Bent Vise????

Posted by kevinzk - 30 Dec 2011 12:06

I'm a new user and I've sharpened about a dozen knives on my Wicked Edge. Today I noticed my vice appears to be bent!!! The top screw in my vice is now making contact with the stone as I try to sharpen a thin paring knife and there is a noticalbe gap between the blade of the knife and the jaw of the vice. I have only hand tightened the vice with the key provided, I've never used tools to tighten it. I have also noticed some marring where the vice clamps on the blade with some of the knives I've sharpened so I have been tightening the vice as hard as I can twist it to prevent the blade from moving and getting scratched by the vice.

Does anyone have an experience with this or an idea what I should do? My vice is pretty useless right now and I'd really like to continue using it since it works very well on the knives I've sharpened so far. I don't feel like trashing over $300 after sharpening a dozen knives and waiting 4 months for my WE to arrive. Please help. Thanks.

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Re: Bent Vise????

Posted by babo - 17 Jan 2012 07:54

To be clear; I have not had a third bent vise; only my original order and the replacement.

Regarding David's post; I never saw it and was not informed by WE that the replacement might also defective.

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Re: Bent Vise????

Posted by jendeindustries - 17 Jan 2012 08:34

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babo wrote:

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That's certainly good news that it hasn't hit 3 vises in a row yet - it got a bit confusing keeping track. Lets hope the third time is the charm (knock on wood!)

babo wrote:

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Thank you Babo - that may be the key piece of information we needed to get this back on track?

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Re: Bent Vise????

Posted by MODiFiEDZ - 18 Jan 2012 05:00

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Add me to the list of bent vises. I've had mine for exactly a month now but noticed my bevels were larger on the right side of my knife for the last 2 knives I sharpened yesterday. I just now noticed why. Ill call tomorrow & request a replacement. Wouldn't steel be cheaper to use instead of aluminum? I know it would definitely be stronger.

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Re: Bent Vise????

Posted by davidmcm77 - 18 Jan 2012 19:53

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Well there is definitely a gap forming on my vice jaws too. Darn I thought for sure I had managed to beat the curse. Oh well, I guess I will be calling the office tomorrow and I'm sure a replacement will be sent my way shortly. Hopefully they will still have some units left to ship! If not I really don't think I can wait another "6-8 weeks".

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Re: Bent Vise????

Posted by kevinzk - 18 Jan 2012 22:51

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I preface this comment disclosing my newbie status with wicked edge but in my opinion if you sharpen knives with a bent vice be prepared to reprofile when your new vice arrives. It seems to me like the blade angle is following the bend angle of the vice causing a change in the edge angle of the sharpened blade. I've pretty much redone everything at this point and thankfully my new vice seems to be holding up so far. I've done about 15 knives and after tonight I now can shave with my steak knives if i want to. They are scary sharp. Wow.

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Re: Bent Vise????

Posted by wickededge - 19 Jan 2012 00:03

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Hi guys,

We're at Shot Show for the week but are about to issue a recall on the batch that came out in November. We think the supplier failed at heat treatment or used the wrong material. If you're having an issue, please call in or email right away.

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Re: Bent Vise????

Posted by mark76 - 19 Jan 2012 15:14

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Hi Clay,

How do you know whether your vise is from the November batch? My WEPS came by mail today via Peter, your German reseller. Haven't assembled it yet, but it already gives the impression of a very well built precision device. This is gonna be a good weekend

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Re: Bent Vise????

Posted by wickededge - 20 Jan 2012 10:08

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mark76 wrote:

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Hi Mark,

It would be hard to know which batch it's from if it came from Peter, could be that it's one he had in stock from before that batch. If the jaws bend on you, please just let us know and we'll get another set of jaws out to you.

--Clay

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Re: Bent Vise????

Posted by RalphHoneycutt - 28 Jan 2012 17:52

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After sharpening approximately 25-30 knives, I noticed that I was getting a 2 deg angle difference between the left side and the right side of the WE sharpener. Even though I am using the double side foam tape and tightening in the recommended sequence and adjusting the angle accordingly, the bevels that I put on an Al Mar Sere and Benchmade 940 Osbourne knives inconsistent and not symmetrical. With the assymmetry of the vise, it is not possible to get a consistent bevel. Because of the bent vise and even though I am using the double sided foam tape, I can no longer get a knife to set squarely in the vise. Can you please advise what must done to replace or to correct this?

Thanks

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Re: Bent Vise????

Posted by leomitch - 28 Jan 2012 18:05

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Ralph

There has been a recall on some of the latest vises...just give a call to the WE office and they will send out a replacement right away. They will look after you!

Leo

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