Damaged strop or no big deal?
Posted by RoccoSanello - 24 Jan 2013 16:03

Ok guys, my latest blunder. Took a few bites outta my leather strops accidentally running them across the wicked edge I just proudly made. They're not terrible, but they're not completely insignificant either. Will this noticeably reduce the effectiveness of the strop? Thanks guys.

- Rocco

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Re: Damaged strop or no big deal?
Posted by mark76 - 01 Feb 2013 10:39

Phil,

Good to hear that sanding to 600 grit is sufficient.

Michiel did a blog post about hard rolled leather (from HA) some time ago: belgiansharpening.wordpress.com/2011/12/...d-rolled-horse-butt/
. Might be interesting.

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Re: Damaged strop or no big deal?
Posted by PhilipPasteur - 01 Feb 2013 11:53

Yes,

I read that a ways back, and a bunch of other folks raving about the hard rolled 8 lb horse butt. That is why I bought 4 whole hard rolled horse butt pieces. I cut it into 12X3" pieces myself. I noticed at one time that HA had some "select" pieces. I never got any of them because they seemed a bit expensive.

There is enough leather for a bunch of strops out of each horse butt. Only maybe two or three can be made of unblemished material (probably the quality that HA was selling). Other pieces will have fatty areas, wrinkles, scars etc. I read another article somewhere about a guy that sanded his. I ended up sanding all of my strops made from that material... so it was an easy leap to get to thinking that I could do the same with my WEPS strops when I scarred them up a bit. It worked...

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