

Staff

It is exactly 5 feet 11 inches -- my height.

Tapers from a diameter of one inch at the head to a half inch at the tip.

Turned on a 72 inch bed South Bend lathe in Milwaukee in 1942.

Fabricated from a Chrome Vanadium alloy -- mixed only once.

Finished with 600 wet or dry emory cloth.

Polished to a high lustre with jeweler's rouge.

Incised and inlaid with gold in alignment with all my chakras.

I am able to perform over 45 steps of the sword form of Tai Chi.

I can use either hand.

The velocity of the tip sometimes exceeds 600 feet per second.

Once, when angry, I used it to crush the skull of some ugly mutha-fucka.

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