How long do the stones last?
Posted by Dmlevitt - 13 Feb 2012 18:44

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Re: How long do the stones last?
Posted by wickededge - 15 Feb 2012 14:39

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Thanks

Nice Edge! The diamond stones should last much, much longer than 50 knives. The set I'm using has done many hundreds. You might try cleaning them really well under running water with a nylon or gentle wire brush with some dish soap. The curved stones do shed a lot. Using them a little wet works well. Coorstek (that make the Spyderco stones and rods) is going to be making some ceramics for us soon.

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Re: How long do the stones last?
Posted by Dmlevitt - 15 Feb 2012 17:17

Wash the stones... will crank up the power washer when it thaws outside!

An outstanding product, and I have the cuts to prove it!

And thanks re the edge. Shiny is nice.

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Re: How long do the stones last?
Posted by mark76 - 15 Feb 2012 18:22

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It is turning a bit off-topic, but I clean my ceramic stones simply in a dish washer. It was a tip Sal Glesser gave in his Sharpmaker instruction video and it works great. I clean my diamond stones with a nylon brush and simple dish soap, like Clay.

But I wondered, would putting the diamond stones in the dish washer not work as well? They need less cleaning than the ceramic stones. Or would the abrasives in the dish washer do something nasty to the diamond stones? (Difficult to imagine, since diamond is a lot harder.) Or am I overseeing something?

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Re: How long do the stones last?
Posted by jendeindustries - 15 Feb 2012 18:35

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I think the heat of the dishwasher would likely cause more damage - it could cause the adhesive to come lose between the plate and the paddle and possibly warp the paddle.

For cleaning the diamonds and the ceramics all I use is an old toothbrush and some liquid soap. Real high tech, I know

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Re: How long do the stones last?
Posted by davidmcm77 - 15 Feb 2012 21:08

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I'm not sure how many factories coorstek has, but I work across the street basically from the one in Hillsboro, OR. And actually went to a fire they had last year.

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Re: How long do the stones last?
Posted by Rjorge - 16 Feb 2012 10:27

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Re: How long do the stones last?
Posted by mark76 - 16 Feb 2012 11:06

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How about the fine Chosera's and Shaptons?

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Posted by wickededge - 16 Feb 2012 11:15

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Re: How long do the stones last?
Posted by LukasPop - 16 Feb 2012 16:41

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Great news Clay! It's fine that you are keeping improving Wicked Edge. I just found that you quietly added 1 and 0.5 Micron Diamond Strop Pack. What is the comparison with diamond sprays of the same grit size? And why you didn't add 1/0.5 micron diamond paste refils?

Lukas

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