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## **5.11 TACTICAL® UNVEILS LIMITED-EDITION, CUSTOM-DESIGNED STRIDER™ KNIFE**

*Companies Collaborate to Release 511 U.S. Manufactured Strider/5.11 Strider Military Folder Knife*

**MODESTO, Calif. (Feb. 13, 2014)**—[5.11 Tactical](http://www.511tactical.com)®, the global innovator of tactical gear, today announced that the company has partnered with leading knife manufacturer, Strider™ Knives, to release the Strider/5.11 Strider Military Folder (SMF), a custom-designed tactical knife. Made in the U.S., the knife, which is manufactured with CTS-B75P steel for ultimate corrosion and wear resistance, brings together two companies with a common ethos—to make high-quality, functional products based on feedback from those who work in the field. As a limited-edition product, there will only be 511 knives made. Each piece, available at [www.511tactical.com](http://www.511tactical.com) later this month, will include a custom nylon case, a “Raider” patch inspired by the WWII Marine Raiders’ patch and a certificate of authenticity signed by Tom Davin, 5.11 Tactical Chief Executive Officer, and Strider Knives Co-owner, Duane Dwyer.

“From the product’s design, to its durability and U.S. manufacturing, the Strider/5.11 SMF knife reflects the core values, mission and ethos of both 5.11 Tactical and Strider Knives,” said Davin. “We’ve long admired the work of Duane Dwyer and the whole Strider Knives team. Collaborating with the Strider experts to create a knife that fits the needs of our combined customer base has been a unique, yet organic, partnership resulting in a beautiful, limited-edition product.”

With a sleek design, rooted in simplicity, the Strider/5.11 SMF knife is engineered with minimum components while staying true to the key components Strider Knives have become known for, including a titanium slab frame lock, a glass epoxy laminate handle and a rough peel surface for positive grip. The blade design is a drop point, hand flat ground with a simple break on the spine and no false edge.

“The Strider/5.11 SMF knife is truly a work of craftsmanship,” said Dwyer. “By engineering with utilitarian requirements in mind, we’ve created a knife that is both a workhorse and a battlefield companion—regardless of where your battle takes place. The subtle yet impactful features are demonstrative of the commitment to quality both companies were founded on and remain committed to.”

The Strider/5.11 SMF knife boasts one-of-a-kind features including a custom-made pivot pin, custom fasteners and a Titanium handle with G10 scales. For durability and long-lasting performance, this is the first Strider knife to incorporate CTS-B75P steel—an alloy from Carpenter Technologies that is highly resistant to corrosion and wear—allowing users to more easily maintain a sharp edge for an extended period of time.

The Strider/5.11 SMF knife can be purchased on [511tactical.com](http://511tactical.com) later this month and will retail for \$599.99.

Media interested in learning more about the new Strider/5.11 SMF knife should contact [5.11@formulapr.com](mailto:5.11@formulapr.com).

### **About Strider Knives**

Strider Knives is a privately owned and operated company devoted solely to the development and construction of edged tools designed to survive use in the harshest of conditions. The company was founded and is currently operated by former military personnel. The initial goal was to provide a field service knife constructed with the finest components available, yet affordable to the average enlisted man and within his maintenance abilities.

The initial goal having been met, Strider Knives found a ready market for custom-edged weapons and tools with the same component quality requirements as the first highly successful field knives. Many of Striders available edged tools are drawn from customer's specific design requirements. Others are simply the company's ability to look at a potential work environment and design a prototype to be tested and assessed by the workers of that environment.

The background of Strider Knives founders enables the company to assess requirements in diverse fields ranging from the average line soldier/marine through special operations, law enforcement and hunting to commercial diving. Various Strider designs have met and exceeded the requirements in each of these fields. Learn more about Strider Knives at [www.striderknives.com](http://www.striderknives.com).

### **About 5.11 Tactical**

Based in Irvine and Modesto CA, 5.11 Tactical collaborates directly with end users/operators to create purpose-built apparel and gear designed specifically to enhance the safety, accuracy, speed and performance of Military, Public Service professionals and enthusiasts worldwide. 5.11 Tactical products exceed rigorous and exacting standards which have allowed the brand to establish a reputation for innovation and authenticity. The 5.11 Tactical brand has established itself as the premier choice of Duty-Driven Professionals. Learn more about 5.11's best-selling tactical clothing, uniforms, station-wear, outerwear, footwear and accessories at [www.511tactical.com](http://www.511tactical.com). Connect with 5.11 Tactical on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/511Tactical](http://www.facebook.com/511Tactical) and on Twitter ([@511Tactical](https://twitter.com/511Tactical)).

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