



Parts of a Hidden Tang Knife

Tang: Handle attachment

Ricasso: A squared area of the blade directly in front of the guard that has no edge.

Spine: The top of the knife blade, opposite the knife edge.

Clip: The areas on the spine of the blade near the tip that possesses a different angle than the rest of the spine. Clips can often be sharpened or have a false edge.

Point: The part of the knife where the edge and spine come together. The point is often used for piercing.

Choil: A recessed area on the bottom side of the blade directly in front of the guard before the edge, it is often forms the bottom side of the ricasso. A choil is a natural result of drawing the edge down in forging and is useful in allowing complete access to the edge in sharpening.

Edge: The cutting part of the blade. It extends from point to heel of the knife.

Tip: The forward part of the knife. Includes the knife point. The tip is used for detailed or delicate cutting.