

BROWNING BLADE STEEL INDEX						
STEEL TYPE	ATTRIBUTES	ROCKWELL HARDNESS	GOOD	BETTER	BEST	
420	A tough carbon stainless steel that offers superior sharpenability with good edge retention and moderate corrosion resistance.	54	EDGE RETENTION / HARDNESS CORROSION RESISTANCE SHARPENABILITY			
AUS-6	A specialized stainless steel with vanadium added to improve wear resistance, sharpenability and corrosion resistance.	56	EDGE RETENTION / HARDNESS CORROSION RESISTANCE SHARPENABILITY			
440 Series	A classic all-around stainless for knife blades giving and excellent balance of sharpenability, good edge retention and high corrosion resistance.	56-60	EDGE RETENTION / HARDNESS CORROSION RESISTANCE SHARPENABILITY			
AUS-8A	A higher grade of Japanese vanadium stainless steel with additional carbon content. It offers improved wear resistance with reasonable sharpenability and excellent corrosion resistance.	58-60	EDGE RETENTION / HARDNESS CORROSION RESISTANCE SHARPENABILITY			
8Cr13MoV	A tough stainless that's usually tempered in the Rc56 to Rc58 range, it gives great corrosion resistance and edge retention along with good sharpenability.	56-58	EDGE RETENTION / HARDNESS CORROSION RESISTANCE SHARPENABILITY			
154CM/ATS-34	A premium, custom-grade U.S. or Japanese stainless used for both folding and fixed blades, it has a higher carbon and chromium content for greater hardness and outstanding edge retention.	58-61	EDGE RETENTION / HARDNESS CORROSION RESISTANCE SHARPENABILITY			
Sandvik® 12C27	A well-balanced Swedish stainless steel that provides high hardness with good wear resistance.	57-58	EDGE RETENTION / HARDNESS CORROSION RESISTANCE SHARPENABILITY			
X50 CrMo-15	A high-quality cutlery German stainless made with carbon, chromium and molybdenum to provide excellent sharpenability and good corrosion resistance.	56-60	EDGE RETENTION / HARDNESS CORROSION RESISTANCE SHARPENABILITY			
VG-10	A specialized, fine-grain Japanese stainless steel made with cobalt and vanadium that offers very good edge retention and hardness with all-around sharpenability and corrosion resistance.	59-60	EDGE RETENTION / HARDNESS CORROSION RESISTANCE SHARPENABILITY			
5Cr15MoV & 7-Cr	All-around stainless steels with similar qualities to the best 440 Series metals, providing good sharpenability, good edge retention and high corrosion resistance.	56-60	EDGE RETENTION / HARDNESS CORROSION RESISTANCE SHARPENABILITY			
N690Co	A premium grade of stainless steel from Austria with a higher cobalt content for greater hardness and exceptional edge retention, usually hardened at Rc58 to Rc61	58-61	EDGE RETENTION / HARDNESS CORROSION RESISTANCE SHARPENABILITY			