What's the difference with the "Gen II" Kits?

Posted by LincolnMennuti - 15 Aug 2012 00:26

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Re: What's the difference with the "Gen II" Kits?

Posted by wickededge - 15 Aug 2012 07:48

Welcome Lincoln,

We released the Gen II kits about a year and a half ago and that's all we've been selling. The Pro-Pack I and the soon to be released Pro-Pack II have the Gen II kits at their cores. The Gen II featured a couple of upgrades from the original knife sharpener, including detent holes in the Base Rod, a taller Free Vise Jaw and a stainless steel insert in the Fixed Vise Jaw. Any sharpener you pick up now with the exception of the Field & Sport will be a Gen II sharpener.

LincolnMennuti wrote:

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Re: What's the difference with the "Gen II" Kits?
Posted by AMurdoch - 16 Aug 2012 16:16

Hi,

Can you advise when the Pro pack II kits will be available, and what is included in this kit.

Thanks

Andrew

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Re: What's the difference with the "Gen II" Kits?
Posted by JDS - 20 Aug 2012 06:23

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Posted by wickededge - 20 Aug 2012 09:54

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Yes, those things plus the 1/.5 micron strops.

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Re: What's the difference with the "Gen II" Kits?
Posted by JDS - 21 Aug 2012 05:44

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So before you got 5/3.5 Diamond and Leather Strops. In the new system you get 1/.5 Diamond and leather Strops, is that change because of the addition of the 1.4 & .6 ceramic stones?

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Re: What's the difference with the "Gen II" Kits?
Posted by wickededge - 21 Aug 2012 09:36

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Yes - since you get the Micro-Fine Ceramics, you can skip over the 5/3.5 strops and go straight to the 1/.5 strops giving you the ability to further refine the edge.

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Re: What's the difference with the "Gen II" Kits?
Posted by Braveheart - 22 Aug 2012 16:35

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Re: What's the difference with the "Gen II" Kits?
Posted by wickededge - 22 Aug 2012 16:40

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Braveheart wrote:

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The Pro-Pack II will be $675.

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Re: What's the difference with the "Gen II" Kits?

Posted by JDS - 23 Aug 2012 00:14

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Was going to start a new thread about the Pro II but since we're here, I'll ask now. Is there going to be a price drop or sale or anything? LOL! I don't necessarily mind finally ordering this thing and plunking down $675 (yikes!) but if there's a sale right after I order, things are gonna' get messy, LOL!!!

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