



Member Tested and Recommended Program

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Thank you for participating in our “Member Tested and Recommended Products Program.” The **RC-3S Tactical Knife** has been tested and recommended by the members of the National Tactical Officers Association. Your overall score was a **4.77**. The NTOA Member Tested and Recommended logo may be used solely on the specific product that was tested.

Attached with this letter, is the Member Tested and Recommended Logo which can be used on all marketing pieces for this product. Also attached is a copy of the complete reviews that your company can use as well.

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Since the review is completed, it will now be added to online Member Tested product database. To make the review complete, please send us a digital image of the product that has been tested. This is now listed on the NTOA’s Member Tested and Recommended online database and review will soon be published in *The Tactical Edge* journal.

Please contact Corey Luby at advertising@ntoa.org if you would like to advertise in *The Tactical Edge* journal. Once again, thank you for participating Member Tested and Recommended Program©.

Thank you,

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Rat Cutlery Co
RC-3S Tactical Knife
Overall Score: 4.77
<http://www.ratcutlery.com>

TESTER

Tested by a police officer from Alabama

Design 4

Performance 5

Ease of Use 4

Size 4

Quality 5

Durability 5

Storage 5

Versatility 5

Convenience 4

Application 5

Comfort 5

Accuracy 5

Cleaning & Maintenance 5

Individual Score 4.69

Over the years, I have owned, broken, dulled and lost many knives. I have found that a good knife either has a thin, easy-to-sharpen blade that breaks real easy or a thick, can't-sharpen-at-all blade that is impossible to break. The rat cutlery rc-3 knife is the first knife that I have ever owned that has a blade which is easy to re-sharpen and virtually indestructible. I have found that no matter how much pressure you put on this blade it just refuses to give an inch. You would think that the blade would be impossible to put an edge on because of its toughness but I found very quickly that the blade is extremely easy to sharpen. The blade is also powder-coated and has the texture of "rhino-lining" which only makes the blade tougher and easier to clean.

The handle of this knife is probably the first thing that you notice when you put it in your hand. The grip is very unique and is made of what feels like layered denim, compressed and glued down. It is unlike plastic grips in that it does not slip and is easy to maneuver. The grip also absorbs some water thus further reduces its slickness. On a slight down-side I found the grip to be just a slight bit short. This really didn't affect the performance of the knife, but another 1/4 inch on the end would have been nice.

This knife also comes with a glass punch on the end which is very helpful, as I found out on the third night that I had the knife. A vehicle straightened out a curve in our city and I was able to use the window punch to knock out the driver's window so that we could talk to him better. The punch is just an extension of the blade through the opposite end of the handle and is made of the same tough metal.

The case was the only thing that frustrated me about the knife. I found it very difficult to pull the knife from its sheath and kept pulling the sheath and all off of my belt. I quickly discovered that a little "self-filing" on the retention piece remedied this problem. I took just a little bit of the retention ridge off and I'm now able to pull the knife out with relative ease while still retaining its retention purposes.

Overall this is without a doubt the best knife that I have ever owned, and I have owned a bunch...from Columbia River Knife and tool to Benchmade. The blade and the grip combine to make this an easy to use, strong as pig iron knife that is ideal for the needs of law enforcement officers everywhere.

TESTER

Tested by a police officer from Pennsylvania

Design 4.8

Performance 4.8

Ease of Use 5

Size 5

Quality 4.9

Durability 4.8

Storage 4.8

Versatility 4.8

Convenience 4.8

Application 4.6

Comfort

Accuracy

Cleaning & Maintenance 4.9

Individual Score 4.84

I evaluated the RAT Cutlery Co. RC3 fixed blade knife. The RC3 is just over 8" long with a blade that is 3 3/8" long. The blade geometry is a basic drop point. It has nice weight for its size and a comfortable grip with micarta scales. My sample has a black textured Powder Coat finish on the steel and the micarta is a gray green color. The knife arrived with their "Jump-Proof MOLLE Sheath System". It is a system because it can be attached in many different ways. The sheath has two main parts; the molded sheath (light brown), and the Jump-Proof MOLLE Back Plate (black ballistic nylon). It is "jump proof" because there is a section of elastic on the MOLLE Back Plate that can cover the pommel, which makes the system snag resistant. Also included is a belt clip. The molded sheath is attached to the MOLLE Back Plate by four screws. It can be removed and attaches to the belt clip.

I tested the RC3's ability to cut and hold an edge by cutting both nylon and hemp rope. I also split some small pieces of seasoned wood for kindling. Finally I tested the stabbing and penetration ability by stabbing a cardboard pile about 8 inches thick. The RC3 performed well at all tasks. The handle gave a positive and sure grip even while wearing gloves. The RC3 was very sharp when it arrived and is held it edge through the entire test. Only a brief touch with a diamond hone returned the edge to its hair popping original condition. The finish also held up well, with only a slight mar from the wood splitting.

Based on this example of their products I think that the RAT Cutlery Co. makes a good quality knife and the prices that I found in the internet make it a good value.