

KOREAN KYUNG CHANG HANDCUFFS AND KEY PHOTOS



I was looking at some USMC photos taken in Iraq during December 2008 and found these ...



The caption reads

"U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Fady Nessim, Gunner, 1-29/7 Military Transit Team, from Orlando, Fla., tries on handcuffs with local Iraqi military member, Nukhayb, Iraq, [2] Dec. 2008. ..."

I was able to puzzle out that the cuffs are stamped

TRU SPEC / ATL 1

I've known of the Tru Spec brand for military / law enforcement apparel but did not know it is also a handcuff brand.

If you Google / Shopping "tru spec handcuffs" you can find a bunch of sellers of these cuffs at prices ranging from \$12. to \$38. (!).

I recently bought a pair from www.opsgear.com.

These are actually made by Kyung Chang Industry Co. (Korea). These are well made, have 3 ratchet paws, etc. They appear to be the same as what Discount Handcuff Warehouse sells (but are mostly out of stock of).

UNFORTUNATELY ... The cuffs currently being distributed by www.atlanco.com no longer have the Tru Spec stamp on them; instead they are stamped Handcuffs / Kyung Chang. Which makes a world of difference for the collector!

Reply

Tru Spec

June 22 2011, 3:25 PM

Very interesting photos & info--Thanks.

These Korean cuffs come in 2-bitt key and 3-bitt key models...which make them deceivably more secure than their inexpensive appearance would have you believe (a standard cuff key will not open them).

I would also assume that their 2 or 3 "ratchet paws" would make shimming more difficult. Certainly, "picking" them is harder - as you'd have to raise each pawl independently, or all at one time.

Inexpensive enough for the military to buy in mass quantities, than say, Hiatt, S&W or Peerless.

Re: Tru Spec HCs ...

June 22 2011, 5:01 PM

Thanks for the heads up. I guess I need to raise the price. I only have a few pair of the old

Tru-Specs left

They don't sell well, because I can move name-brand and even NIJ cuffs for the same price.

Tru Spec HCs ...

June 22 2011, 8:41 PM

Dennis ... I've sent you an email.

Re: Tru Spec HCs ...

June 23 2011, 4:51 AM

They were probably bought by the soldier.

I can't really say I'm a big fan of KC; something feels cheap about them, even though they may be technically sound.

Re: Tru Spec HCs ...

June 23 2011, 11:06 AM

The only issue I have w the KC aluminum cuffs is that the colored anodized pairs I bought years ago were packaged with nothing too keep the bare rivets from rubbing against the anodized surface and leaving rub marks . I questioned the USA vendor about it and his reply was that he had made KC aware and that they did not seem concerned .

Tru Spcec HCs ...

June 23 2011, 11:40 AM

The cuffs I bought are steel. The finish and build quality seems comparable to S&W. IMO. What really impresses me is that the double locks are really smooth to set. I've S&W that are something of a chore. What I don't like is that the connecting chain is a bit on the wimpy side. IMO.

Re: Tru Spec HCs ...

June 23 2011, 10:16 PM

The steel model looks like a good cuff , thx 4 posting the thread ...

Re: Tru Spec HCs ...

June 24 2011, 5:10 PM

I too have the steel KC cuffs and also think they are on the wimpy side.

Tru Spec HCs ...

June 24 2011, 5:48 PM

I have the matching KC LIs. The irons are well made, but the connecting chain is a total joke. IMO. Imagine something about half the weight of Peerless. 😞OTOH, compare the connecting chain on the Taiwan LI's I've got for sale. That's something serious! From one extreme to the other.

What gives?!

June 27 2011, 8:00 PM

What gives here?

The US Marine Corps should be playing with American toys.

Does the DOD still have a contract with Peerless?

Re: Tru Spec HCs ...

June 27 2011, 9:41 PM

Peerless probably aren't any better these days.

Tru-Spec HCs ...

June 27 2011, 10:01 PM

Jason ... "The US Marine Corps should be playing with American toys." LOL! Indeed.

Adam ... You know, I was looking at an old pair of S&W made Peerless ... by any standard, these are still pretty well made ... and they look good too. IMO.

It bothers me a lot that so many LEOs are trusting their lives to cuffs of questionable quality. I guess for the manufacturers it comes down to selling a product that ppl will buy, but it seems penny wise / pound foolish for a LEO to trust his life to the cheapest cuffs around. IMO.

Re: Tru Spec HCs ...

June 28 2011, 7:23 PM

Been using HWC stainless steel cuffs for about 6 years now and they work fine. Many-a-big boy have been locked up in them and haven't gotten out yet! I have a crappy set of S&W that was issued to me when I was hired and I only use them as a back up because I hate that slide double lock.

Clones

June 28 2011, 8:29 PM

We've debated the clone alternatives often in previous threads.

Here's one of the more recent discussions:

<http://www.network54.com/Forum/261154/thread/1144937735/Cheap+cuffs+for+duty-+-NO+WAY%21%21%21>

Jason

Re: Tru Spec HCs ...

June 29 2011, 12:03 AM

Like i stated in other posts, everything is cheaper but the price tag.

Reply

Re: CHICAGO MODEL 1100

April 12 2006, 3:51 PM

They're sold under quite a few different names. The primary difference is that they would not have bothered to apply for NIJ approval . Mostly descent quality though. My biggest beef is that after a while the double locks don't work anymore , IE they don't prevent the bow from ratcheting in further.I've noticed this over several pair including some legirons from the same maker Often they have a serial number but no other markings. Oddly except for this defect I don't seeing them much worse than S&W or peerless. Put them next to a set of Hiatt 2050's though and you'll sure notice a difference. The difference in workmanship alone is incredible.

Edri

Cheap cuffs for duty?? NO WAY!!!

April 13 2006, 10:15 AM

I WILL NOT carry any cuff that is not NIJ approved. One of my partners handcuffed an out of control person with the famous HWC stainless steel handcuffs. Which, I believe, is the same tiawan company that makes cuffs for most of these individual sellers like Galls, DHW, HWC, Etc. Well, the guy bent the jaw arm AND broke the cuff at the top swivel. We had to fight with this guy all over again. Once I snapped my trusty Hiatts 2010's on him, he was no longer out of control, nor did they break. This guy wound up being on PCP but it goes to show you, why take the chance? If you're a collector, they're ok. If they are going to be used for duty, pay the extra \$10 for a set of NIJ approved cuffs. Your life may depend on it.

Edward.

Re: CHICAGO MODEL 1100

April 13 2006, 1:25 PM

Edward, if you would learn to use your 6-cell Mag Light correctly, it doesn't matter if your cuffs are NIJ approved or not because by the time you cuff him, the cuffs are just for looks any way! And BTW, they are ALL on PCP!

Chicago Model 1100

April 13 2006, 2:16 PM

Hi and Thanks for the comments. I am beginning to see the light when it come to the Chicago 1100's.

I must get myself a set of HIATT 2010's. I really do like good workmanship.

I only just started collecting so I'm very much a novice. I was in security work most of my young life but never used handcuffs on anyone. It sure is nice to hear from the experts. I live in Toronto Ontario and wonder what handcuffs the Metro Police are issued with. Does anyone know for sure. ??? What about the OPP (Ontario Provincial Police) ???

Thanks Guys. Nice to have a place to ask questions.

Toronto and Ontario forces

April 13 2006, 3:18 PM

Hi,

The T.O. cops carry a hodge podge of Peerless, Hiatt, and S&W cuffs.

O.P.P. and RCMP by and large all carry S&W.

Cheers, Steve Santini www.thedarkmaster.com

They Carry what they buy

April 13 2006, 7:50 PM

I'm not sure if they are issued or not, but the last OPP officer I saw were carrying peerless. My Brother is on Toronto Metro, and he carries peerless but I've never asked them if they were his own from his MP days or if they were issued.

Edri

Re: CHICAGO MODEL 1100

April 14 2006, 9:50 AM

Larry,

"Use your mag lite correctly", "cuffs are for looks", "they all are on PCP??"

I'm still trying to figure out if you're joking or serious. The last time I heard someone say something like that, was a wannabe cop, mall security guard. I do hope you were being funny & not serious.

Edward

Re: CHICAGO MODEL 1100

April 14 2006, 11:43 AM

Your flashlight is a weapon of necessity, not choice. At least that is what our flashlight defense course I had to go through told us. I know many cities have gone as far as to outlaw metal flashlights and issue the plastic Streamlite flashlights with an order; any one caught carrying a metal flashlight will be immediately terminated.

But a properly trained officer when put into a situation where it is needed or justified can really rely on his or her flashlight. It dose make a good weapon, just don't go boasting you love to use it or you will wind up in court way too often. There has even been riots due to officers using excessive use of force.

I don't know if that other guy was joking or not, but the first city I worked in, we had such a large dope problem that we had to go to extreme measures to control a subject without having to simply shoot him. The dope they were on was so powerful that pepper spray, stun gun, or asp would not even phase them. And it was a one-two man department with your closest back up 15-20 mins away. We ended up ordering some stuff not made or available in the U.S. from Mexico, needless to say it worked. I no longer work for that department and have moved on to another, but I do clearly see the need for flashlight training.

As far as being on PCP, it doesn't mater what brand of handcuffs you're using, a guy in Des Moines, Iowa, featured on the show COPS. Was strung out on PCP and managed to break a pair of Peerless 500, he ripped the swivel right out of the cuff, while cuffed behind his back, so NIJ doesn't mean squat when it comes to that stuff.

As officers we get watched so closely by the public and criticized when the public feels that we may have went a little too far, but I don't see our critics out there fight some one on PCP in hand to hand combat, or being put in a situation where you feel the other guy has a gun and is going to kill you. We as officers are faced with the reality that we may go to work one day and never come home. This, the public dose not consider when trying to get an officer fired because he or she had to use force. They don't see all the murders, rapist, drugies, and gang members we deal with on a daily bases.

You can not judge a man till you walked a mile in his shoes.

James Brown

Re: CHICAGO MODEL 1100

April 15 2006, 1:44 PM

"One final Michigan Supreme Court case involves Detroit Police Officers Larry Nevers and Walter Budzyn, who were charged criminally after fighting with a drug suspect who subsequently died. At the request of the officers' local attorneys, we sought and received permission from the Michigan Supreme Court to file briefs on their behalf. This case was subsequently profiled on the television program 60 Minutes. On July 31, 1997, the Michigan Supreme Court granted a new trial for Walter Budzyn, but denied the appeal by Larry Nevers. Budzyn was immediately released from prison. He was retried, and on March 19, 1998, he was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter, and in January 1999 the Michigan Court of Appeals reinstated his 4 to 15 year prison sentence. (He has already served 4 years in prison and is eligible for parole.) Larry Nevers was successful on his appeal after a Federal court overturned the verdict, and was subsequently released. State prosecutors are currently appealing that decision."

Yes, I am serious.

South Korea - Kyoung Chang KCH701



High security aluminium alloy handcuffs from South Korea.
The shape is similar as the S&W handcuffs
with a double locking slot.

Bought: October 10, 2005 in [The handcuffs shop](#).
Price: 26.90 GBP

Details:
width: 10mm, width of bow: 5mm
length: 230mm, weight: 170g
ratchet: three independent, with three teeth
tough of spring: 3
double lock: yes, by the key
locking positions: 22
range: max: 57x77mm; min: 53x44mm
swing through

Manufacturer: [Kyoung Chang Industry corp.](#), South Korea

KYOUNG CHANG



Kyoung Chang handcuffs are manufactured by Kungchang Industry Co in Seoul, South Korea. A small but interesting range, we think you will agree.

We are particularly impressed by the triple lever high security handcuffs. Their colour coded handcuffs are very useful for categorising prisoners in correctional institutions.



[Kyoung Chang, Model No KCH 010](#)

Kyoung Chang handcuffs, Model Number KCH-010

Price £27.50



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Kyound Chang high security handcuffs, model number KCH 701

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£27.50

Price

This is the Kyoun Chang standard pair of handcuffs constructed of Stainless Steel. Double locking with the key they weigh 263 grams. They have a very smooth action, good value for money Police handcuffs.

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