.1 Opening mechanism. Items shall employ an automatic, double-action, Out-The-Front (OTF) mechanism with ambidextrous thumb slide actuation for blade deployment and retraction.

3.1.2 Locking security. The blade shall be securely held in both the open and closed positions, preventing accidental opening or closure during use or carry.

3.1.3 Carry method. Items shall include a method for secure carry, such as a pocket clip or sheath.

3.2 Physical characteristics.

3.2.1 Dimensions.

3.2.1.1 Overall length (open). When open, items shall have an overall length of approximately 7.0 to 10.0 inches.

3.2.1.2 Overall length (closed). When closed, items shall have an overall length of approximately 5.5 inches maximum.

3.2.1.3 Blade length. Blades shall be approximately 3.0 to 4.15 inches in length. Blade length shall be categorized as in Table II.

3.2.1.4 Blade thickness. Blade thickness shall be approximately 0.025 to 0.225 inches.

3.2.1.5 Weight. Unpackaged items shall weigh 6.4 ounces maximum.

3.2.2 Blade.

3.2.2.1 Material. Blade shall be constructed of high-carbon steel with a minimum Rockwell hardness of 58 HRC to ensure edge retention and durability.

3.2.2.2 Blade style. Blade styles shall be as indicated in Table I. Blades shall be double-edged or single-edged, as applicable. Blade profile shall be suitable for general utility and cutting tasks.

3.2.2.3 Coating. A non-reflective and corrosion/scratch-resistant coating shall be used to minimize reflection and provide protection against environmental factors.

3.2.2.4 Serration. When specified, a section of the blade shall be serrated.

3.2.3 Handle.

3.2.3.1 Material. Handles shall be constructed of durable material, such as machined aluminum, composite, or high-strength polymer, with a matte finish for a secure grip and corrosion resistance.

3.2.3.2 Ergonomics. The handle shall be designed for a comfortable and secure grip, even when wet or gloved.

3.2.4 Color. Items shall be black or another dark, non-reflective color.

3.3 Marking. Automatic OTF knives supplied to this CID shall be marked with the manufacturer's standard commercial PIN.

3.4 Recycled, recovered, or environmentally preferable, or biobased materials. Recycled, recovered, or environmentally preferable, or biobased materials should be used to the maximum extent possible provided that the material meets or exceeds the operational and maintenance requirements, and promotes economically advantageous life cycle costs.

3.5 Workmanship. Items shall be free from defects in materials and workmanship which could impair performance, safety, or durability. All edges shall be smooth and free of burrs.

4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS. The offeror/contractor is encouraged to use recovered materials to the maximum extent practicable, in accordance with 22.403 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

5. PRODUCT CONFORMANCE PROVISIONS.

5.1 Product conformance. The products provided shall meet the salient characteristics of this CID, conform to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices, and shall be the same product offered for sale in the commercial market. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance.

5.2 Certification. Certification must be done with the procuring activity's approval. The contractor shall certify that the product offered meets the salient characteristics of the description and conforms to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices, and is the same as the product offered for sale in the commercial marketplace. The government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance prior to first delivery and thereafter as may be otherwise provided for under the provisions of the contract

6. PACKAGING. Preservation, packing, and marking shall be as specified in the contract or purchase order.

7. NOTES

7.1 PIN. The PIN should be used for Government purposes to buy commercial products to this CID. See Section 2 for PIN format examples.

7.2 Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code. For ordering purposes, inventory control, and submission of these automatic OTF knives to DLA Land and Maritime under the Parts Management Advisor Team (PMAT) evaluation program, CAGE code 58536 should be used.

7.3 Source of documents.

FEDERAL REGULATIONS

FAR - Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR)

(Copies of these documents are available online at <https://www.acquisition.gov/far/> or from the U.S. Government Printing Office, 732 North Capital Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20401-0001.)

7.4 Ordering data. The contract or purchase order should specify the following:

- a. CID document number, revision, and CID PIN.
- b. Product conformance provisions.
- c. Packaging requirements.

7.5 Commercial products. As part of the market analysis and research effort, this CID was coordinated with the following manufacturers of commercial products. At the time of CID preparation and coordination, these manufacturers were known to have commercial products that would meet the requirements of this CID. (NOTE: This information should not be considered as a list of approved manufacturers or be used to restrict acquisition to only the manufacturers shown.)

Manufacturer's CAGE Manufacturer's Name and Address

7.6 Part number (P/N) supersession data. These CID PINs supersede the following MFR's P/Ns as shown. This information is provided to assist in reducing proliferation in the Government inventory system.

TABLE II. P/N supersession data.

CID PIN	MFR CAGE	MFR PIN <u>1/</u>
AA#####-01S01U		
AA#####-01S01S		
AA#####-01S02U		
AA#####-01S02S		
AA#####-01L01U		
AA#####-01L01S		
AA#####-01L02U		
AA#####-01L02S		
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AA#####-03S01U		
AA#####-03S01S		

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CID PIN	MFR CAGE	MFR PIN <u>1/</u>
AA#####-03S02U		
AA#####-03S02S		
AA#####-03L01U		
AA#####-03L01S		
AA#####-03L02U		
AA#####-03L02S		
AA#####-04S01U		
AA#####-04S01S		
AA#####-04S02U		
AA#####-04S02S		
AA#####-04L01U		
AA#####-04L01S		
AA#####-04L02U		
AA#####-04L02S		

1/ The manufacturer's P/N shall not be used for acquisition to the requirements of this CID. At the time of preparation of this CID, the aforementioned commercial products were reviewed and could be replaced by the CID PIN shown. For actual part marking requirements, see 3.4.

7.7 Government users. To acquire information on obtaining these automatic OTF knives from the Government Inventory system, contact DLA Weapons Support, ATTN: VAI, P.O. Box 3990, Columbus, OH 43218-3990.

CONCLUDING MATERIAL

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