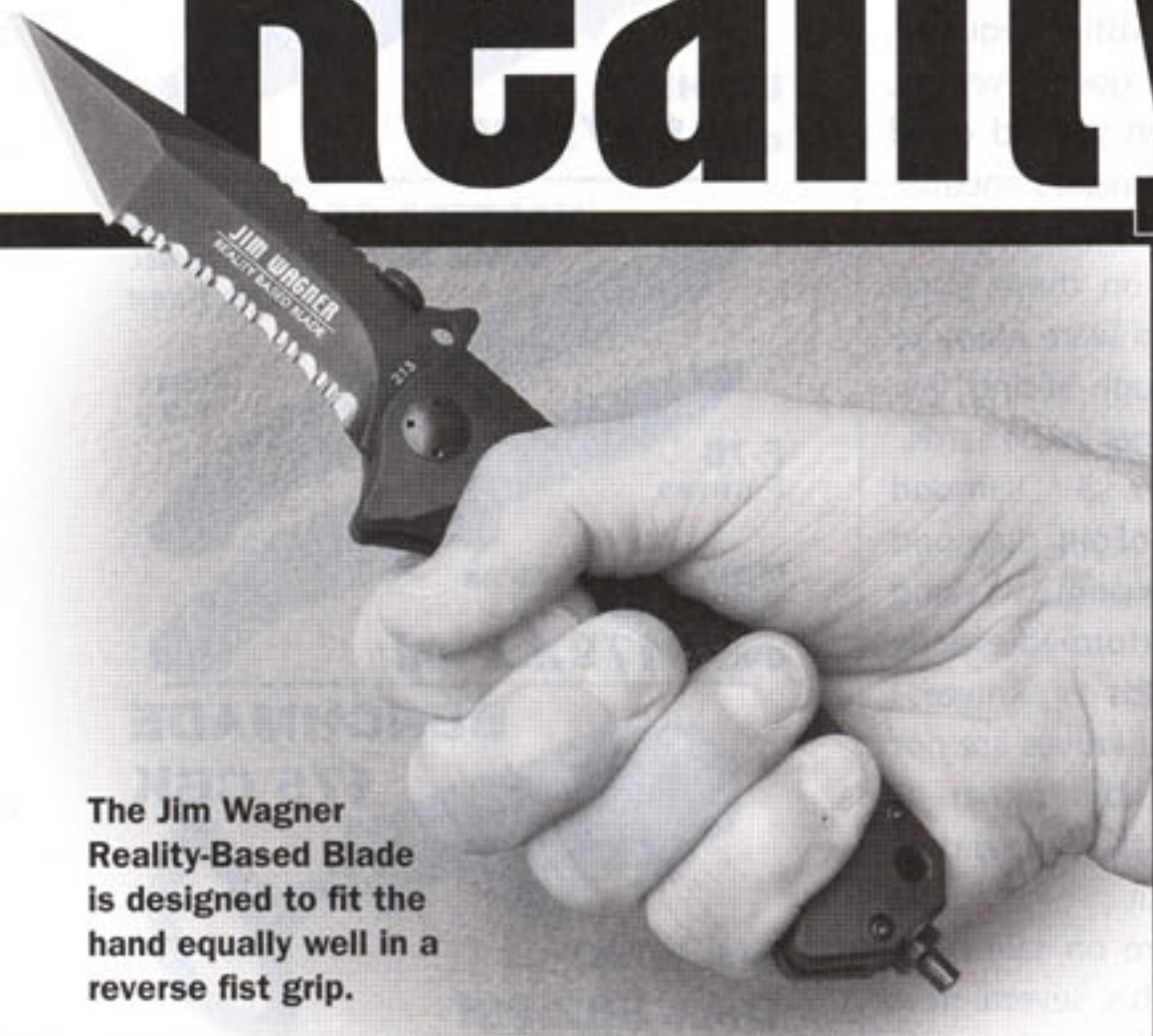


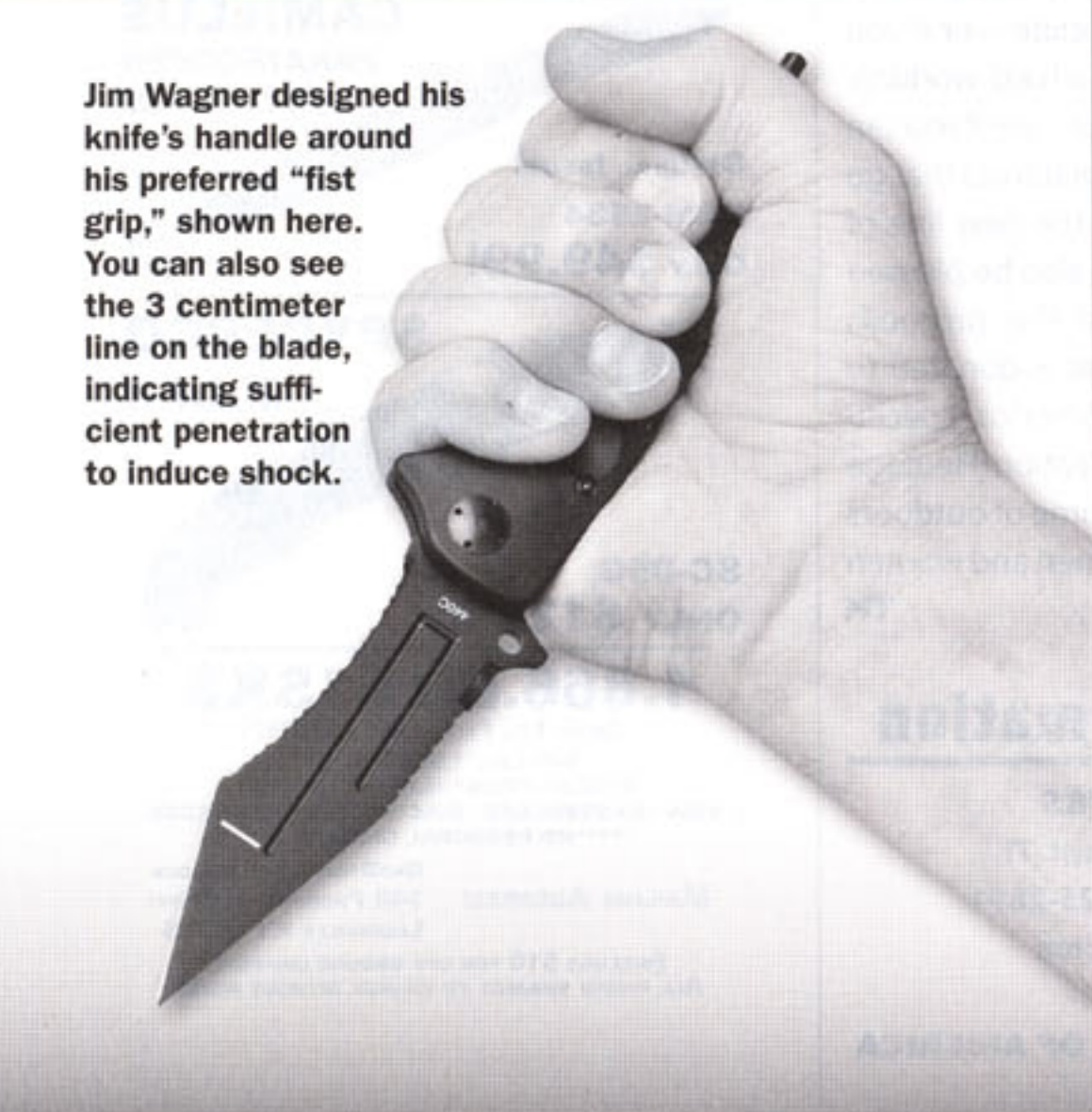
# THE Reality-Based FOLDER

**BOKER'S** new tactical folder was

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The Jim Wagner Reality-Based Blade is designed to fit the hand equally well in a reverse fist grip.



Jim Wagner designed his knife's handle around his preferred "fist grip," shown here. You can also see the 3 centimeter line on the blade, indicating sufficient penetration to induce shock.

**J**im Wagner is a name familiar to anyone with an interest in the martial arts or just plain old self-defense. He has been a featured columnist and the subject of a number of articles in many martial arts magazines. In those articles he demonstrates his straight-forward, street-realistic, "reality-based" (a term he made popular) no-style combatives. He makes the point of doing this dressed in plain clothes, or fully loaded in military or police gear. After all, this is how we will be dressed (or loaded down, as the case may be) when we have to fight. No pajamas, bare feet, silk uniforms or gis.

Jim has about as good a background for this role as you can imagine. Starting out as a young teenager in various traditional martial arts, he found his way to Jeet Kune Do (JKD)—the art of Bruce Lee, as taught by Dan Inosanto—as a freshman in high school. Jim studied JKD for several years under the tutelage of several men who are now legends, as well as taking in some other martial arts that he found locally. After a stint in the Army, Jim became a correctional officer for two years, then a street cop in Southern California for ten, including duty for most of that time on the SWAT team. During this period he was still studying every martial art he could find.

Jim also was on the ground floor of a new law enforcement training organization called "Hike, Stalk, Shoot," which had quite an impact in the 90's, instructing thousands of officers across the world. In this role, Jim cross-trained with many of the marquee special operations and law