WEPS Pro Pack II

Posted by JDS - 27 Aug 2012 01:59

Although Clay was kind enough to answer a couple questions I had about the new system in another thread, I don't want to hi-jack and I don't really see an official thread on it so i'll ask here...

I know it's barely out but just wondering people's initial thoughts about the price, new accessories, etc.

I've been holding off on buying a WE, one because it was back ordered, then I found out about the new arms, then I found out about the new system. To me it seems like it still has a few bugs although I know it's been out for years. It seems like a great product/design and my hat is off to Clay but i'm reading about the new arms and possibly elongating them, waiting to see if the problems w/the 1200/1600 grit Ceramics are resolved, etc. and it just seems like in a year or so everything might be a bit different or fine tuned.

Even with the addition of his new microscope it seems the techniques will be more advanced in the near future as well.

Also, when will the Pro Pack II be on the site? It seems to be sold only at "Howe's", just wondered why.

Please enlighten me, maybe I'm too critical or do not understand the system completely as I do not even own one. It's just that if I plunk down $675, I want it refined. I don't want to end up wanting longer arms or needing to do anything to the system like filing screws or anything.

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Re: WEPS Pro Pack II

Posted by Billabong - 29 Aug 2012 21:19

I see Howes Knife Shop are advertising, but don't have stock.

They also need to update the pictures, as they show prototype arms.

www.howesknifeshop.com/wicked-edge-preci...ed-edge-pro-pack-ii/

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Re: WEPS Pro Pack II
Posted by FredHermann - 29 Aug 2012 21:21

Thanks Scott!

I've spent hours pouring over YouTube, these fourms, and a few other resources.

I think the post that compared this to waiting for the perfect PC annoyed me (because it was so spot on) enough that I decided to just order one. I was totally waffling over which version to get.

Anyhow...I'll call tomorrow and get in the queue.

I think the thing that really seperated this system from the numerous others online is Clay himself. He's a great salesman, stands behind it with a passion, and has an extremely stand out product.

So now what do I do with my old Lansky kit? *evil laugh* I swear going from hand honing to the Landsky was the differece between making bronze weapons, and jumping to tool steel. this looks to be a jump from tool steel to...lightsaber?

Thanks again!

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Re: WEPS Pro Pack II
Posted by ScottSherman - 29 Aug 2012 21:32

I can so relate to everything you said. I did the whole youtube, blade forum, google circuit before deciding on which system to buy. I decided initially that I would not spend so much money on just a hobby sharpener and started looking at bench stones and hand sharpening, but decided that it was too imprecise and did not want to ruin some knives that I enjoy and are a bit expensive. So I started looking at systems. Lansky seemed the likely choice, but there was something about watching Clay on youtube. It just made sense. Knowing myself, I decided to just pass up on all the cheaper systems and just get the one that I would eventually wind up with anyway. I like toys and expensive toys are more fun, so this should hold me for quite some time.

Hope you enjoy your new system and I hope that it goes trouble free for you.

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Re: WEPS Pro Pack II
Posted by JDS - 29 Aug 2012 23:09

I'm glad others see my point about wanting it polished and complete. It might seem picky to want "little booties" to cover my pivots, but for $700 I guess I expect a lot, lol.

It's simply like the computer analogy, if you believe in the design, you want to start sharpening/learning then you just need to dive in, good bad or ugly. I think we're all "tinkerers" so a few mods here and there wont kill me, I was just worried about big design flaws. Seems to pretty solid though as is Clay himself. I trust if there was a major problem he would take care of it, his "reachability" speaks volumes. I'm sure i'll be in line this week as well.

And +1 on the forum, very helpful and friendly.

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Re: WEPS Pro Pack II

Posted by wickededge - 26 Sep 2012 12:09

We're getting close! I just examined the newest batch of samples for the newly redesigned Base Rod. The production run is shipping out to us from VT today. Here are some photos:

And here is what is included with the Pro-Pack II:

- Wicked Edge Precision Knife Sharpener
- QuartzStone Base

- 2 each of 100#, 200#, 400#, 600#, 800# and 1000# diamond plates
- 2 each of 1.4um and .6um ceramic stones
- 2 each of 1um and .5um diamond and leather strops
- Digital angle gauge
- New Guide Rods with ball joints and micro-adjustments
- Riser
- New Base Rod calibrated for the Riser and Ball-Joint Assembly with angle range of 13-35 degrees per side

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Re: WEPS Pro Pack II

Posted by ScottSherman - 26 Sep 2012 13:22

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GOOD TIMES!!!

Very exciting after what has been (for me) a very long wait. Glad to see it coming together. Looking forward to my unboxing.

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