Getting started
Posted by EricCleland - 04 Oct 2012 16:30

I am new at sharpening but I have had my WE for a year and still cant figure out to use. The problem I have is figuring out how to set the angle for the different knives from kitchen knives, to hunting knifes, to caping knifes etc. I have read the phamphlet that came with my sharpener but did not seem to change anything. Now I go on you tube and there are up grades and changes already that are being made and I cannot even get the pro pack model that I have to work let alone think about the upgrades some one please help. I really want this to work so I can finally learn how to sharpen a knife correctly.

PS I am new to the forum today.

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Re: Getting started
Posted by ApexGS - 04 Oct 2012 18:15

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cbwx34 wrote:

Here's my .02. When starting out, my suggestion is to match the angle that is already on the knife.

Wow, I can't believe in my couple paragraphs I neglected to mention that! This is excellent advice, and learning how to match the factory angle using the old Sharpie trick is a good skill as well. You'll kill several birds with one stone (har har, no pun intended) that way.

Also a +1 to not worrying too much about upgrades. I have the Pro Pack 1 and am constantly impressed by the edges it makes with just the stones, none the less some time put in with the strops to shine it up. Lots of time to wander down the rabbit hole later

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Re: Getting started
Posted by Allgonquin - 04 Oct 2012 18:31

+1 on the existing angle matching. Use the Sharpie.

One more point, don't worry if, when angle matching, you wind up with two different settings on the arms.

It is not unusual for a factory edge, or an edge sharpened by someone/something else, to be asymmetric, and also there can be a bit of play in the universal joints, etc. which make it such that the settings on the arms will be different from side to side when you get the most Sharpie mark removal, i.e. matching the existing angle.

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Posted by StevenPinson - 04 Oct 2012 21:01

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Posted by cbwx34 - 05 Oct 2012 10:05

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