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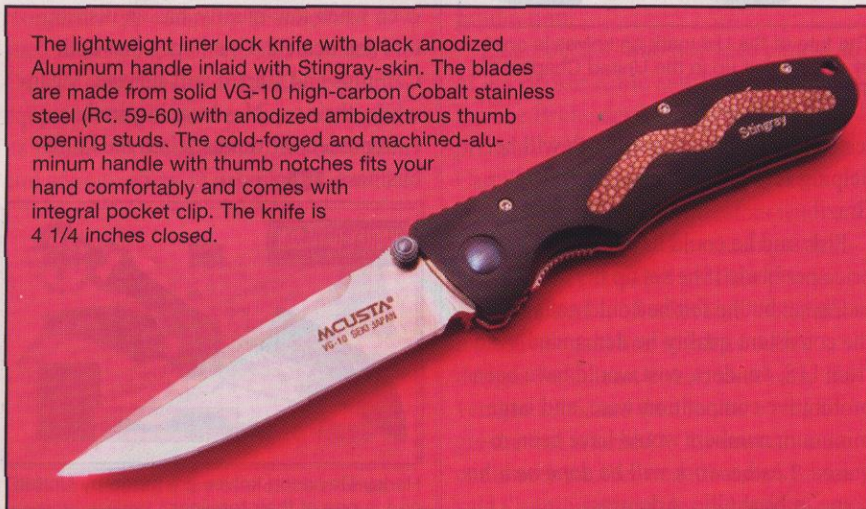
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# MCUSTA Stands for Machine Custom Knives

MCUSTA has introduced a special Limited Edition knife designed from the traditional Japanese Art images of Ka-Cho-Fu-Getsu (Flower-Bird-Wind-Moon) featuring traditional Japanese influences that are related with the spirit of Bushido, Zen and Wabi Sabi. Each model is strictly limited to 50 to 100, and is serial numbered and stamped with their red insignia (Rakuin). Retail is \$280.00.

The lightweight liner lock knife with black anodized Aluminum handle inlaid with Stingray-skin. The blades are made from solid VG-10 high-carbon Cobalt stainless steel (Rc. 59-60) with anodized ambidextrous thumb opening studs. The cold-forged and machined-aluminum handle with thumb notches fits your hand comfortably and comes with integral pocket clip. The knife is 4 1/4 inches closed.



**M**CUSTA Knives combine traditional Japanese elements and craftsmanship with modern cutting-edge technology. MCUSTA knives feature VG-10 and 33-layer Nickel Damascus with VG-10 core blades and exotic handle materials.

Unlike most mass production knives that are die-stamped, each component of MCUSTA knives is laser-cut for a precise fit. Every knife is then hand-assembled and hand-finished by an experienced craftsman.

The knives are made in Seki, Japan, which has been the center of Japanese

