Rust Issues
Posted by DanClement - 03 Jul 2012 10:43

I have had the Wicked Edge Pro for about two weeks and have sharpened about ten knives. After each sharpening, I use canned air to blow the diamond stones, then wash them with water, soap, scrub with an old electric toothbrush really well, blot them with a towel and air dry. I am having rust issues on all of my diamond stones. Not sure what to do or what I am doing wrong. Please help.

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Re: Rust Issues
Posted by DanClement - 03 Jul 2012 12:32

I think that I will give the alcohol a try. Probably would be better than the water and soap, thank you.

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Re: Rust Issues
Posted by DanClement - 03 Jul 2012 12:33

Good suggestion. Perhaps they were not as dry as I thought they were.

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Re: Rust Issues
Posted by wickededge - 03 Jul 2012 12:37

Thanks Dan. I see what you mean. I'd be interested to hear the results if you try CBW's proposed experiment. Are they giving you any performance issues?

DanClement wrote:

Clay, I have attached two photos.

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Re: Rust Issues
Posted by DanClement - 03 Jul 2012 12:46

Clay, the diamond stones are working perfectly thus far. I assume the rust comes from the metal dust from the knives I am sharpening trapped in between the pores on the stones. I scrub the stones a lot so not sure what to do about that. Once suggestion was to use alcohol rather than water and the other to

put the stones in the plastic holder in the sun to see if I get any condensation. I will try both and report back in a day.

BTW, I have never been able to sharpen a knife by hand. Your system has made me the envy of my family and friends. I am getting shaving sharp edges with a beautiful polished edge using the 1200/1600 ceramic and leather strops to finish the blades. Cannot thank you enough and am looking forward to being able to purchase the new guide rods.

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Re: Rust Issues

Posted by wickededge - 03 Jul 2012 12:59

Dan,

I'm glad you're enjoying it. I don't clean my stones very often, maybe once every 30 knives or so. How often are you cleaning yours?

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Re: Rust Issues

Posted by ThomasMeeks - 03 Jul 2012 13:10

DanClement wrote:

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This brings up a good point. Is Alcohol a recommended cleaning agent for the stones? What is the "official" recommendation for cleaning them?

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