

Extraordinary and unexpected things happen when two well-regarded knife manufacturers combine forces. As knife companies go, both Kershaw and Spyderco construct high-performance cutting tools each carrying the unique appearance, personality, and functional designs associated with their respective brand name. The Spyderco C96 SpyKer makes public the first Spyderco/Kershaw collaboration. It's rather like looking into a face and thinking "I know I know you from somewhere"; the SpyKer appears to be a Kershaw while equally resembling a Spyderco. Kershaw's chief designer prominent knifemaker Ken Onion is responsible for the pleasingly curved shape while Spyderco's Sal Glesser adds the Spyderco Round Hole and expected ergonomics. The CPMS30V blade is hollow-ground with a spine swedge and a curving belly positioned midway on the cutting edge creating a long straight cutting surface from mid-belly to tip. Spyderco's Round Hole, a mark of quality in the industry, is lined up with

two smaller holes of descending size. The three holes grouped by size are most often associated as a Kershaw symbol of craftsmanship. Precision-machined G-10 handles are inlayed with silver carbon-fiber twill enhancements and assembled with an adjustable pivot pin and phosphor bronze bushings. Set behind the cutting edge, a finger choil offers finger positioning for added control. A black steel pocket clip carries the knife tip-down in a pocket. Blade length of the SpyKer is 3-1/2" (89mm), it weighs 4oz (114g). It is packaged in a padded zipper pouch and carries a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail price of \$249.95. The SpyKer is the upshot of two companies working in affable collaboration from design idea to finished product. Made in Golden, Colorado.

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