Shapton vs. Chosera WEPS Stones - The Great Debate

Posted by jendeindustries - 30 Sep 2011 08:43

There will soon be a lot of questions about Shapton and Chosera stones for the WEPS. This is a good thing.

Shapton and Chosera stones are the Lamborghini and Ferrari in the synthetic stone world, and they compete head to head - much like Coke and Pepsi.

It is my hope that people will come here to ask questions, and discuss their experiences with the Shapton and Chosera WEPS stones in general, along with the use of specific stones, or a specific series. If you have stones from both series, I'd like to get some discussions about comparisons, nuances, and the pros and cons between them.

The goal of the thread is to help people make their own informed decision by reading for themselves what other people are getting out of their stone choices. It's not about arguing over which series will be declared the sole master of the universe. It's about finding out which one is best for a given situation, and about enhancing the overall experience of using your WEPS in general.

FWIW, I have and use all the Chosera *and* Shapton Pro stones (including the 30K) for the WEPS. While the list may be small right now, I hope to soon meet more people on their sharpening journeys who also have all these great toys and can share their thoughts and experiences with the rest of us.

So, let the great debate begin!

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Re: Shapton vs. Chosera WEPS Stones - The Great Debate

Posted by leomitch - 05 Oct 2011 08:12

Eureka! I found it...Fastenel carries the 222 Purple Loctite. They are located in both the USA and Canada so anyone looking for it, check your browser and see if there is a Fastenel in your city.

Cheers

Leo

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Re: Shapton vs. Chosera WEPS Stones - The Great Debate
Posted by komitadjie - 05 Oct 2011 09:35

Hey, cool, I didn't know they were in Canada as well. We have one here in town, along with a Fastener's Inc. Both of them are darn handy when you need some hardware!

I'm not entirely sure why companies stiff you so much to ship out of the country, even for a heavy item the flat-rate USPS International boxes are typically much cheaper than they charge.

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Re: Shapton vs. Chosera WEPS Stones - The Great Debate
Posted by wickededge - 05 Oct 2011 10:40

Thanks guys for the tip on the purple Loctite! I just ordered a batch for testing. If it works well, we can add it to our QC process before the sharpeners go out.

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Re: Shapton vs. Chosera WEPS Stones - The Great Debate
Posted by komitadjie - 05 Oct 2011 10:54

Sweet, talk about 'continual improvement' right there! I'm not sure, I'll have to check, but there might be thumbscrews available with the nylon self-holding patch as well.

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Re: Shapton vs. Chosera WEPS Stones - The Great Debate
Posted by komitadjie - 06 Oct 2011 11:15

Well, Ken got my blank paddles in yesterday! Hopefully I'll have the 1K/2K set some time in the next couple weeks, right about when the 800/1K is supposed to show up. THEN I'll actually be able to get some edges on it! In the next few weeks I'll be having Ken make me up the 5K/8K on the other set of blanks I ordered... THAT should put a respectable edge on for sure!

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Re: Shapton vs. Chosera WEPS Stones - The Great Debate
Posted by leomitch - 06 Oct 2011 13:49

Way to go Dan! You will be turning out edges that border on atomic quality...little mushroom clouds forming over the edges as they slice and chop!!

Scary!

Cheers

Leo

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Re: Shapton vs. Chosera WEPS Stones - The Great Debate
Posted by wickededge - 06 Oct 2011 13:57

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Awesome! I can't wait to hear your results.

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Re: Shapton vs. Chosera WEPS Stones - The Great Debate
Posted by leomitch - 10 Oct 2011 05:13

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wickededge wrote:

Thanks guys for the tip on the purple Loctite! I just ordered a batch for testing. If it works well, we can add it to our QC process before the sharpeners go out.

You are welcome Clay! I will be getting some of the purple Loctite this week so I can reverse my paddle arms with impunity. Did you order from Amazon or Fatenel's Clay? I think including it in your QC is a wonderful idea. The stuff will be great for both reversing the paddle arms or just for when they are being used normally...no more screws slipping out of place.

Cheers

Leo

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Re: Shapton vs. Chosera WEPS Stones - The Great Debate
Posted by komitadjie - 10 Oct 2011 11:25

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Ken shipped the first pair off my way last Saturday, so I'll probably have a chance to play with them mid-week. Really looking forward to it!

I'll have to snag some of the 222MS from the back here and give it a try myself.

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Re: Shapton vs. Chosera WEPS Stones - The Great Debate

Posted by gofly - 10 Oct 2011 14:38

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I am a little lost, what do you accomplish by reversing the paddle arms?

Lucky

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