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New Knives from COAST Feature Double-LockTM Technology

Patented safety switch makes knives safer for users

PORTLAND, OR, April 19, 2013 – At this year's NHS, [COAST Products](#) will introduce new blade-assist knives crafted with custom-rich features that won't be matched anytime soon. Continuing its tradition of creating functional, durable and high quality knives, COAST's new knives feature the patented Double-LockTM safety switch, which makes the knife safer to use. View the latest COAST knives at the National Hardware Show ([NHS](#)) – at [Booth #6437](#) from May 7-9 in the Las Vegas Convention Center.

COAST will also be exhibiting a wide array of other new knives as well as flashlights, headlamps, lanterns and multi-tools. Their products offer advanced quality and innovation, the latest patented and proprietary features and technology, and are perfect for every professional, DIYer, retailer and distributor in the hardware and home improvement industry.



New 3.5-Inch [DX350 Folding Knife](#)

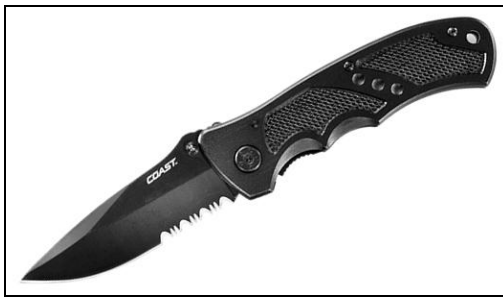
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Each of these knives includes a primary Liner-Lock, which automatically locks the blade into the open position when the knife is opened. The Double-Lock™ safety switch mechanism works in conjunction with the Liner-Lock to prevent closing of the blade, providing a second level of safety for the user. To engage the Double-Lock™, the user simply pushes the Double-Lock™ lever forward once the blade is open. To disengage, the user pulls the lever back with their thumb. The combination of the Liner-Lock and Double-Lock™, give the user a very safe knife that can be opened and closed with one hand.

Built to last, and covered by the COAST limited lifetime warranty, new COAST knives feature high-carbon stainless steel blades that are sharp, tough and corrosion resistant. The open-frame design decreases weight and makes cleaning easy. Depending on the knife's design and purpose, users can choose from a variety of handle materials. Lightweight, yet strong aluminum handles on the [DX321](#) and [DX320](#) provide a perfect hand grip and G10 handles on [DX350](#) and [DX345](#) versions include a steel support in the middle which results in greatly increased strength and durability. Available in a variety of styles, the blade-assist knives have either a full-edge stain/glass-beaded finish or a black blade that's partially serrated (see examples below).



[DX345](#) Full-Edge Satin Finish Knife



[DX321](#) Partially Serrated Edge Knife

David Brands, COAST president remarked, "Safety, ingenuity and technology combine to make our new knives some of the best in the industry. Designed tough, with superior edge-holding blades for use day in and day out, COAST blade-assist knives are manufactured with the highest performance requirements."

COAST Products – A History of Innovation

New COAST knives demonstrate the experience gleaned from nearly 95 years of designing and building quality cutting and multi-tools. COAST is also now a market leader in premium LED lights. The company has developed innovative products trusted by everyone from the weekend warrior to the Navy Seals and soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. COAST's technologically advanced products are safer and easier to use, while at the same time being extremely functional and enjoyable to own.

About COAST Products – Founded as COAST Cutlery Company in 1919, COAST Products originally provided quality knives to the farmers, ranchers and workers of the Pacific Northwest. Today COAST produces premium LED lighting products, including top-rated [flashlights](#), [headlamps](#) and [EAL](#) (emergency area lighting), as well as fine-crafted [knives](#) and world class [multi-tools](#). Every COAST product reflects an investment in skilled craftsmanship and quality materials and is backed by a COAST guarantee. COAST products are available from leading home centers, hardware stores, professional outlets, sporting goods stores, automotive stores and suppliers, and numerous online retailers. For more information call 800-426-5858 or visit www.coastportland.com.



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