



# Driven To Perfection

HANDCRAFTED IN THE USA, THE KNIVES OF COMPLIANCE EDGE ARE EARNING INDUSTRY ATTENTION

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**Taking time away from jiu-jitsu after an eye surgery gave San Jose native Yoni Wunderman the opportunity to begin a hobby that eventually grew to an industrious career.**

With an eye for detail and exacting standards it is no wonder that Compliance Edge is getting some well-earned attention from his peers and knife lovers far and wide. Compliance Edge's purpose built knives are worth taking a look at.

## 1 Humble Beginnings

During the time off from his eye surgery, Compliance Edge got its start in the back room of the jiu-jitsu academy where he trained.

## 2 The Challenges

As with most custom makers, Yoni struggles to find the balance between time and quality. The more detail, the less time.

## 3 His Philosophy

All of the knives he creates must exceed his standards or he will discard them.

## 4 Finding Inspiration

Being drawn to the hard use steels they were using, Yoni was inspired by Strider Knives.

## 5 Material Preference

Yoni prefers to utilize CPM steels due to their ability to hold an edge and likes G10 for his handle scales for its durability, great looks and ease to work with.

## 6 Favorite Design

Yoni's favorite model to make is the Infidel, a 9-inch fixed blade, purpose-built knife with the durability of a tank. He is very happy with the ergonomics of this design and never tires of making them, finding satisfaction in each one.

## 7 The Process

Yoni hand-draws each design, with most of them coming from tweaks to previous designs, before taking them to his fiancé for approval saying, "Almost everything in the business goes through her because she is somehow always right." Once approved, he draws them in CAD (a computer aided design program) and has the prototypes and blanks waterjet cut, where he takes them and finishes them by hand.

## 8 Ordering

Although from time to time he will let a customer pick the handle color when he does a batch, normally he places each finished knife on his website immediately as "ready to ship." This keeps waiting periods down, unless a customer is requesting custom handle colors, which he tries to keep to under a month. **KI**

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