



Arno Bernard
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History:

Arno Bernard Sr. started making knives full-time in the mid-90s. His knives were sold worldwide under the well-known name of Arno Bernard Custom Knives.

His eldest son, also named Arno, completed a degree in accounting and then formed his own company specializing in South African handle materials, called JAB Manufacturing. In 2005 Arno decided to shift from selling handle materials to creating his own knives, thus Arno Bernard Knives was established.

In 2007 Franco Bernard, the second son, joined the company. Franco is a graphic designer who is also incredibly talented in the process of hand grinding knife blades. Early in 2013, when the business was firmly established, Arno Sr. began using his lifelong experience in knife making by designing new products, product testing, and production of knives. Later that same year the remaining two brothers, Juan and Ruan Bernard also joined the company as partners. Juan has completed a degree in Marketing and Ruan's degree is in Computer Sciences.

Arno Sr. and his wife Antjie also spend time traveling about to gather South African handle materials for their family's knives.

The combined talents, passion and commitment to the highest quality standards of the four brothers and their father form the backbone of Arno Bernard Knives and have shaped the company into what it is today. Knives are one of man's oldest and most useful tools, and we are very proud of the blades that bear our family name. We believe that our knives represent the finest in the art of knife making available today. We hope you will allow us to prove that to you by choosing one of our blades to accompany you on your next hunting outing and on many future adventures to come. We guarantee your satisfaction.

About Arno Bernard Knives:

The Arno Bernard Knives workshop is situated in the outskirts of a South African town called Bethlehem. In addition to the five Bernards, there are also 10 employees who help create the knives.

Each Bernard has a specific role to play in the crafting and producing of the knives. Arno Bernard Sr. is responsible for research and product development. Arno Bernard is the CEO of the company and also works with product development. Franco supervises the grinding team, new product design, and product testing. Juan heads up the leather department and Ruan is the Operations Manager and project coordinator. Of course, all of the brothers have some role in the actual hand finishing of the knives and sheaths.

We construct handmade knives, using a superior quality steel in combination with authentic South African materials to create unique handles. Our designs are simple, yet beautiful. Though these knives are suited as collector items, they are designed as the utmost in practical hunting tools that excel at use in the field.

Each knife is manufactured from premium materials and guaranteed for life to the original purchaser. Each blade is hollow ground freehand, heat-treated, and hand polished to ensure absolute quality. Each handle material is handpicked for premium quality.

While every attempt is made to utilize handle material with relative consistency in appearance, all of the raw materials reflect a one-of-a-kind character and can vary greatly in its finished form – thus making each knife individually unique. Incorrect application, abuse, neglect, or modifying the original design will void this guarantee.

NOTE: Because we use natural materials, aging cracks may form in some of the handle material due to use or from exposure to dry environments.

About the blades:

We start with Bohler N690, a high quality stainless steel which is then heat treated and tempered, hardening the blade to 59-60 on the Rockwell hardness scale. It is a very durable and corrosion resistant blade steel, and at this hardness range it represents an ideal balance between superior edge retention and ease of blade maintenance / re-sharpening in the field. **Below is the composition of N690:**

N690 – 1.4528

COMPOSITION %	C	Si	Mn	Cr	Mo	Ni	V
	1.07	0.40	0.40	17.00	1.10	-	0.10

About the handle materials:

Authentic African materials are used to create the handles, the most popular of which are Warthog Ivory Tusk, Giraffe Bone and Kudu bone (Please refer to the section on handle material descriptions for further information.) All our handle materials are ethically and legally sourced in strict compliance with all applicable laws in South Africa. As hunters and conservationists, we strive to aid in the protection of healthy animal herds at home and abroad.

About our designs:

We strive to make knives that represent the array of animals existing in our beautiful country, as well as the many different needs for cutting instruments used here in South Africa. Our knives are designed using modern technology to achieve time proven results. We use CNC machines to do the roughing of our handles, but each knife is hand finished and polished and that distinguishes it from any other factory knife. Each knife has its own custom fitted sheath and Juan hand stitches each one.



Arno Bernard Sr.

Arno Bernard

Franco Bernard

Juan Bernard

Ruan Bernard



The Bongo is a very efficient drop point design that is perfect for medium sized game. It will be your "go to" knife for any whitetail, elk, or medium plains game excursion.

SKU: 74XX

OAL: 7.56"

BLADE: 3.54"



SKU: 7402
Handle: Giraffe Bone



SKU: 7404
Handle: Sheep Horn



SKU: 7416
Handle: Kudu Bone



SKU: 7405
Handle: G10

For those who prefer a bit more of a clip point design, the Badger is a great design for processing small game, fowl, and even deer-sized animals.

SKU: 73XX

OAL: 7.20"

BLADE: 3.29"



SKU: 7302
Handle: Giraffe Bone



SKU: 7304
Handle: Sheep Horn



SKU: 7316
Handle: Kudu Bone



SKU: 7305
Handle: G10



The Bateleur is our bird and trout knife. It can be used for meticulous caping jobs; and with its new lanyard and bead and locking sheath design it is also an excellent EDC knife.

SKU: 72XX OAL: 6.77" BLADE: 3.15"



SKU: 7202
Handle: Giraffe Bone



SKU: 7201
Handle: Warthog Ivory Tusk



SKU: 7204
Handle: Sheep Horn



SKU: 7205
Handle: G10

Also great for use on fowl but with a bit more belly than the Bateleur, we like to think of the Marmoset as a trout and deer design. Perfect for processing small game and fowl, it also excels as a beautiful EDC.

SKU: 71XX OAL: 6.34" BLADE: 2.87"



SKU: 7102
Handle: Giraffe Bone



SKU: 7101
Handle: Warthog Ivory Tusk



SKU: 7104
Handle: Sheep Horn



SKU: 7105
Handle: G10



SAFETY SHEATHS

“We made a hand braided lanyard from **Kangaroo leather** that has a matching bead to the handle material of your choice. The lanyard is secured to the sheath with a simple clip button.

This secures your knife and reduces the risk of losing your knife when walking or stalking in the outdoors. The safety sheath comes standard with any Bongo, Badger, Bateleur and Marmoset models.”



Brown Bovine for natural handle materials.

Black Bovine for G10 handle material.



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These designs are the largest and represent the size and toughness of the biggest of our South African animals. For those looking for the ultimate in a hunting knife for processing the largest of game animals and general camp chores, these substantial designs offer the size and heft that will tackle any challenge.



ELEPHANT MODEL#: 11XX OAL: 9.875" BLADE: 5.375"

*Shown in Sheep Horn



BUFFALO MODEL#: 12XX OAL: 9.625" BLADE: 4.75"

*Shown in Giraffe Bone



HIPPO MODEL#: 13XX OAL: 9.375" BLADE: 4.625"

*Shown in Giraffe Bone



RHINO MODEL#: 14XX OAL: 9" BLADE: 4.625"

*Shown in Mammoth Molar



GIRAFFE MODEL#: 15XX OAL: 9.375" BLADE: 4.625"

*Shown in South African Wild Olive

Deadly and ready for action, reflecting the boldness of those hunting prey. For those with larger hands or looking for a knife with a bit more blade length over the Grazers that is still manageable, comfortable, & beautifully balanced, this is your series. Along with the Grazers, we feel these represent the perfect hunting knife designs for most hunters.



CHEETAH MODEL#: 21XX OAL: 8.375" BLADE: 3.875"

*Shown in Mammoth Molar



LION MODEL#: 23XX OAL: 8.625" BLADE: 4.25"

*Shown in Sheep Horn



CROC MODEL#: 24XX OAL: 8.875" BLADE: 4.125"

*Shown in Ebony



SAILFISH MODEL#: 25XX OAL: 8.125" BLADE: 3.5"

*Shown in Giraffe Bone



GREAT WHITE MODEL#: 26XX OAL: 8.375" BLADE: 3.875"

*Shown in South African Wild Olive



These are the swiftest and most graceful of all the animals, tough, fast and sharp. Likewise, the designs in this series offer very powerful tools, larger than the Scavengers, that make extremely quick work of processing most game due to their efficient blade designs, perfect balance, and lightweight feel



NYALA MODEL#: 31XX OAL: 7.5" BLADE: 3.5"

*Shown in Giraffe Bone



WARTHOG MODEL#: 33XX OAL: 7.75" BLADE: 3.875"

*Shown in Sheep Horn



KUDU MODEL#: 34XX OAL: 8.125" BLADE: 3.625"

*Shown in Mammoth Molar



SPRINGBOK MODEL#: 35XX OAL: 7.75" BLADE: 3.75"

*Shown in Mammoth Molar



ZEBRA MODEL#: 36XX OAL: 8" BLADE: 3.625"

*Shown in South African Wild Olive

Named after the animals that do the dirty work in the circle of life in Africa. They are purposeful and necessary. The Scavenger series offers a deceptively powerful collection of efficient knife designs for processing all but the largest of game in compact and very light weight packages.



JACKAL MODEL#: 42XX OAL: 6.625" BLADE: 2.875"

*Shown in Giraffe Bone



VULTURE MODEL#: 43XX OAL: 7.25" BLADE: 3.625"

*Shown in Mammoth Molar



WILD DOG MODEL#: 44XX OAL: 7.375" BLADE: 3.5"

*Shown in Warthog Ivory Tusk



WASP MODEL#: 45XX OAL: 7.25" BLADE: 3.75"

*Shown in Giraffe Bone



WOLVERINE MODEL#: 46XX OAL: 7" BLADE: 3"

*Shown in Sheep Horn



These are the smallest knives available, and just as the animals they are named after, they are deceptively useful. Along with being great designs for caping chores in tight places, these knives are perfectly suited as great everyday carry blades for everyday cutting jobs.



MEERKAT MODEL#: 52XX OAL: 5.25" BLADE: 2.25"

*Shown in South African Wild Olive



GECKO MODEL#: 53XX OAL: 5.5" BLADE: 2.75"

*Shown in Giraffe Bone



SQUIRREL MODEL#: 54XX OAL: 5.75" BLADE: 2.625"

*Shown in Mammoth Molar



PORCUPINE MODEL#: 55XX OAL: 5.875" BLADE: 2.875"

*Shown in Warthog Ivory Tusk



GALAGO MODEL#: 56XX OAL: 5.875" BLADE: 2.5"

*Shown in Sheep Horn

These are working knives meant to get the job done and are suitable for Professional Hunters in South Africa and elsewhere.

Sable is an excellent caping knife with a slim handle for manoeuvring during long hours of skinning. The slim handle design also makes this an excellent choice for most female hunters.

Eland is for use as an all-around camp and hunting knife. The big blade, robust handle, and clean lines make it useful in the field or kitchen.



SABLE SKU: 61XX OAL: 6.5" BLADE: 3"

*Shown in Seep Horn



ELAND SKU: 62XX OAL: 9" BLADE: 4.5"

*Shown in South African Wild Olive

Marabou is our bird and trout knife. It is also an excellent EDC knife and can be used for meticulous caping jobs.

Wildebeest is essential for any PH. This will be your go to knife whether you are dressing an Eland in South Africa or a Whitetail in Texas.



MARABOU SKU: 64XX OAL: 6.5" BLADE: 3"

*Shown in Warthog Ivory Tusk



WILDEBEEST SKU: 63XX OAL: 7.32" BLADE: 3.23"

*Shown in Giraffe Bone





WARTHOG IVORY TUSK (XX01)

The warthog is a wild member of the pig family found in Africa. Its ivory tusk resembles elephant ivory in density, texture, and quality. Warthog tusk is capable of being polished to a high gloss and takes scrimshaw well. Due to the size of the tusk, this material is unavailable in the Giant and Predator series. Warthog tusk is available on the Grazer series in limited quantities and as a special order. **Only available in Scavenger and Bush Baby series**



GIRAFFE BONE (XX02)

The giraffe is the tallest living terrestrial animal. It is admired as an icon of wild Africa, a much sought after game animal, and a food source for both humans and predators. Its shinbone is among the strongest bones of any animal and is very dense. As a knife handle it is both durable and beautiful. The handles are stabilized and dyed with natural shades and the different amounts of fat inside the bone causes a variety of patterns.



SHEEP HORN (XX04)

South African farmers use the wool and meat of Merino Sheep, and it is a major food source throughout South Africa. Sheep horn consist of layers of scales that lend an interesting texture when made into handles. Sheep horn is one of the strongest natural handle materials.



G10 (XX05)

G10 is our only synthetic handle material. It is a glass epoxy composite laminate and is lightweight, waterproof and durable. We use it because of customer demand and acceptance in the industry.



EBONY (XX07)

Ebony is a dark, dense, and very hard African wood. It has an intricate grain pattern only seen after it is polished and seems to grow more beautiful with age. This material will provide many years of service.



MAMMOTH MOLAR (XX13)

The mammoth is an extinct mammal that belonged to the elephant family. The remains of these giants are found throughout the world. The fossilized molars are stabilized and polished to create a beautiful and unique handle. Since it is fossilized it is basically stone which makes it very challenging to work and shape. As the tooth becomes a fossil it absorbs the minerals in the surrounding earth so the colors are as varied as our earth. Knives made of this material are truly a unique treasure as each handle is a piece of the history of our earth.



SPALTED MAPLE (XX14)

The coloration patterns in Spalted Maple are highly sought after for their ability to stand out next to other woods. The winding black lines give each handle made from this wood an extra boost of uniqueness.



SOUTH AFRICAN WILD OLIVE (XX15)

This is a wild olive tree native to South Africa. The wood has a rich color, shows lots of grain, is dense and oily, and makes a durable handle. We stabilize the wood and polish it to a high gloss.



KUDU BONE (XX16)

The kudu is also called the grey ghost, since he is so deceptively quiet and camouflages so well with his environment. We use the inner bone from the spiral horns. The bone is stabilized with a colored resin and makes for a very beautiful pattern because of all the voids in the bone.

How to determine the model number of your knife:

- The first number indicates the Series of each knife. (ex. 1xxx = Giant Series, 2xxx = Predator Series).
- The second number indicates the Model of your knife in the Series. (ex. 11xx = Giant Series - Elephant Model, 21xx = Predator Series - Cheetah model).
- The last two numbers indicate the type of handle material. (ex. 1102 = Giant Series - Elephant Model - Giraffe Bone Handle, 2304 = Predator Series - Lion Model - Sheep Horn).





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