



#4L "Woodsman" Lockback knife, SFO versions 3-30-2020

The little brother of the 3L Mountainman, this is one of two lockback knives produced during the Daniel Family Era by Queen Cutlery (the other is the switchblade "Express". It is 3.75" closed while the Mountainman is 4.5", making much more comfortable as a pocket carry knife.

The knife sold well and was added to the **catalogs in five** versions:

1. Schatt & Morgan stag, with stainless blade (edition of 400);
2. Stag bone, 2015, unknown edition;
3. Feathered Smooth Buffalo Horn, with D2 tool steel, (2016) unknown edition;
4. Queen Blue Bone easy open with flipper (2016), unknown edition;
5. Queen Blue Bone, (2016) unknown edition.

All of these knives were made in a barehead pattern, with bolsters showing three horizontal decorating lines. All had a small aluminum lanyard hole at the base, and most used a "bomb" type of shield used very infrequently by Queen. Most of these knives were made with carbon steel and all were a clip blade style, with small serrations at the top base of the blade to rest a forefinger.

However, for our purpose, the knife was also issued in at least eight limited edition "special project knives" from the Queen Custom Shop. None of these were cataloged. Figure 1, and figure 2, show the first six, all with the "Queen Custom Shop blade etch. This etch was not used for many other knives and only for a year, 2014.



Figure 1, Left, Elkhorn; Center, Bloodwood; right, cracked ice acrylic. All three were made in an edition 1-50, etched on the pile side



Figure 2. Left, brown reverse worm grooved – this knife had a easy open cut on the handle and a flipper on the blade; Center, tortoise shell acrylic; Right, smooth American Walnut. All produced in editions of 1 -50.



Figure 3. A #4L with stabilized Red maple with carbon steel blade, Unknown edition size.



Figure 4. Top, 4L with yellow jiggled delrin handle and very unusual "big pin" style. The bottom knife is smooth feathered Buffalo horn, to show the D2 "tool Steel" etch on the blade -the only cataloged knife with D2.