Wenger Unveils 2012 Knife Collection at 2012 Winter Outdoor Retailer Show

New Blackout Series Offers Stylish Design & Exceptional Functionality

Salt Lake City, UT – January 19, 2012 – Wenger, Maker of the Genuine Swiss Army Knife, has introduced a new family of highly durable and stylish knives, the Blackout Series, here at the 2012 Outdoor Retailer Show. The three-knife Blackout Series will also feature the popular EvoGrip and RangerGrip handle designs, and a variety of tool configurations for users from the knife enthusiast to the outdoorsmen, and everyone in between. With as many as nine implements and 13 different functions, the Blackout Series incorporates the exceptional functionality and Swiss craftsmanship found in every Wenger Swiss Army Knife.

Aptly named Blackout, each of the three models in the series is encased in two black gloss EvoGrip handles with non-slip, flat-black rubber inserts. Open any tool and the black PVD coating quickly becomes the center of attention. The Physical Vapor Deposition (PVD) finish on every implement is non-reflective, durable, very hard and scratchproof. Chosen by some of the best watch-makers in the world, as well as high-performance engine manufacturers, PVD is as attractive as it is resilient.

The Blackout EvoGrip 10, equipped with rubber inlays for additional comfort and safety, features nine implements that provide up to 13 functions, including a 2.5" Blade, a patented locking flat screwdriver, corkscrew, wire stripper and nail file, among others. With an MSRP of $89.95, this new tool will become a key in the EvoGrip line of knives. The Blackout EvoGrip 63 is equally impressive, with six implements that provide up to eight functions, including a PVD coated blade, screwdriver with safety lock system, can opener and corkscrew, to name a few. The Blackout EvoGrip 63 has an MSRP of $59.95.

The final addition in the Series is the Blackout RangerGrip 52 which utilizes the signature RangerGrip handle and provides a texturized non-slip rubber inlay embedded in four areas of the knife where the handle makes contact. This versatile knife offers three implements serving three functions, including a large PVD coated blade, which makes this knife a perfect addition to the already successful RangerGrip collection. The Blackout RangerGrip 52 has an MSRP of $87.95.

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Additionally, for 2012 Wenger has added a variety of new knives to several of its existing product lines, including the RangerGrip, EvoWood and EvoGrip Series'.

The RangerGrip 90 builds on the successful launch of the RangerGrip Series in 2009, and features the first ever Ranger knife complete with highly functional pliers and a wood saw. This nine implement, 15 function knife is also equipped with needle nose pliers, a wire cutter, screwdriver and adapter bits, cutting reamer and awl with sewing eye (developed for global adventuerer and Wenger Ambassador Mike Horn), a metal saw and a single hand opening blade with safety-lock. The RangerGrip 90 has an MSRP of $179.95.

Adding to the RangerGrip collection is the RangerGrip 61, which features a one-handed-opening 3.9" blade with safety lock, Phillips head screwdriver, an awl with sewing eye, a can opener and key ring. The six implement, 10-function RangerGrip 61 has an MSRP of $67.95.

The popular EvoWood Series, first introduced in 2010, has been updated with three new models, all of which offering the same distinctive Swiss Walnut Handles. The RangerWood 55 is the epitome of safety, strength and versatility and is designed to be as functional as it is aesthetically pleasing. This knife offers seven implements with 11 different functions including a wood saw, corkscrew, screwdriver and large blade. The RangerWood 55 has an MSRP of $124.95.

Also new to the 2012 EvoWood line is the NailClip 580 and the EvoWood 81. These retractable precision instruments are capable of delivering professional results in any situation and offer several key functions including a nail file, self-sharpening scissors and the signature EvoWood handles. The NailClip 580 has an MSRP of $59.95 while the EvoWood 81 has an MSRP of $54.95.

Each Genuine Swiss Army Knife is designed and crafted to hold true to Wenger's commitment to excellence and features a lifetime warranty as proof of Wenger's dedication to quality manufacturing and craftsmanship.

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