Which WEPS Base?
Posted by Salguod - 25 Aug 2011 13:46

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Re: Which WEPS Base?
Posted by red rider - 25 Aug 2011 13:53

My paperstone is 11 3/4" x 11 3/4". Don't know the weight but it's very stable for me. The rubber feet keep it in place.

Regards,

Bob Hardison

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Re: Which WEPS Base?
Posted by wickededge - 25 Aug 2011 15:02

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Bob is right, the Paperstone is very stable. It weighs about 7 lbs and is perfect for being able to move it around. The stone bases are gorgeous but they are more cumbersome. I like sharpening with the unit in my lap sometimes and I don't feel buried under the Paperstone.

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Re: Which WEPS Base?

Posted by leomitch - 04 Sep 2011 07:29

I always work at my kitchen table and I find the granite base is like heaven when it comes to holding the whole unit in a very stable way. It is very heavy and one certainly wouldn't want to hold it on one's lap to work!!

I had an old butcher block of wood before I got the granite base and it was not good...it moved around too much during the process. This one stays put period. And it is pretty too boot.

Leo

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Re: Which WEPS Base?

Posted by Salguod - 04 Sep 2011 09:09

I think that sums it up, Leo. The paperstone base is nice for portability and working on your lap, but the granite base is best if you want something really solid and immovable on your work table.

The only other consideration is waterproofing. I wonder if the granite base might be best for using waterstones. Just how waterproof is the paperstone? Can you rinse it in the sink?

Doug

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Re: Which WEPS Base?
Posted by leomitch - 04 Sep 2011 20:24

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Paperstone is made from a mix of paper and phenolic resins compressed to make a dense and very strong product and has been used to make countertops, window and door sills and a host of other products. I suspect it is much like Micarta in its ability to resist wear and water too. Even using Chosera waterstones, the amount of water splashed around is not untoward. I believe the Paper Stone bases can be rinsed safely.Probably Tom from Jende Industries can confirm this for us.

Leo

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Re: Which WEPS Base?
Posted by Salguod - 04 Sep 2011 21:10

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Thanks Leo!! I'm sure that you are correct. I was trying to rationalize a granite base with a fancy border moat thing like I saw in some of the videos. I am easily drawn toward pretty things like that. But then I have to remember the KISS principle. If the paperstone base is waterproof, it really has no downsides. It is heavy enough and it works just great for Clay and many other experts. I'm sure that the pretty granite would please me at first, but the extra weight would probably bother me in the long term.

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Re: Which WEPS Base?
Posted by wickededge - 05 Sep 2011 20:05

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I love the Paperstone - it's a countertop material (as others have noted) and also used for shower enclosures etc... I wash mine in the sink all the time.

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Re: Which WEPS Base?
Posted by Salguod - 05 Sep 2011 21:47

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Well then! If it is used as a shower enclosure, I reckon that it is waterproof enough for me to rinse it in the sink.

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Re: Which WEPS Base?

Posted by komitadjie - 05 Sep 2011 22:58

I actually did some research on the stuff before I ordered, to see if I wanted to upgrade. The Paperstone looks to be darn near perfect as a material for it, though, so I left it well enough alone. The lower weight will be a bonus when I pack it into my bike's tailbag to take on the road. 🙂

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