Ceramic Paddles
Posted by davidmcm77 - 21 May 2012 16:57

Hello all,

I have a question for those of you that have your ceramic paddles. Now I am aware that they are going to have a little bit of a break in period but mine really seem to be very coarse. My 1200 grit stones sound like 80 grit sand paper and have numerous easily visible pores in them my 1600 grit stones arent as bad but its almost like looking at the face of the moon.
And I actually have some chips in the sides of my 1200 grit stones. Is this normal for the WEPS ceramics? They dont really seem to react or perform like any other ceramic stone I have ever used. Granted the only one I have ever used was the one in my GATCO sharpener I had previously.

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Posted by Deputy115 - 08 Jul 2012 17:54

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Posted by wickededge - 08 Jul 2012 18:00

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Re: Ceramic Paddles
Posted by Deputy115 - 08 Jul 2012 18:07

Makes sense to me Clay. Just noticed the removal of the ceramics from the site and wanted to ask about them. I assume there have no issues with the micro-ceramics so far? I'd like to purchase some but want to see how the other ceramics pan out before purchasing the micros. My understanding is , the micros are not made by the same manufacturer as the 1200/1600 ceramics.

Thanks for the info.

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Re: Ceramic Paddles

Posted by dgriff - 09 Jul 2012 15:59

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Posted by wickededge - 09 Jul 2012 16:50

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Good question about the water and the adhesive - on the 1200-1600, it hasn't been an issue with the glue we're using. It has been a problem with the Micro-Fine ceramics and we're working now w/ 3M for a better adhesive solution on those stones. We should have samples this coming week. Once they're in

house, I'll test them with water to make sure they hold up.

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Re: Ceramic Paddles
Posted by babo - 09 Jul 2012 18:08

Clay,

In the event you decide not to continue to carry the 1200/1600 ceramics; how will you proceed with their replacement? I have a pair coming for warranty replacement.

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Re: Ceramic Paddles
Posted by wickededge - 10 Jul 2012 15:58

Good question - we'll most likely continue with them, just need to iron out details with the supplier. We have enough right now to cover any warranty issues.

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Re: Ceramic Paddles

Posted by DustinKampel1 - 28 Jul 2012 11:23

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I know it's been a while since this topic was brought up but I thought it only fair to update on my ceramics use. Clay was absolutely correct that once broken in the stones work great. I took mine to some 600 grit sand paper to lap them flat and have been using them with great results since. It took a bit for them to be broken in but now I love them. The only thing I have to be careful of is if I tilt them to the side the little pockets will make a nasty sound and sometimes micro chip the blade. To fix this issue I just take my time. I also purchased the micro ceramics and they are amazing as well! I have had no issues with them and now regularly get mirror edge finishes.

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