New Knife Database

Posted by wickededge - 11 May 2012 15:07

Hey guys,

I'm really happy to finally announce our new Knife Database ! You can find it with preceding link or under the resources tab. Here I hope you'll all contribute your knives, adding in as much as you know about them and the recommended settings for sharpening them. I'll get started adding some today. Eventually, I hope we'll have a very comprehensive database that we can all use as a resource. It is searchable and sortable by any of the category headings so you can browse by manufacturer, steel type etc... I'm looking forward to everyone's contributions.

I should add that we built this database on the recommendation of forum members. Many thanks to all of you that are kind enough to share your suggestions!

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Re: New Knife Database

Posted by wickededge - 11 Jul 2012 12:49

These are great thoughts guys. Nice point Dan about the conversation disintegrating in a forum discussion. If people want that level of discussion on specific knives, we can maybe do sub-forums somewhere. I see no problem with multiple entries for the same knife so people can see the range of what's been tried. I also like the suggestion of a rating system though I wonder if it will get confusing. It would be great if we could cram all of the following into one record as in the attached PDF:

⇔ Manufacturer

⇔ Model

⇔ Blade Length

⇔ Thickness

⇔ Steel

⇔ Hardness

⇔ Recommended Angle

⇔ Recommended Finish

⇔ Depth

⇔ Alignment

⇔ Intent

Angle/Finish Tried	Rating
Setting 1	4
Setting 2	3
Setting 3	7
Setting 4	6
Setting 6	8

Author

Author's Comments

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Re: New Knife Database

Posted by peppersass - 11 Jul 2012 15:05

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I agree that preferences for angle and sharpening sequence are going to vary. I think the problem with the database is that these items come from the person who submitted the entry, and this in effect gives that person the last word on the subject. Perhaps there should be an optional link to a forum discussion about the particular knife model. The creator can start it with his/her preferred angle and sharpening sequence, and others can freely comment. With a single link in the database, the entries would be nice and neat.

To me, the most useful part of the database are the manufacturer's specifications and the WEPS vice depth and positioning information.

Speaking of specs I think there should be two columns for sharpening angle: one for the manufacturer's published angle (if any) and one for the angle recommended by the person who created the entry.

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Re: New Knife Database

Posted by TonyPettersen - 11 Jul 2012 15:08

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+1 on that

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Re: New Knife Database

Posted by wickededge - 11 Jul 2012 17:29

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I have a phone conversation with the webmaster scheduled for tomorrow based on all the feedback. We'll continue to tweak it until it really becomes (or gets as close as possible) to the tool we all want it to be.

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Re: New Knife Database

Posted by BassLakeDan - 11 Jul 2012 17:41

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wickededge wrote:

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Yes, something along the line of your example above would work for me. But maybe others do not agree?

Just as an experiment I just tried to enter my Sml Sebbie data, and had to make four discrete entries, had to reenter the data 4 times (☺) so sure would be faster and more useful for me if it was just one entry with iterations in settings tried then one global comment about the entire effort to get the knife where you want it to be.

Also, I am unclear about the global edit button to the right of each enrty?? Does that mean that someone can come along and re-write my data over my old? Even with moderator approval of a re-write, I am unclear how or why that process is a benifit to the data? I am an experimenter, so like to see the record of all old previous attempts at a sharpening try, I like to see the path people are taking, not sure why we want to erase the bread crumbs that fell behind us as we travel forward on the yellow brick road...

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Re: New Knife Database
Posted by wickededge - 11 Jul 2012 18:09

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What you're suggesting Dan makes a lot of sense. The database will be more meaningful with the additions. I think the balancing act is to record our breadcrumbs while still providing a very efficient guide for anyone looking for a starting place with a new knife.

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Re: New Knife Database
Posted by wickededge - 19 Jul 2012 19:00

Bump! The webmaster is adding the new features to the database, but even as we wait, we can still add new knives and build up the knowledge base.

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Re: New Knife Database
Posted by BassLakeDan - 29 Jul 2012 12:34

I just tried to enter a new knife (Mora Camp Knife#2) and had a few issues. It forced me to rate each of 4 setting or it would not accept the record to file, and it did not really have a place for the 4 settings, unless it intends me to just enter them in a comment area? For this particular knife I did not have a series of various setting. I do like the feature though, as mostly I *would* have a number of settings for a blade edge. Just need a place in the record of a file to innumerate them.

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Re: New Knife Database
Posted by wickededge - 29 Jul 2012 19:48

Hi guys,

Our webmaster is working on this, so it's not fully implemented. It was supposed to be done on Friday, apparently there is some delay....

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Re: New Knife Database
Posted by wickededge - 31 Jul 2012 14:12

Success! It looks like the new settings fields are completed and seem much easier to use. All you have to do is enter each setting you tried when you sharpened your knife and then you can rate it on a scale from 1-10. You can see an example of how it looks (still tweaking the layout a little) here by glancing down to the second to last entry for the Benchmade Mini-Auto Stryker.

There is also a nice feature you can see here where you can include a link to a discussion topic you or someone else has started. Just scroll down to the ESEE Laser Strike and look for the "Talk" link over to the right.

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