permanent piece of rubber inside the vice
Posted by ScottSherman - 28 Aug 2012 23:47

Just wondering if any of you have permanently glued material like inner tube rubber or chamois inside the vice where it grips the blade for sharpening? Is there any reason not to? Also, I was wondering why this is not done before shipping, if Clay might address this question, just curious really. It seems like a minor detail but this whole sharpener is just a lot of very detailed, calibrated and precision parts coming together to create an edge. Details make the difference and set it apart from all the other systems out there.

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Re: permanent piece of rubber inside the vice
Posted by PhilipPasteur - 29 Aug 2012 12:16

ScottSherman wrote:

Thanks Zig,

I think I like the chamois better since I am not to crazy about the idea of cleaning off sticky tape gum from my expensive blades. This is a hobby for me and if it's not fun, it becomes a job and it won't last. Not sure what FFG is though.

FFG= Full Flat Grind (or ground).

An unbroken taper from the spine to the primary bevel.

Phil

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Re: permanent piece of rubber inside the vice
Posted by ScottSherman - 29 Aug 2012 12:17

I'm such a Noob. Thanks again

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Re: permanent piece of rubber inside the vice
Posted by zig - 29 Aug 2012 12:31

ScottSherman wrote:

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Most kitchen knives/chef's are FFG.

You ahve to play a bit with the WEPS and use the cube as the angle off the clamp may not be flush all the way up so your putting in a filler.

I often duoble up a layer for thick spined knives, double sided tape works too but there is cleanup.

On the Shuns, espicially the large ones like the dm-0500, getting 16 degrees you'll be out at about the 20 degree mark to get it so do use a cube ... the big knives ride high and really change the guide reading so cube it.

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Re: permanent piece of rubber inside the vice

Posted by zig - 29 Aug 2012 12:37

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Also, I don't go to hard or under 200 on the vg-10 at 16 degrees .... those things are a bit chippy to me and have learned the gentler and less aggressive approach.

Also at that size, after 1k, keep your eye on the ball ... lots of real-estate and it's a razor by then. Very easy to touch it by mistake as its sitting up there higher than usual.

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Re: permanent piece of rubber inside the vice

Posted by ScottSherman - 29 Aug 2012 12:44

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Still waiting for my shiny new WEPS to arrive, but I can't wait to try out all these tips and tricks, so I am off to the local Ace Hardware store for some supplies. I'll be sitting on my porch next week watching for the UPS truck with all my chamois' and two sided sticky foam tape and blue painters tape and inner tube rubber and magnets and plastic storage boxes and a box full of old beaters to play with and break in my new sharpening stones. Oh and maybe some bandages. Good times, eh?

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