

Spyderco Perrin PPT Folding Knife

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I am constantly looking for a “better” folding knife. This combined with a 20+ year love of knives and collecting makes it difficult to pass up on some of the new Spyderco collaborations on the market today. In early September my friend John showed up to an MDTs firearms class with a Perrin PPT clipped in his pocket. Upon spotting the paracord fob sticking out of his pocket I inquired about the knife, having never seen one with such a unique grip surfacing design like it before. After a quick inspection I ordered a Perrin PPT online the next day and had my own a couple days later.



Design History

The P.P.T. designation refers to the names of the three primary designers of this folder: Fred Perrin, Philippe Perotti and Sacha Thiel (PPT). One of the latest Spyderco “Martial Bladecraft” knives, the PPT is a superb example of a personal protection folder designed by individuals with respectable martial backgrounds. Perrin himself is known internationally as a world class knife maker (designer of the well known La Griffe and La Shark small fixed blades), martial artist, former French Foreign legion commando and stick fighter. The PPT offers end-users numerous positive attributes in a personal protection folding knife in a market currently flooded with “tactical knives”.

Specifications

A crossbreed of Michael Walkers now prevalent Liner Lock and Chris Reeve’s Reeve Integral Lock, this unique lock functions as a frame-lock with a G-10 scale overlaying the lock making it look or appear like a liner-lock. The G10 scales themselves are very note worthy; milled with what Spyderco calls corrugated creases providing a highly positive slip free grip surface and comfortable feel in the hand. The 3 5/32 in. blade is CPM-S30V steel fashioned in a modified –Wharncliffe profile with a 2 11/16 in. cutting edge. A large finger choil, spine jimping and a tapered spine-wedge all support the ergonomic handling of this folder right out of the box.

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length overall	7 3/8 in. (187 mm)	blade length	3 5/32 in. (80 mm)	blade steel	CPM-S30V
length closed	4 1/4 in. (108 mm)	cutting edge	2 11/16 in. (68 mm)	weight	5.3 oz. (150 g)
hole diameter	9/16 in. (14 mm)	blade thickness	1/8 in. (3 mm)	handle material	G-10



At 4 1/4 in. closed the PPT fills the hand providing ample surface area at the top and bottom for incidental striking if necessary. The dulled/brushed silver pocket clip appears to be attached in a manner limiting it to dedicated right hand carry although the literature from Spyderco states it can be set up for left or right side carry. Clip attachment points are limited to one end

making the PPT a dedicated “Tip Up” carry knife. With the pommel attachment clip design the PPT rides deep in the pocket. A multi-color black and army green 550 paracord lanyard and fob are attached via the lanyard hole measuring ~ 2.5 in.

Personal Impressions

Overall I have been impressed with the PPT and it has currently taken the place of my Benchmade Griptilian as my Every Day Carry (EDC) knife; not a minor decision considering I have carried the Gripper every day for 4+ years. The PPT is a meaty folder which you immediately notice when picked up. It’s not too much knife like some folders I have but it has some heft to it which is comforting in a certain way. Having shown the PPT to several of my friends, training partners and peers, the most common comment I have received is in regards to its weight in hand.



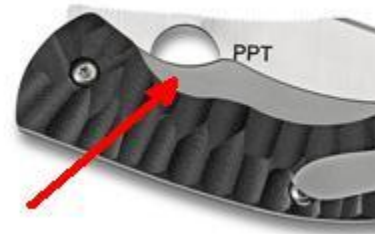
At first I was not enamored with the paracord lanyard and fob which I almost cut off the knife. However, after two+ months of EDC I realize the fob is an added benefit or at least helps remedy the deployment issues associated with deep pocket carry clips. With this type of clip attachment the PPT rides deep in the pocket which requires deeper penetration into the pocket with the drawing hand in order to acquire a positive grip prior to access from the pocket. The paracord fob eliminates this necessity

providing an external surface area to get a hold of. Now, I simply slap the pocket where the PPT is carried (to immediately locate it in case it shifted throughout the day), wrap my fingers around the paracord fob and begin accessing by pulling upward on the fob, once the pocket rim is cleared index points are established with the index finger on the clip and the thumb on the opening hole. This process is robust and fast with a limited amount of training time. I still don’t like the paracord fob itself sticking

out of the pocket since it is visible but so is the actual dulled silver clip. So far I have not run into any problems such as snagging the paracord fob on environmental objects although it is a concern.

The G10 scales and corrugated surface creases are one of the most positive attributes I have seen on a folding knife in some time. This textured surface provides a whole new level of grip and performs well when the hands are wet. The scales and hilt design are comfortable with the finger choil providing a farther forward grip if desired when utilizing a forward grip (hammer grip). When grasped in reverse grip (ice-pick) edge in or edge out the finger choil and opening hole groove fit the fingers or outer aspect of the palm (when held edge in) nicely.

My only disappointments with the PPT are specific to left hand carry and deployment. The singular attachment point for the pocket clip make left hand carry and deployment (opening) of the blade with the left hand less than optimal, for me. The unique frame/liner lock partially obscures the opening hole when viewed or held in the left hand. While carry and opening left handed is possible it is not an ambidextrous knife as seen in other spyderco offerings such as the delica, endura, tenacious etc.



Performance

I ran the PPT through a small battery of tasks to judge how it handles when cutting, slashing and thrusting.

For cutting I utilized the PPT to cut open several dozen boxes. It handled extremely well and is comfortable for common every day utility tasks such as this. For slashing I hung a 1 ½ in. piece of rope from a pull up bar and commenced slashing the rope in an attempt to cut it clean in half.



Top - Spyderco Perrin PPT
Middle- Spyderco Endura
Bottom- Spyderco Tenacious

The PPT performed well but did not completely sever the rope unless I secured both the bottom and top of the rope so it was taut. Cutting at a hanging rope like this simulates cutting a moving, viable human limb as if I were using the PPT to apply a defensive slash to an incoming attack. So far, small blade folding and fixed blade knives do not perform exceptionally well in this test. The thrusting specific tests were performed against 3 in. thick pile of cardboard target backers secured with bailing twine. Close and extended range thrusts, comma cuts, snap cuts and corkscrew thrusts all penetrated deeply (2+inches). Thrusting tests were performed utilizing both forward and reverse grip of the knife.

Conclusion

The Perrin PPT represents another of Spyderco's excellent collaborations with some of the knife making and combatives/martial arts industries top experts. It is obvious that Perrin, Perotti and Thiel put some thought into what attributes are important in a "Martial" blade. The current tactical folding knife market is flooded with folders offering something of value to the end user depending upon price point and contextual application. However, the PPT stands out as an effective and highly robust personal protection folding knife offering in the mid level price range. For collectors it is a must have simply due to its pedigree, unique locking mechanism and corrugated grip scale features.

Manufacturer Information: [Spyderco Perrin PPT](#)

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