Hi from across the pond!

Posted by EdwardMacnair - 20 Apr 2012 21:59

Hi everyone,

I'm Ed from Hampshire in the UK.

I'm new to the Wicked Edge sharpener , received my kit a few days ago thanks to great service from Peter in Germany.

Already picked up a tremendous amount of information from this site, thank you all!

Sharpened my first couple of knives yesterday. Great results, am very pleased with the WE. Bit puzzled that one bevel was steeper than the other side so I put an angle measuring device on the paddles and found a 2 degree variance. Anyone have any ideas why?

Help gratefully appreciated.

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Re: Hi from across the pond!

Posted by BruceGuignard - 21 Apr 2012 08:07

It sounds like the knife might have been a little off center in the clamp. You'll have to eyeball it but can probably check it with the angle cube.

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Re: Hi from across the pond!

Posted by EdwardMacnair - 21 Apr 2012 08:55

Thanks Bruce. Checked with Angle and when I set the right hand paddle at 15 deg, as marked on the WE, I need to set the left at 16 deg to get the same angle.

Is there supposed to be any movement in the jaws when clamped ? I can get the jaws to swivel slightly when the knife is clamped.

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Re: Hi from across the pond!
Posted by wickededge - 21 Apr 2012 09:15

Hi Ed and welcome. It sounds like you need to tighten the screw that attaches the Fixed Vise Jaw to the Base. You'll have to remove the sharpener from the base and locate the screw under the Base Rod and give it a good tightening. Please let me know if that solves it.

EdwardMacnair wrote:

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Re: Hi from across the pond!
Posted by EdwardMacnair - 21 Apr 2012 11:15

Hi Clay, thanks for the hint, I will check that right now.

I still managed to reprofile a woodlore this morning. I'm very impressed with the finish though it did take a while to get the initial profile!

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Re: Hi from across the pond!
Posted by mark76 - 22 Apr 2012 10:38

Hi Ed, welcome from this side of the pond as well (but the other side of the Channel - Netherlands). Great to hear you appreciate Peter's customer service as well. In some stores it stops after the sale. With Peter, in my case, it started about then ☺. I got a lot of useful tips from him.

Did you really reprofile a Woodlore from Alan Woods? Wow! I would sure be interested in seeing a picture of the results!

I have a Wilkinson Ray Mears knife and it is about the only knife I did not dare to sharpen on the WEPS yet, because I want to be a 100% sure the knife is clamped in exactly right, so that the edge is exactly the same height in every place. I know that is only a cosmetic issue, but on a knife like that with an edge of almost 1 cm (it has a 1 cm Scandi grind), I'd like to get it right.

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Re: Hi from across the pond!

Posted by EdwardMacnair - 22 Apr 2012 18:16

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Hi Mark,

Yes, I have a few of Alan Woods knives. The woodlore has a slight hollow grind on the Scandi edge and I really wanted to flatten it so it had a true flat grind. Let me just say it took a lot of time with the 100 grit stone to get the hollow grind flat! I think if I was going to do that again I would get a more aggressive stone. My 100 grit is quite smooth now!

As you say it's about 1cm and so far I have a smooth polish on it and too be honest it's not far from a mirror finish. I'm on vacation now but when I get back in a week I'll posta photo of it.

Cheers

Ed

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Re: Hi from across the pond!

Posted by mark76 - 02 May 2012 02:21

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Hi Ed,

If you can spare the time to take a photograph, I'd really appreciate it. If you did what I imagine you did, the WEPS (and you ☺) would be amazing.

Mark.

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Re: Hi from across the pond!

Posted by EdwardMacnair - 03 May 2012 14:29

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Hi Mark,

Some things in life are predictable. I got back from vacation and thought that before I take a photo of the knife I would just touch it up. Doh!!! I did of course ruin the finish I put on. So, I'm busy stropping tonight and hope to get a photo up tomorrow.

Ed

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Re: Hi from across the pond!

Posted by mark76 - 04 May 2012 01:38

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That's real bad luck, Ed. Success with stropping!

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