My WEPS Observations!

Posted by Billabong - 05 Sep 2012 22:19

Enjoying using my recently aquired WEPS immensely.

So if I may share some of my initial thoughts?

As someone that modifies or personalises nearly everything that I buy, I can't help but look for any improvements to the experience.

I have a couple of questions that may have been asked before.

The knife blade mount lower adjusting screw is digging a hole into the aluminium.

i108.photobucket.com/albums/n34/chrisbillabong/Hole.jpg

I intend to drill that surface where the screw and fit a "plug" of a more solid steel.

Is something similar in the works?

The next question is, how do you get a finer angle with a really thin blade when the top screw of the clamp protrudes out too far and touches the stone?

It would be nice to have a shorter screw included with the WEPS as it is tapered and packing it out with washers is not a great solution.

Of course I don't want to file it shorter either.

Tightening up the slop in the arm joints (old arms) with a screw and nut (or tap the hole) gives a wonderful feeling of smoothness.

I think Clay said WE can do this at a cost?

I feel this is something that should be offered or included when purchased.

Even if a slightly higher price is required.

An amazing difference, if only psychological.

Obviously this only applies to the base model that retains the older arms.

This is hopefully seen as constructive criticism as I think the WEPS is amazing!

Thanks.

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Re: My WEPS Observations!

Posted by Billabong - 08 Sep 2012 07:52

JerrieBarber wrote:

What WEPS brings to the table is a modicum of consistency and the ability to duplicate a procedure with some pretty good tools. Could the mount be a little bit better? Sure. Could the arms be made a little more accurate? Sure. Could there be improvements made here and there? Of course. As Phil said there is a point that you have to say, "that is pretty good" and let it go.

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Re: My WEPS Observations!

Posted by cbwx34 - 08 Sep 2012 08:35

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No reason to do that! Like I said, and it's been shown before, points are always considered, and even if they can't be implemented, doesn't mean they're not useful. Some of the upgrades were based on users' feedback.

People will by a 50K car, and find ways to mod it.

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Re: My WEPS Observations!

Posted by PhilipPasteur - 08 Sep 2012 11:39

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Billabong,

I think we were doing a point, counter point discussion here. You are entittled to you thouhgts on the subject, just as I am. Clay looks at what is being said here and works to make things better. The new arms and riser are just one example of that. So, though I think I understand how the system got where is is, that does not mean that some things about it can't be improved. I just have been on the other side of things and been involved in decisions on getting a product to market at a price point, that were clearly compromises.

There is no reason to stop expressing your views, but in a helathy environment of discussion, you have to expect that there will be those that don't fully agree.

CBW mantioned modding $50K cars. People buy $500 K cars (racing Porches for one) and strip them down to the chassis and rebuild them, specifically because they think they can make them better... and judging by the results, they do make them better.

Phil

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Re: My WEPS Observations!

Posted by wickededge - 10 Sep 2012 14:06

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Thanks guys for the lively discussion! In addition to cost, there is another set of constraints in implementing changes, and that is the length of the production pipeline and the economies of scale involved. Right now we're sitting on lots of Free Vise Jaws which means that adding the new catch plate will have to wait until we're ready to place a new order, same thing with the pivots. In the next production run, I'll implement the screws and catch plate but it will be at least 6 months before those actually start showing up on units getting shipped out. The order we're currently shipping from was initiated more than a year ago. We can do some custom stuff, but it's all highly labor intensive and slow so we can't mod all the units before they ship out and as CBW pointed out, the vast majority of customers get results that are well beyond just satisfactory without any mods. It's the rest of us that are constantly pushing for better that start to pick up on all the little details that can be improved 🙂

Thankfully, there are so many great members of this community that give their feedback and are helping to create the always new, next generation versions. Billabong, please don't ever stop supplying your great ideas!

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Re: My WEPS Observations!

Posted by Billabong - 10 Sep 2012 23:34

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wickededge wrote:

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You understand where I am coming from.

I wish and hope for nothing but great things for you and the development of WEPS into the future.

It is an exceptional product with exceptional support.

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