Need Suggestions For a New EDC

Posted by FredHermann - 12 Dec 2012 17:08

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Hi All,

I didn't think this fit in the knife section, so here goes...

I'm tempted to get a new EDC. Currently I have a Kershaw Leek with the bi-metal blade and an edge of CPM-D2. Supposedly it's tempered to about RC 61-62.

I've spent so much time reprofiling and experimenting on it that i've worn it down significantly. SO....

What I like is the very low profile, it's relatively small, so I don't get the 'snake-eye' at work, and I like the basic blade shape. I also was really on the fence about the 'assisted open' but now love it.

So budget is anywhere from dirt cheap to 300ish dollars. If I could be convinced it was worth more...I will just save longer.

So any suggestions?

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC

Posted by wickededge - 14 Dec 2012 11:16

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That's really pretty! I love VG-10; great steel, great value.

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC

Posted by FredHermann - 14 Dec 2012 12:00

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Wow, that's pretty.

I quit being a fan of Spydeco about 10 years ago when I had a couple of their knives either break or fall apart. Customer service back then was near non existant. So I assume they have gotten better, I keep seeing lots of posts about their stuff.

They have a number of knives that are catching my eye, but so far their damascus one and the Fallkniven are my favorites, based on looks alone.

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC

Posted by KenBuzbee - 14 Dec 2012 13:07

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FredHermann wrote:

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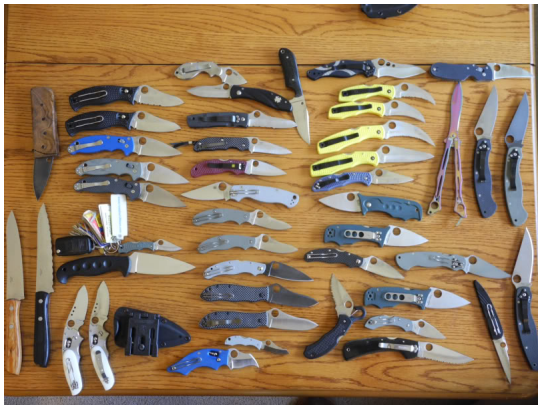
Hmmm.. Spyderco Customer service has always been top notch, in my experience. I've owned Spydercos since the early - mid '80s and never had an issue. I've also never had one break or worse, fall apart. I only have about 70 of them but I think that's a pretty good sampling, both for CS and QC.

Here's a few of them:



I have destroyed a few clips over the years but nothing a new clip and screws couldn't fix.

I think they are worth a look.

Ken

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC
Posted by leomitch - 14 Dec 2012 18:05

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Heavens to Betsy mate!! What a fine collection! So you love Spyderco stuff do you! LOL!

Hey Ken, in case I don't get a chance later, Merry Christmas my friend. Have happy and healthy holiday!

Leo

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC
Posted by KenBuzbee - 14 Dec 2012 18:29

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leomitch wrote:

Heavens to Betsy mate!! What a fine collection! So you love Spyderco stuff do you! LOL!

Hey Ken, in case I don't get a chance later, Merry Christmas my friend. Have happy and healthy holiday!

Hey Leo,

Thanks. And that's just the ones I could easily lay my hands on. There are more... In the garage, in the car, in the nightstand..... I also have a bunch of their sharpening gear, which is all very good.

Yea, I do. Nice innovatative products. Great choice of steels and overall I just really like their philosophy and business model.

Merry Christmas to you and yours, brother. May it bring you many blessings!

Ken

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC
Posted by PhilipPasteur - 14 Dec 2012 21:05

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FredHermann wrote:

Wow keep them coming. And if it matters, I like harder steels...I have a great VG-10 folder, but it's just too big...

If you are thinking of a hard steel, and Spyderso might interest you, check out the Caly 3 in a ZDP 189 laminate with polished carbo fiber scales. The knife is made in Japan and I have not seen specifics on the hardness. Hitachi recommends Rc 65 to 68. I have read that Spyderco does their in house heat treat to Rc 64. In any case the Caly 3 is quite hard as evidenced by the time it took me to sharpen it the first time around.

I carry mine and use it for everything that I would any of the other knives I have in my daily cary rotation. The guy doing the review is... well interesting. I put the link in because he has some nice video of the knife...

It has a 3" blade and is pretty thin and light. It handles well though due to the handle design and the gimping. It definitely cuts bigger than its blade size. Only thing I find is a negative is the back lock. It works well and locks up solid, but it is a pain in the butt...for me anyway. to close. A two hand job.

BTW I have one of the Kershaw 1555Ti Cryo knives. As Curtis said it is a nice little knife, and cheap. You can get it for under $30. It was voted the best vlaue knife at the 2012 Blade Show. Definitely something you could get to play with and not break the bank.

I love your knives Leo, but I couldn't see carying one of them every day... I would be scared to scratch it or lose it. They would probably be in my safe to be pampered and polished... and shown to friends to produce envy

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Phil

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC
Posted by leomitch - 14 Dec 2012 21:16

I know what you mean Phil. I was the same for awhile but finally as I used them more and more, they both proved to be tough hombres, even the pretty French knife...both also sharp as the dickens. My Le Trappeur is used around the kitchen daily.

and my wife who is afraid of most of my knives, loves this French beauty.

Cheers

Leo

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC
Posted by FredHermann - 15 Dec 2012 02:03

Wow...even more. This is good stuff.

My Spydeco luck must have been bad...or I chose their worst and caught them on a bad day.

The little Kershaw does look fun. And I will dig more into the spydeco site.

And Ken....that's a mighty fine pile of knives. 🙂

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC
Posted by KenBuzbee - 15 Dec 2012 09:04

FredHermann wrote:

And Ken....that's a mighty fine pile of knives. 🙂

Thanks brother. Now I just need more pockets 🙂

Ken

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Re: Need Suggestions For a New EDC

Posted by Geocyclist - 17 Dec 2012 00:39

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Honestly, If you love the Leek more than anything else buy 2 of them. Keep one as a spare.

If you want to try something different I love the Benchmade 940's. I love the Axis Lock system. It is butter and just works great. The Leek blade shape is pretty unique. The 940 shape is love it or hate it. My first thoughts of the 940 was hate it, but it is a quite functional shape. The 940 also has a slim profile and doesn't raise too many eyes in the office. You can get a decent variety of steels, CPM M4, S30V, 154CM. Some old models have D2. If you like D2 you will love M4 as long as corrosion resistance is not an issue. If you want a more of a clip point/drop point the 943 is the same knife, different blade shape.

Benchmades cost more, but I think they are worth it.

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