new arms
Posted by Rlb - 02 Aug 2012 10:24

Just looking for an update one the new arms. I did a search and I couldn't find anything recent. Are the available? ETA?

Thanks!!

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Re: new arms
Posted by wickededge - 13 Aug 2012 16:46

Rlb - we got your package in today and tested them out. The new arms are just fine, it was the bar that was out of spec. We're sending the parts back to you today with a new bar that we've tested.

Rlb wrote:

so I just got the new arms today and I was super excited about them. However I have a problem. The new arms do not fit on the alignment bar. They get about half way through and stop. Then I try it from the other end and again it gets half way before it meets resistence again. Well I tried to force it on thinking it just may have had a little left over metal left on there from machining. Well not have have one jammed on the alignment bar.

Anybody have this problem. I will call WE tomorrow but I was hoping I was doing something dumb.

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Re: new arms
Posted by wickededge - 13 Aug 2012 17:04

Here are a couple of pictures of the new riser and joints:

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Re: new arms
Posted by leomitch - 13 Aug 2012 18:23

OMG! Clay, they are a work of art too, engineering aside. I am impressed in more ways than one, not

just the arms. I am so touched I can't speak.

Very warmest regards

Leo

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Re: new arms
Posted by RalphHoneycutt - 13 Aug 2012 20:52

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Received the new arms this evening. The left side arm does not fit. The arm stops before 26 degrees. I tried using some emory cloth on the left side of the bar which did nothing. I thought about using my 60/80 grit diamond paddles on the bar, but decided to post this message instead. Will call Kyle, Kay or Clay tomorrow.

Thanks,

Ralph

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Re: new arms
Posted by mark76 - 14 Aug 2012 06:13

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wickededge wrote:

This is absolutely uebercool. Yes, it sure looks like a work of engineering art

wickededge wrote:

- Micro-adjustment of angle of +/- .05 degrees (it's finer than .05 degrees but we're limited to what we can measure)

Does this mean we can mix stones much easier than now (i.e., much easier readjusting of the angle)? For example, one of the progressions I do now is diamond stones -> ceramic stones (same thickness) -> Choseras (thicker) -> Shaptons (again another thickness) -> home-made strops (very thin). This works great, but it is a bit of a hassle to change angles every time and be precise < .5 degrees. Will it now become easier to change the angles and be precise < .05 degrees?

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Re: new arms

Posted by cbwx34 - 14 Aug 2012 08:06

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Very nice!!

mark76 wrote:

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I had a chance to try the prototypes, and my answer would be it is **much** easier with the new arms to switch between stones of different thickness. For what you're doing, I'd consider it a "must have". The micro-adjustment works in a very controlled manner moving the arms in and out. You would need a way to measure the angle, which is where the digital guage comes in, but over time, you would probably "just know" what adjustment to make between stones... in other words moving from ceramic to Chosera = 1/2 turn out, Chosera to Shapton 1/4 turn in, etc. (Of course it would change over time with stone wear, so a periodic check would be needed).

This, in my opinion, is a big plus in making the system compatible with other stones, strops, etc. being made.

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Re: new arms
Posted by wickededge - 14 Aug 2012 10:26

Hey Ralph,

It looks like we might have a certain number of the Base Rods that were slightly larger than spec and you might have one. We'll get a new one on the way to you today.

--Clay

RalphHoneycutt wrote:

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Thanks,

Ralph

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Re: new arms
Posted by wickededge - 14 Aug 2012 10:28

RalphHoneycutt wrote:

I thought about using my 60/80 grit diamond paddles on the bar...

Ralph

You could do that, or grab it with some pliers and set it on a belt grinder to take the stock down, but that is a lot of hassle you don't need to go through. I'll make sure your new rod gets to you quickly.

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Re: new arms
Posted by RalphHoneycutt - 14 Aug 2012 11:11

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Clay, Thanks for the quick reply. I just spoke with Kay and she is taking care of this. I will probably want to get the next upgrade with angle cube feature when available.

Thanks again,

Ralph

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Re: new arms
Posted by LukasPop - 14 Aug 2012 12:36

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Hi guys!

Where you can get this new arms? I don't see them in eshop on this website.

Lukas

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