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Nomad Pivot Operation Instructions

The Nomad Detent Pivot:

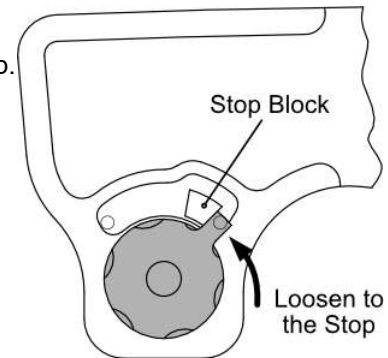
The Nomad Gen-V Detent Pivot is a completely new and uniquely designed mechanism. It makes use of elastomer springs, ball bearings, and pressure plates with ball tracks and detents. I designed it specifically for the Nomad folding cleaver, to provide an improved blade locking solution over the original friction pivot design. The entire mechanism works within the small confines of the Nomad's pivot housing block.

The locking mechanism has been designed to give a long service life, and all internal components can be easily replaced during a re-build. However, proper operation is required in order to prevent damage and premature wear.

To Open or Close the Blade:

Ensure that the thumbscrew is loosened all the way against the stop. This is the Unlocked Position.

The Nomad's blade may be opened or closed while Unlocked. Detent action will be felt as the blade swings open or closed.

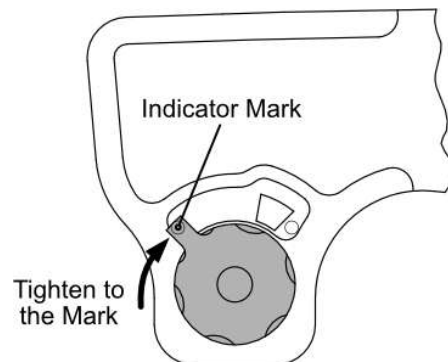


**Unlocked
Position**

To Lock the Blade for Use:

With the blade fully opened (or closed), tighten the thumbscrew until the pointer lines up with the indicator mark. This is the Locked Position.

The Nomad's blade should only be used when Locked open. During transport or carry, the blade should also be locked closed.



**Locked
Position**

Additional Notes:

- Tighten the thumbscrew (to lock the blade) only in the fully open, 90°, or fully closed positions. Do not overtighten.
- Fully loosen the thumbscrew (to the stop) before opening or closing the blade. Never force the blade open or closed when the pivot is locked.
- A slight amount of clearance can be felt while the blade is swinging open or closed between its detent positions. This is a normal function of the pivot.
- When swinging the blade open or closed, do not apply undue side force on the blade. Too much side force will overcome the blade guidance and can eventually create micro-scratches on your finely finished blade.
- For long-term storage, the thumbscrew should be left unlocked. This will relax the elastomer springs, minimizing any 'setting' condition over time.

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