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Benchmade's SOCP is an ancient design with a modern twist.

The dagger is one of the oldest knife forms in the history of the world, dating back to knapped flint versions before edged metal tools ever graced the planet. The Romans and Celts refined the genre and it retained its popularity right through WWII with the legendary Fairbairn Sykes dagger. It remains a popular choice for a combat blade today.

Benchmade's version of the age-old knife style, the SOCP Dagger, is as modern and innovative as it gets. The knife was designed by Greg Thompson, founder of the US Army's Special Operations Combative Program (SOCP), a special operations program that focuses on advanced close quarters combat techniques. That ring at the top of the knife allows it to be used in a variety of grips and also helps to retain the knife during combat.

At only 7.25" the SOCP Dagger is small, but in close quarters combat that's all you need and, in fact, many modern combat trainers believe anything over 3.5" can be a hindrance. Knurled areas at the top of the ring and below the blade enhance the purchase of the knife. The 3.22" blade is partially ground 1.25" on both sides to keep the edge from cutting into the palm when using an overhand grip.

GREG THOMPSON SOCP

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BLADE STEEL: 440C stainless, **BLADE LENGTH:** 3.22", **OVERALL LENGTH:** 7.25", **WEIGHT:** 2.20 ounces, **HANDLE:** Skeletonized, **CARRY:** Injection-molded synthetic sheath, **PRICE:** \$90 (standard), \$130 (with trainer)

The knife's versatile injection-molded sheath (complete with pocket clip and available in black or desert tan) can be worn around the neck, on the waistband or belt, and in the pocket or boot. In addition, a red trainer model is available for safe use during the educational process. The price is right. The knife and sheath go for \$90 and you get the trainer included for \$130, a small price to pay for this evil finger!

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