

# BUCKINGHAM MFG.

## Buckingham Mfg. Linemens Skinning Knife Series Warnings / Use and Care Guide

Warning: Do not use this product if you cannot understand and follow the instructions and warnings that come with it and complete all necessary functions.  
Please consult with your physician prior to using this product. Do not use this product under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Buckingham Skinning Knives are constructed from a special blend of heat-treated carbon steel. The blade is designed specifically for linemen, with the curve of the blade being just right for skinning wire. The point of the blade is optimum for splitting the insulation. Some models are manufactured with a small notch machined into the back of the blade to assist in the scraping of wire. Other model options include a blunt tip on the blade as well as an accessory ring on the back end of the handle. The back edges of all models may also be used for scraping wire.

### USE / INSTRUCTIONS / WARNINGS:

- Determine if you are using the right tool for the job. Buckingham Skinning Knives are designed to be used for skinning / stripping wire. Do not use for any other purpose.
- Use the knife as it was intended. Don't use it to pry or turn screws.
- Always inspect the tool before using it. The blade must be sharp and undamaged.
- Wear safety glasses when using these knives. The blade may chip or break and fly away from the work surface.
- When positioning and using the knife, ensure the cutting path is not in the direction of your other hand or body. Always cut away from your body.
- Ensure the cutting path is not in the direction of any PPE such as but not limited to, body belt, harness, lanyard, fall protection device, or associated webbing, straps, leather, etc.
- Do not hammer or apply any other impact force to the spine (side of the blade opposite the cutting edge) of a Buckingham Knife.
- Rest the wire / cable on a firm and stable surface, never on your lap or in the palm of your hand.
- Consider using cut resistant gloves for added protection.
- Keep the blade covered when not in use or when in storage.
- Discard damaged knives in an appropriate container.

### SKINNING KNIFE VARIETY:

Buckingham Skinning Knives are shown below, knife styles change across part number series'. Knife handle, colors, blades and rings may vary from what is shown. Product options are listed above and product numbers can be found on the official Buckingham Manufacturing website. Knives are not pictured to scale.



PN 7080 Series with  
Wooden Handle



PN 7086 Series with Yellow  
Translucent Handle



PN 7089 Series with Red  
Handle



PN 7090 Series with  
Ergonomic Handle



PN 7091 Series ErgoBlade with  
Rubber Handle



PN 7083 Skinning Knife for  
Shotgun Stick

### CARE & MAINTENANCE:

- Proper cleaning, maintenance and storage of your knife will prolong their useful life and contribute toward its performance.
- Under normal use your knife blade may be cleaned with water and a mild dish washing soap that removes grease (i.e. Dawn) Then carefully wiped and allowed to air dry. A light protective coating of a lightweight lubricant such as WD40 should then be applied to repel moisture.
- For stubborn stains, buildup, corrosion or rust, clean using an ultrafine Scotch-brite scouring pad and a lightweight lubricant such as WD40. Scrub in a back and forth motion until the surface debris is cleared. Then carefully wipe and allow to air dry and add a light protective coating of a lightweight lubricant such as WD40 to repel moisture.
- Use an appropriate honing stone to maintain the sharpness of the blade. Use a fine stone for mildly dull blades, a medium stone for moderately dull blades, and a coarse stone for severely dull blades.
- Only use a file or grinding wheel for extremely dull or damaged knife blades as these methods may be too aggressive and may change the factory blade profile / angle.
- Your knife should be stored and transported so that it does not contact debris, moisture, or chemical agents.

## **INSPECTION & RETIREMENT CRITERIA:**

All Buckingham knives must be inspected at the time of purchase, before, during, and after each use. Inspections must ensure that the blade surface is free of cracks, corrosion, and excessive wear. Inspections must also ensure that the blade handle surface is free of cracks and excessive wear. If the blade is dull, be sure to sharpen as outlined above. Any damage to the knife as a result of sharpening the blade must be inspected thoroughly. If any evidence of wear / deterioration as outlined above or any unusual conditions not outlined above be observed, or you have reasonable doubt about a particular condition, immediately remove the equipment from service and notify your Supervisor, Safety Director or contact Buckingham Mfg. (1-800-937-2825) for clarification.

## **STATEMENT of OBSOLESCENCE:**

Precise “useful life expectancy” or “shelf life” for this product is not specified, as the degree of use, conditions of use, and the degree of care and storage determines useful life. All users maintain responsibility to select proper equipment for the job, be properly trained in its use, and ensure all personnel support equipment passes inspection before each use. Upon evidence of defects, damage or deterioration, all equipment shall be removed from service immediately and tagged or marked as unusable or destroyed. Additionally, all equipment shall be inspected on a regular basis not to exceed one year by a Competent Person, as defined by OSHA/ANSI, to verify that the equipment is safe for use. In the event of any question or concern regarding the condition of such equipment, users shall remove the equipment from service for further inspection. All users must comply with OSHA/ANSI/ASTM standards prior to and in using such equipment. For more information regarding safe and appropriate use of equipment, please contact Buckingham Manufacturing at 1-800-937-2825.

## **INTERNATIONAL USERS:**

Notwithstanding the above, please know that certain international jurisdictions require manufacturers of equipment to provide customers with a maximum useful lifespan (sometimes referred to as a “Statement of Obsolescence”). To the extent required, Buckingham personal protective equipment manufactured from synthetic fiber materials including but not limited to items such as webbing and/or rope are subject to a maximum useful lifespan of ten (10) years from the date of manufacture. As stated above proper usage, storage, maintenance, and care impacts the useful lifespan of equipment. Extreme circumstances may require that product must be retired after only one use. This statement is made in conformance and compliance with BS EN 365:2004. International users must ensure that product inspections are completed by Competent Persons as defined by international standards including but not limited to British Standard (“BS”). If equipment fails any inspections, it must be immediately withdrawn from service and destroyed. For more information regarding safe and appropriate use of equipment, please contact Buckingham Manufacturing at 1-800-937-2825.

## **OUR GUARANTEE:**

We guarantee the equipment we manufacture to be free from defects in material and workmanship. We will repair any equipment deemed to be defective which is returned to us by the original purchaser. However, this guarantee is void if any product is changed or altered in any way, or if the product is used in a manner other than for which it is intended. This express guarantee supersedes all other expressed or implied guarantees, obligations or liabilities. There are no implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose and as such, all implied warranties are specifically disclaimed.

## **LIMITATION ON LIABILITY:**

In no event will Buckingham or buyer be liable to the other for lost revenues, lost profits or any other indirect, consequential, special or punitive losses or damages, however caused, whether in action for breach of contract, strict liability, tort, or otherwise, even if advised of the possibility of such losses or damages. In no event will Buckingham’s liability exceed the total amount paid by the buyer to Buckingham for the product or equipment giving rise to such claim(s).

Please see other terms and conditions relating to this product at <https://buckinghammfg.com/terms-conditions/>

## **REGISTRATION:**

Before use of the product, ensure to register and confirm the product at [www.buckinghammfg.com/register](http://www.buckinghammfg.com/register).

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