

William Henry Knives GenTac G30-I



First, don't be put off by the gems, or that you're

more likely to find this knife at a jewelry shop than at a sporting goods store. And don't let the price put you off, either: This is one tough knife that will hold an edge longer than anything you've ever used.

The GenTac G30-I (\$450) is also a true piece of working art. You'll be taken first by its handsomeness—the contrast of its desert ironwood handle with the citrine gemstones on the blade and the lock. Next you'll be taken by its feel—the balance, the fit. When you open and close the blade, you'll be taken by its strength and smoothness—as smooth as the action on a classic Mannlicher. But you'll be taken fully when you use it—again and again.

The $3\frac{1}{16}$ -inch blade is made of ZDP-189, a new Japanese manufactured steel that can be heated to a hardness few other blade materials can tolerate. Because ZDP-189 has less tensile strength than other steels, William Henry strengthens the blade with a stainless saddle. The result is a remarkable and durable knife you'll be proud to own. I've used mine to skin and dress a variety of game and fish through winter, spring, and summer. I'm heading into a new season now, and it still hasn't needed sharpening.

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