

## Cheness Shobu Zukuri - Kurome 9260 Spring Steel Katana

### Category:



**Product ID:** **Kurome-9260**  
**Manufacturer:** **Cheness Cutlery**  
**Price:** **559.00 EUR**  
**Availability:** **Out of stock**

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This is the more popular and the more common variant of the Shobu Zukuri katana. Shobu Zukuri refers to the shape of the blade. The word "Shobu" means Iris, and "Zukuri" mean made or constructed. This type of sword is so named because of the resemblance with the leaf of an iris plant.

The name of this sword "Kurome" literally translates to "Black Eyes".

In this variant, the shinogi (ridgeline) of the sword ends just short of the tip of the sword. This results in a bladed tip more so than the Ayame (which has more of a needle-like tip). This type of a blade is what is more commonly seen when referring to a Shobu Zukuri katana. Majority of the production as well as custom/antique Shobu Zukuri katanas has this type of a tip.

Note that because there is less material overall in the tip of the sword than a traditional Shinogi Zukuri katana used in iaido, the tip is better at penetration but also somewhat more delicate.

The tsuka is wrapped with a black same panel wrap, and a brown cotton ito wrap. The tsuba is a rounded-edged cast iron tsuba and is where we derived the name of this sword.

### Product parameters:

- Total length: 100,5 cm
- Blade length: 71 cm
- Blade thickness: 8 mm
- Blade width: 3,1 cm
- Weight: 1,15 kg
- Point of balance: 15 cm
- Handle length: 26,5 cm