The Straw Mod

Posted by DustinKampel1 - 19 Jul 2012 00:11

Hey Everyone!

I recently picked up some subway straws to attempt to take some of the play out of the rods to the WEPS. They are fantastic! However I am consistently running into a problem with them coming off the rods. I have tried to superglue them on the rods as well and use zip ties. I was hoping someone out there has a solution to this problem!

Thanks everyone in advance for all the amazing wisdom. Everyone on here rocks.

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Re: The Straw Mod

Posted by PhilipPasteur - 07 Aug 2012 11:52

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of the tight fitting straws was slowing me down. With a constant grip the sharpening became easier and faster without compromising a mirror edge.

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Re: The Straw Mod

Posted by MartinSinger - 07 Aug 2012 20:35

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Phil,

Great advice I have some in one of my gun cleaning tool boxes. I'll try it tomorrow. I'm not interested in fast as much as easier on my shoulder injuries. The WE is unintentially great physical therapy plus it is a lot of fun..oh and I'm making my and my friends & family's knives Wicked sharp.

Thank you,

Marty

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