



ITEM# UJKA128

**A YASUTOSHI KATANA (WITH CUTTING TEST)**  
**SIGNED, EARLY EDO PERIOD (KANBUN ERA: 1661-1673)**  
**(GOLD INLAY) DECEMBER 2ND, 2ND YEAR OF KANBUN (1662)**  
**SEVERED TWO HUMAN BODIES [IN ONE STROKE]**  
**YAMANO KAUEMON NAGAHISA (KAOU, TESTER)**

**Swordsmith:** Bushu Ju YASUTOSHI (*elegant two-character signature*)  
**Location:** Musashi province (Tokyo prefecture)  
**Measurements:** **Length:** 71.6cm **Curvature:** 1.1cm **Motohaba:** 3.2cm  
**Jihada:** *Itame and mokume majiri*  
**Hamon:** *Gunome-midare*  
**Nakago:** *Suriage-chushin (signature completely in tact)*  
**Certificate:** **NBTHK Tokubetsu Hozon** (*a sword designated as Especially Worthy of Conservation by the Society for the Preservation of the Japan Art Sword*)  
**Included:** Shirsaya, carry bag, sword stand, maintenance kit, DVD, printed care guide, exportation paperwork to home country

**SOLD**



352 years ago on December 2, 1662, this formidable katana by Yasutoshi underwent a cutting test known as *tameshigiri*. It successfully severed the corpses of two convicted criminals layed on top of one another in a single stroke. The tester was *Yamano Kauemon Nagahisa*, the founder of the Yamano School. As standard practice, he recorded the test result in gold inlay on the *nakago* (tang) of the sword.

Nagahisa and his descendant, Yamano Kanjuro Hisahide, were Shogun appointed sword testers and favoured swords by Yasusada. Yasutoshi studied under sensei Yasusada and his swords carry similar qualities such as a marvelous *gunome midare hamon*. Sword comes with NBTHK Tokubetsu Hozon certification. This is a bigtime Samurai sword.