



Queen Cutlery Guide

Queen #71, Daddy Barlow:

Queen Special Projects and Special Factory Orders

Queen did not make too many Daddy Barlow knives, in large part because the large aluminum "Big Chief" #45 filled that role admirably for many years – they cataloged only 2 – a bicentennial in 1976 (15,000 edition), and a Rawhide in the early 1980s in very limited numbers. But, as they moved further into collector knives and the Robeson line in the mid-1990s, they made two cataloged Daddy Barlow knives in 1994-1997 in strawberry bone (jigged and sawcut) of very high quality. Then in 2003, they made another Robeson "ShurEdge" as a "Demonstrator" in smooth strawberry bone in an edition of 100 (Figure 1, right -hand). Figure 2, shows the pile side blade.

Figure 1, also shows (left) the Clarence Risner Special factory Order "Premier" Daddy barlow, which along with the Robeson, demonstrated Queen's adoption of the large signature top bolster for this pattern. The barehead style also showed off the handle material and is frequently seen on Queen Daddy Barlows.

Figure 2 shows the pile side of the Robeson knife, with Robeson model number and date of production, 2003. The mark side shows "demonstrator," and this is by far the hardest to find of the Robeson Daddy barlows Queen produced, since the other two were produced in larger numbers and were available for several years.



Figure 1., A Robeson Single blade, 2003, and Risner "Premier," 2004



Figure 2. Robeson 2003, pile side, with date, and Robeson model number and edition.



Figure 3. File and Wire Daddy Barlow, with pen blade marked "Queen Cutlery show 2014." This knife has also been sold without this etch.



Figure 4. This is a single blade Daddy Barlow made with ATS steel (see figure 5 for pile side) and with bottom bolster and smooth white bone, with Keystone shield. This knife was made in an edition of 30 – customary in the last years of the Daniel Family ownership. (Other knives with different handles were also made in this series, but we have not documented them.)



Figure 5. Pile side of Daddy Barlow in figure 4 above, showing ATS 34



Figure 6. Pair of Daniel's era two-blade Daddy Barlows produced in about 2016. Left is Queen Blue bone, with two bolsters, with Schatt & Morgan tang stamp, but no shield, with carbon steel blades in an edition of 30. Right is a File and Wire barehead handle in matte black curly maple, with a file and wire shield. The steel, nor edition size, is not identified. (Other two-blade Daddy Barlows in this series were almost certainly produced in small

editions, and were not cataloged – all "Special projects" in the company's final last years, but have not been documented.

A final example of this pattern is a single blade SFO by the Northeast Cutlery Collectors Association (NCCA) in 2018. It has etches on both sides of the blade, saying an edition of 25 knives and 2018 show knife. Blade is carbon steel with a satin finish. The handle is a smooth brown maple (?) barehead with signature bolster. This almost certainly the last knife of this pattern that Queen produced.



Figure 7. Northeast Cutlery Collectors Association Daddy Barlow, 2018.

As indicated, there are probably more special projects or special factory orders of this pattern from the company's last years. We look forward to collectors contributing to this record. Thank you.