Inquiry re sharpening a CRK Umnumzaan

Posted by KyleNalbach - 14 Feb 2012 13:21

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thanks a bunch,

Kyle

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Re: Inquiry re sharpening a CRK Umnumzaan

Posted by wickededge - 15 Feb 2012 14:34

KyleNalbach wrote:

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Kyle

Hi Kyle,

I had that knife for a long time, was my favorite. I also sharpened it at A & 1/2, just letting the spine rest on the prongs which worked really well. You can use a marker to color the bevel and then observe the track the stone makes through the marker. If it's parallel to the edge all the way along, the knife is in the correct position. If the track dips toward the shoulder at the belly and tip, you need to move the knife back in the clamp. If the track rises toward the tip then you need to move the knife forward. I hope that helps. In case you haven't seen it yet, the procedure is documented here: Finding the Sweet Spot

--Clay

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Re: Inquiry re sharpening a CRK Umnumzaan

Posted by KyleNalbach - 17 Feb 2012 12:44

Thanks for the Feedback. It's always nice to hear directly from the man himself. Now I just have to decide at which angle I should reprofile to. As always, thoroughly impressed with the level of customer service I have received. Take care

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I took mine down to 17° per side. It wasn't holding that edge quite as well as I wanted for the way I was using it (pretty much cutting anything in its path; hard, soft, gritty, whatever...) so I kept adding micro-bevels 1° higher until I finally settled at 20° per side. If I hand't been using it so hard, it probably would have been fine at the 17° angle.

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