How to Set Narrow Knives in Vice

Posted by Geocyclist - 09 Dec 2012 00:00

I set a 1/2" wide knife in the vice with the depth key in the top position. How can I raise it higher in the vice to avoid sharpening my vice jaws? Anyone got a trick or something to shim on top of the depth key to raise the blade up?

I set the angle at 20 degrees and this was hitting the vice. Backed out to 22 degrees to clear the vice, but still sharpened a little of the edge off. If I can raise it bit then I could get the 20 degrees. Looking for any ideas other than setting it free hand (unless you have a way to consistently set it free hand).

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Re: How to Set Narrow Knives in Vice

Posted by Billabong - 09 Dec 2012 00:21

C'mon Andrew, we love pics here.

Can we see one please?

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Re: How to Set Narrow Knives in Vice

Posted by Mikedoh - 09 Dec 2012 00:24

I set mine above the top set of holes and haven't had any problem with the vice holding them. Didn't use the depth key. I just eye balled level.

Guess you could always measure and record exposed amount for more repeatable results.

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Re: How to Set Narrow Knives in Vice

Posted by wickededge - 09 Dec 2012 00:31

I made a small mark on my jaws to which I align the spine of the knife when I raise it higher than the top depth setting.

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Re: How to Set Narrow Knives in Vice
Posted by xuzme720 - 09 Dec 2012 02:15

Eyeballing level shouldn't create any issues since most knives spines are not parallel to the cutting edge anyway. Best bet is to put a mark on the vice when you get it to a spot that works so you can repeat it for touch ups.

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Re: How to Set Narrow Knives in Vice
Posted by Billabong - 09 Dec 2012 02:22

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Add a few notes etc.

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Re: How to Set Narrow Knives in Vice
Posted by cbwx34 - 09 Dec 2012 08:46

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Re: How to Set Narrow Knives in Vice
Posted by Billabong - 09 Dec 2012 09:02

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Re: How to Set Narrow Knives in Vice
Posted by cbwx34 - 09 Dec 2012 09:11

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Billabong wrote:

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Posted by Billabong - 09 Dec 2012 09:18

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