Looking for a new Kershaw

Posted by mark76 - 29 Jan 2013 05:00

My Kershaw Blur has gone missing

In one respect that is a pity, since I really liked its assisted opening mechanism. It is just as strong as the mechanism on, e.g. assisted Benchmades, but the advantage is that it closes much easier. (There is no "counterpressure" when you close it.) Unlike the Benchmade assisted openers it is easy to close it single-handedly.

So I was looking for an assisted opener that has the same/a similar mechanism as the Kershaw Blur. Also, it shouldn't be too large (I wear it almost daily). And preferably not have a recurve. That's one of the things I didn't like about the Blur.

I was thinking of a Kershaw Leek. Are there any other knives I should consider?

[Edit: it doesn't necessarily have to be a Kershaw, but a knife with a similar assisted opening mechanism.]

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Re: Looking for a new Kershaw

Posted by cbwx34 - 29 Jan 2013 07:08

Like I said in Fred's thread ...

It's hard to beat a Leek!!!

Bit different in size though. (My avatar pic. is a Leek on top, Blur on the bottom).

As was mentioned in the other thread, might help to narrow down what you're looking for in steel, price,

etc. Lots of Kershaws have assisted opening now.

The ZT line also comes to mind... rave reviews on the 560 series.

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Re: Looking for a new Kershaw
Posted by mark76 - 29 Jan 2013 07:34

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Thanks! The Kershaw 1555Ti looks great, too. Unfortunately my thumb always gets in the way of a flipper when I close it single-handedly.

The ZT560 is one of the best looking EDC's I know, but it's a bit large for this purpose.

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Re: Looking for a new Kershaw
Posted by cbwx34 - 29 Jan 2013 08:13

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SpeedForm II?

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Re: Looking for a new Kershaw
Posted by mark76 - 29 Jan 2013 08:32

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Looking good... And I love Elmax. Only no assisted opening?

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Re: Looking for a new Kershaw
Posted by cbwx34 - 29 Jan 2013 08:47

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But it says, "Speed"...

You're right, my bad. No Speedsafe.

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Re: Looking for a new Kershaw
Posted by PhilipPasteur - 29 Jan 2013 09:12

Mark,

Not fancy, but I have had mine for quite awhile and like it:

www.bladeforums.com/forums/showthread.ph...h-II-Two-Years-Later

The AUS 8 is nothing fancy, but is more than Ok ..

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Re: Looking for a new Kershaw
Posted by FedWayJohn - 29 Jan 2013 11:09

I just purchased the Kershaw Piston and I'm very happy with it. It's larger, with a blade length of about 3.6", but it's flat and carries very well. Very sturdy and well-made knife with a useful blade. You might also check out the Knockout which is similar to the Piston, but with a blade length more in line with the Blur. It's also very flat and carries well. Both are assisted openers. You could also just get another Blur. If you do that, I'd highly recommend the carbon fiber/CPM154 blade steel version. Model number on that one is 1670CF154. Very cool and with a different twist than your regular Blurs.

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Re: Looking for a new Kershaw
Posted by ApexGS - 29 Jan 2013 13:52

The carbon fiber and CPM154 Blur is high on my list as well, but I just ordered a new Hogue so that will have to wait

The only Kershaw I still have sitting around right now is an old ET which is still a really cool knife. If only I could open the thing one handed I'd still be using it as an EDC clipped to my belt loop. I should definitely expand my little knife collection this year.

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Re: Looking for a new Kershaw
Posted by mark76 - 29 Jan 2013 16:06

PhilipPasteur wrote:

Not fancy [...] SOG-Flash-II

LOL! Pun probably not intended, but this immediately made me think of Nut'n'Fancy. (It's his favorite knife.)

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