



NOTE: Not every stud on a Kershaw blade is a thumbstud. If the stud contacts the handle when the knife is open, the stud is a blade stop and prevents the knife from over extending. A thumbstud enables one-handed opening; the blade stop does not. In some cases, the blade stop may be used to open the knife – but the flipper usually works better.

# **OPENING A KERSHAW MANUAL FOLDER**

With Nail-Nick Hold the knife handle in one hand. With your other hand, hold the blade at the nail-nick. Slowly open the knife, following the path of the blade until the blade is fully open. The blade on most manual folders will lock into position. Some classic models do not have a locking mechanism.



If you have trouble moving the blade fully out of the handle, add a slight flip of the wrist.

### With Thumbstud

Hold knife handle in one hand. Place thumb on the thumbstud. Push outward on the thumbstud. Continue pushing and follow as you rotate the blade out of the handle and lock it into place.

# **OPENING A KERSHAW** SPEEDSAFE® FOLDER

With Flipper
If your knife has a Tip-Lock, slide the Tip-Lock (located on the back of the handle near the lanyard hole) toward the butt of the knife to release it.

Hold the knife handle vertically in one hand. Place your index finger on the top of the flipper. Gently apply downward pressure on the flipper. SpeedSafe opens the knife quickly and easily, and the blade locks into place.





## With Thumbstud Hold the knife handle vertically in one hand. Place your thumb on the thumbstud. Gently push outwards on the

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## With Flipper and Thumbstud

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Use either of the methods described above to open your knife.

IMPORTANT! When you open your SpeedSafe knife, your thumb should not leave the handle. All it takes is a little push on the thumbstud or pull on the llipper. Avoid getting nicked by keeping your thumb and fingers on the handle and out of the way of the opening blade.