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

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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 BrianLedford - 27 Aug 2012 18:07

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I just placed my order for a set of these. Can`t wait to try them out.

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Re: new arms
Posted by Rlb - 27 Aug 2012 18:54

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Hey guys before anyone orders these you really should check to see if their currents arm bar is in spec.

To do this just look from the front so you are looking at the sides with the holes. You know you will need a new bar if you see a belly under the bar pointing toward the wood or whatever you have it mounted on. It appears that when the holes were pressed it pushed the metal out toward the bottom side of the bar. The new arms will not slide past this protrusion!

If you see this when you call WE to order make sure you tell them and ask for them to send a new bar.

Just trying to prevent another disappointing new toy unboxing!

Good luck!

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Re: new arms
Posted by Billabong - 27 Aug 2012 21:07

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Here is a pic from that.

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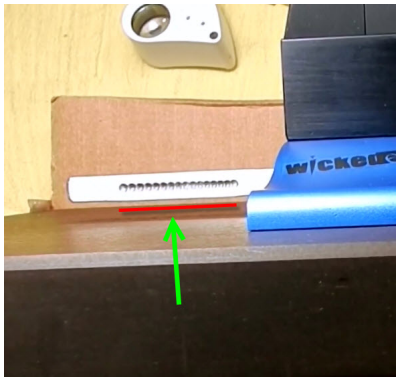

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Re: new arms
Posted by PhilipPasteur - 27 Aug 2012 21:31

I wish I had seen that video befor I "fixed" my new arms. I filed the INSIDE of the slider to make them fit.

Took a bunch of work, but finally they would slide the entire length of the rod. Problem is, now they rock a bit changing the angle ...if I am not careful. I can use them, but have to pay attention to tightening the set screw very well and not torquing the bottom of the joint to the outside.

The upside to this is that I talked to Clay and he is going to replace the bar and the sliders. I fully expected to pay for a new set of sliders, as it was my bad decision that screwed them up. Instead the WEPS policy of unconditionally standing behind their gear saved my butt.

Clay has said that he would replace the base bar for everyone that had bought the PRO II or upgrade arms with the recalibrated longer bar. I am not sure how much more we can ask for.

I guess it is good for folks to have a heads up on the issue... just in case. I know that I was a bit disillusioned when I could not install my new arms...

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Posted by Rlb - 27 Aug 2012 21:33

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Good shot, I didn't see the vid but that pictures shows it really well. Like I said check yours before your order!

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Re: new arms
Posted by Billabong - 27 Aug 2012 22:47

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The new arms black "slider" must have a tighter tolerance, as the older blue ones work OK with the bulging bar.

It would be natural to think the new slider was the cause, as they appeared to introduce the problem.

I feel sorry for Clay, as he is trying to release a new model, but also trying to keep an upgrade option available for existing owners.

I see there seems to be some variation with the arm holes in the stones which was also fine with the earlier (thinner) arms, but now the newer thicker arms don't fit in some.

So another problem is introduced and not an easy fix, as many stones are already out there.

I will adapt a slightly larger diameter arm and thread it to fit the joint.

Then drill all my stones to an exact fit.

edit - But that's just me being pedantic.

I'm sure a light ream would fix any stone that is tight?

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Re: new arms

Posted by PhilipPasteur - 28 Aug 2012 07:42

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[quote="Billabong" post=4905

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Just curious, where did this come from? I read it last night and just had to know. I got out every one of my 34 individual paddles and tried them on the new arms (both sides just to be sure). I did not find any to be too tight. I know that this is a small sample, but they have been purchased at various time over more than 1.5 years.

Do you have the new arms now? Actually have paddles that are too tight or bind on the new arms?

Again, just curious, as I had not heard this talked about before now.

Phil

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Re: new arms
Posted by Billabong - 28 Aug 2012 08:03

Hi Philip,

I don't have the new arms yet, but have ordered them today.

I have no problem buying any of Wicked Edges products.

If you watched the video I refered to above, then read the comments on that page, you will see where he replies to me about stones not fitting on the "new" arms.

From what you say, it might not be a widespread problem.

I can notice a difference between my stones with a straw over the original arms.

But my comments are not based on that.

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Re: new arms
Posted by wickededge - 28 Aug 2012 08:10

The stone holders are created by injection molding and an air piston is used to create the hole. Depending on the cooling rate, there can be some minor expansion/shrinkage of the plastic. The other potential cause are the screws holding the trays to the black plastic piece - if they're over-tightened in production, they can cause the plastic to bulge slightly toward the hole making it tighter. A quick ream with a rat tail file does the trick. It's an issue we hear almost nothing about these days though it used to crop up a few years ago. I've looked at installing a brass sleeve inside each of the handles that fits the rod incredibly closely but still slides smoothly. It turned out to be prohibitively expensive and the performance improvement was minimal.

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Re: new arms
Posted by Billabong - 28 Aug 2012 08:23

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wickededge wrote:

It's an issue we hear almost nothing about these days though it used to crop up a few years ago.

Thanks for the detail Clay, I'm sure it's not a big deal.

Perhaps it has only reared it's head again with the increased diameter of the new, thicker rods supplied with the new arms?

Or maybe just with older stones/paddles?

Either way, I can't wait to get hold of these new arms.

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