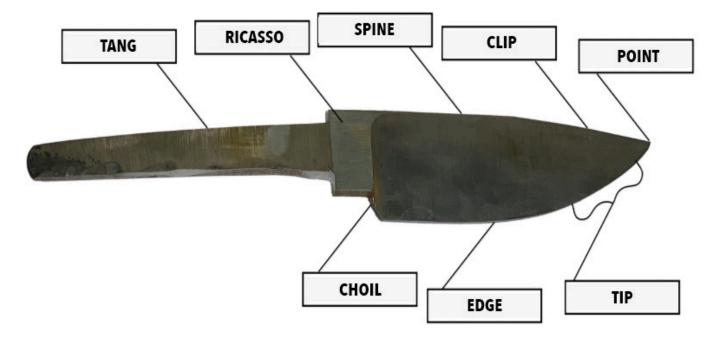
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Parts of a Hidden Tang Knife

Handle attachment

Tang:

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| 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. |