



Queen Cutlery Guide

The First Offering of the “Mountain Man”

Fred Fisher and Dan Lago,
2018

The popular Queen Cutlery Mountain Man was introduced in 1976 in three variations. The first production knives have stainless steel (nickel steel?) liners, while the second production run has brass liners. Both these first two knives have a “Mountain Man” arching across the blade with model number and "made in the USA" (along with the unique 1976 tang stamp). Most of these knives were produced with a clean back on the blade, but some were also made with thumb cuts on the top of the base of the blade. Each knife was barehead, with a nickel silver upper bolster, and delrin scales jugged in a brown Rogers bone style.



Figure 1. 1976 Mountain Man, Brass liners on left, stainless steel on right.



Figure 2. Brass Mountain Man (above) and Stainless (below), both showing the same etch.

The third variation has a bold "tiger stripe" or exotic "buffalo horn" synthetic handle. The company never identified their own name for this material, so informal collector names are used. On this knife the blade etch is changed to "Mountain Man" in-line with bold type and "stainless" in a smaller size. Made in the USA is not etched, but three rounded Mountains are

prominent in the background.



Figure 3. "Tiger Stripe" or "Buffalo Horn" third version of the 1976 Mountain Man



Figure 4. Close – up of the blade etch on the third Mountain Man version.

All three of these versions show the unique 1976 Queen Steel tang stamp and are identified as Model #1440. For, some reason, the 1976 tang stamps frequently show some rust, as does this third version. This example also shows severe shrinkage with the handle material, often seen in this third version. The scales of the knife seemed a little thin for such a large pattern and the blade was not highly polished. The knife did not sell all that well and continues to be one of the lesser desired lockback knives Queen produced. The knife remained available until 1981, a six-year run, although it is very unusual to find a sample with other than the 1976 tang stamp.

It should be noticed that the Mountain Man was shown in the Queen 1972 catalog on page 6, but was not produced until the bicentennial year, 1976. That catalog was the only catalog Queen used for the entire period of the 1970s. You can check price lists for 1972 through 1974, but the #1440 starts to show up as being offered in price list 9/15/1975 and continues through price list 10/18/1978, rising from an initial offering price of \$7.50 to \$8.80.

POCKET KNIVES FOR WORK AND RECREATION		Hunting and Fishing	
<p>Big Chief and Barlow have patented one-piece aluminum chassis</p> <p> Queen KNIVES EVEN STAND SALT WATER</p>		<p>45BC</p>  <p>Big Chief Counter Merchandiser Contains 1 Doz. No. 45</p>	<p>22BC</p>  <p>Barlow Counter Merchandiser Contents 1 Doz. No. 22</p>
<p>39</p>  <p>Double Folding Hunter 5 1/4" when closed</p>	<p>46</p>  <p>Angler's Knife 5" when closed</p>		
<p>PKS</p>  <p>* Pocket Knife Sheath for use with Nos. 39, 44, 49 and 19</p>	<p>44</p>  <p>Single Folding Hunter 5 1/4" when closed</p>	<p>45</p>  <p>BIG CHIEF Patented Queen Exclusive 5" when closed</p>	<p>1440</p>  <p>(locking blade) The Mountainman 4 3/4" when closed</p>
Especially for the Trapper		Work Knives	
<p>66</p>  <p>Stag Muskral 4" when closed</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>Heavy Duty Trapper 4 3/4" when closed</p>	<p>I-18</p>  <p>MACHETE Meets Government Specifications 18" Carbonized Finish Blade. Sheath — Non Regulation Expanded Vinyl is Optional.</p>	
<p>24</p>  <p>Stag Trapper 4" when closed</p>	<p>19A</p>  <p>Amber Heavy Duty Trapper 4 3/4" when closed</p>	<p>40</p>  <p>ELECTRICIAN'S KNIFE with screwdriver blade 3 1/4" when closed</p>	<p>53</p>  <p>CITRUS AND MELON TESTER 4 1/4" when closed</p>
<p>24B</p>  <p>Smooth Black Trapper 4" when closed</p>	<p>19B</p>  <p>Smooth Black Heavy Duty Trapper 4 3/4" when closed</p>		
<p>30</p>  <p>Amber Trapper</p>	<p>62</p>  <p>Easy Opener</p>	 <p>Queen Cutlery Company Subsidiary of Servotronics, Inc. General Office: FRANKLINVILLE, N. Y. 14737 Factory and Service Dept.: TITUSVILLE, PA. 16354</p>	

Figure 5. Queen Cutlery (Servotronics) 1972 catalog, p. 6.

The improvements in the knife and the quality finishing it received when revived in the Schatt and Morgan Series in 1992 in a two-blade version, quickly built its popularity and the knife returned to the catalog as the model #3L in 2002 and the #3 non-locking in 2006. More on that story at another time.

References.

http://queencutlery.com/uploads/Queen_Catalog_No._50_1972_-_1978.pdf (includes price lists).

http://queencutlery.com/uploads/Model_1440_47-2013_7-20-2015.pdf

(These resources will be loaded on this site in a short time)