

Quick Tip

How to Choose a Safety Knife



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Semi-Automatic Safety Knives

Choose a semi-automatic safety knife if you need to perform detailed operations such as cutting boxes for display or cutting construction materials.

- These knives allow the user to start cutting, and then remove the thumb from the blade slide – the force of the cut keeps the blade exposed to finish the cut
- The instant the blade loses contact with the cutting surface the blade self-retracts
- If the thumb is kept on the blade slide while cutting, the blade will stay out
- Designed for right- or left-hand use – simply remove the blade and turn over



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Fully-Automatic Safety Knives

If the safety mechanism of a knife is overridden, it is no longer a safe knife. For this reason managers generally prefer fully-automatic knives. (Workers sometimes prefer a semi-automatic safety knife because it is more convenient.)

- Like semi-automatic knives, fully-automatic knives allow the user to start cutting, and then remove the thumb from the blade slide – the force of the cut keeps the blade exposed to finish the cut
- The instant the blade loses contact with the cutting surface the blade self-retracts
- Fully-automatic knives have a secondary safety mechanism that engages when the cut is started – the user will actually hear and feel a click when the safety mechanism is activated when the cut is started. Even if the user still has a thumb on the blade slide, the blade will retract when the cut is finished
- Designed for right- or left-hand use – simply remove the blade and turn over

