Strop Care & Maintenance

Posted by dschur - 20 Aug 2011 18:17

Clay, I was wondering if you could share your routine for strop care and maintenance.

How often would you guess you reload diamond paste on your strops? For example In how many knives (at say 100 or 200 strokes per knife)? Do you get through 5, 10, 25, 50 knives? How do you know when to reload?

Do you ever totally clean them (i.e. scrub them down with a brush/soapy water, dry and load new compound)?

Thanks for any tips! I already picked up off your vids to alcohol wipe between strops, and store them same size together in a ziploc.

If you don't mind, I'll post some of my newb questions here rather than calling so all can benefit.

Thanks

Dave

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Re: Strop Care & Maintenance

Posted by leomitch - 14 Feb 2012 05:31

[quote="mark76" post=1740]**jendeindustries wrote:**

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3. Spritz the surface of the strops - 1-3 spritzes is more than enough

4. Let it dry for at least 10 minutes (or until no more puddling)

5. Flip paddle over and repeat with the next grit spray.

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Re: Strop Care & Maintenance

Posted by wickededge - 19 Feb 2012 10:09

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Re: Strop Care & Maintenance

Posted by mr.cheapguy - 19 Feb 2012 17:32

Clay that would be very handy indeed. Will the Matrix be printable? And will I have to fight off any Agent Smiths?

How many applications will the average user get from a bottle of the diamond sprays?

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Re: Strop Care & Maintenance

Posted by dschur - 19 Feb 2012 18:52

Here's my small matrix that I print and keep with my WEPS:

Knife	Depth	Position	Angle
Spyderco Military CF S90V	2	B.5	15
Spyderco Navaja CF S30V	2	C	15
Spyderco Superleaf CF VG-10	2	B	15
Spyderco Manix 2 CF CTS-XHP	2	B.25	15
Spyderco Manix 2 CF S90V	2	B.25	15
Spyderco Paramilitary 2 CF S90V	2	B.5	15
Spyderco Stretch 2 CF ZDP-189	2	B	15
Spyderco Sage 1 CF S30V	1	B.5	15
Spyderco Lum Chinese CF VG-10	2	A.5	15
Spyderco Caly 3 CF ZDP-189	1	B	15
Spyerco Chaparral CF S30V	1	B	15
Spyderco Kiwi CF VG-10	1	A.5	15
Spyderco Ladybug VG-10	1	A	15
Spyderco Temperance 2 VG-10	2	B.5	15
Spyderco Schempp Rock VG-10	2	B.5	18
Kabar NextGen 440A	2	C.5	18
Lone Wolf Lobo CF S30V	1	B	15
Leatherman Charge TTi S30V	1	A.5	15
Richmond Remedy CPM154	2	D	15
CRKT Minimalist 5Cr15MoV	1	A.25	15

Yes, I have a Spyderco problem

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Re: Strop Care & Maintenance
Posted by wickededge - 21 Feb 2012 15:15

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Hi all,

I've started a the matrix, still need to figure out how to publish it so that it's editable by all. Please have a look and share your feedback. You can download it here: Knife Wiki

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Re: Strop Care & Maintenance
Posted by Deputy115 - 19 Mar 2012 10:37

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I've tried to open the documents but I"m getting XML data format, bunch of numbers and symbols.

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