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| | Kai | Classic | Premier | Kaji | Reserve | Blue | Dual Core | Hiro | Fuji |
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| Made In | China | Japan | Japan | Japan | Japan | Japan | Japan | Japan | Japan |
| Steel Type | Carbon Stainless- Steel Blades | VG-Max Core | VG-Max Core | SG-11 Clad Core | SG-11 Clad Core | Blue II Carbon Steel Core | VG-2 and VG-10 | SG-11 Core | SG-11 Core |
| Handle Material | Molded Polypropylene | PakkaWood | PakkaWood | PakkaWood | PakkaWood | PakkaWood | PakkaWood | PakkaWood | Tagayasan |
| Hardness (HRC) | 53 | 60 | 60 | 61 | 61 | 60 | 61 | 61 | 61 |
| Bolster Style | n/a | Hot Forged/ welded | Hot Forged/ welded | Hot Forged/ welded | Hot Forged/ welded | Hot Forged/ welded | Hot Forged/ welded | Hot Forged/ welded | Hot Forged/ welded |
| Tang | 1/4 Rabbet Tang | Full Composite | Full Composite | Full Tang | Full Tang | Rabbet Tang | Rabbet Tang | Full Composite | Full Composite |
| Production Method | n/a | Belt furnace / Ice quench | Belt furnace / Ice quench | Belt furnace / Ice quench | Belt furnace / Ice quench | Belt furnace / Ice quench | Belt furnace / Ice quench | Belt furnace / Ice quench | Belt furnace / Ice quench |
| Edge Angle (Total) | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 |
| Layers of Steel | Solid Llayer | 69 layers | 69 layers | 65 layer nickel Damascus | 65 layer nickel Damascus | 3 layer San Mai | 71 layers of alternating VG-2 & VG-10 | 65 layer nickel Damascus | 161 layer nickel Damascus |
| Finishing | Hand sharpened on Japanese whetstone | Polished and blasted | Polished, hammered and blasted | Polished | Polished and blasted | Polished and blasted | Polished, hammered and blasted | Polished, hammered and blasted | Polished, hammered and blasted |

TOP REASONS TO BUY SHUN

- Exceedingly sharp edge, great for precision work
- Harder blades hold their edge longer than German knives
- Great for precision cutting fruits, vegetables and proteins

• Clad layers aid in food release, add strength and corrosion resistance, and create a beautiful design in the blade



History of Shun

Williams-Sonoma is proud to offer the largest assortment of Shun cutlery in the world. Use this guide to find the right collection for you. Shun knives are handcrafted in Japan, in the tradition of legendary samurai swords, by a company that has been making knives for over a century. The knives are prized for their beauty, razor-sharp 16-degree edges and meticulous craftsmanship. Every knife is created by highly skilled artisans and requires at least 100 steps to complete.

Shun Steel Features

VG-max

These collections (Premier and Classic) feature Shun's proprietary VGmax steel, known as "super steel" for its ability to take and hold a very sharp, lasting edge.

SG-2

These collections (Fuji, Hiro, Reserve and Kaji) feature ultra hard SG2 powdered steel, Shun's finest steel for cutlery as it allows for an exquisitely thin, razor-sharp edge.