The Farid K2 Rex 121 Folder has just arrived !

Posted by leomitch - 21 Feb 2013 07:31

Clay now has that fine folder in his hands. I am sure he will comment and perhaps put up some pictures as he plays with it. I have yet to see it myself so I too will have my eyes peeled for any bit of info on this rare knife.

Leo

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Re: The Farid K2 Rex 121 Folder has just arrived !

Posted by wickededge - 22 Feb 2013 12:16

You're right Leo that it's built like a tank but the action is smooth and the lock is very strong. It's a no-frills work horse in terms of design but it has great visual appeal from the hammered Rex 121 and the matte gray titanium.

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Re: The Farid K2 Rex 121 Folder has just arrived !

Posted by wickededge - 22 Feb 2013 12:17

I just completed the initial bevel formation which took about 5 minutes per side to erase all the marker and grind marks. This is the second Rex 121 knife I've handled and each time I've been very surprised at how easily the diamond plates cut through the steel.

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Re: The Farid K2 Rex 121 Folder has just arrived !

Posted by leomitch - 22 Feb 2013 16:46

That is surprising for such a steel, but it bodes well for developing a sharp edge and keeping it maintained. Many of the people who were buying were speculating that it would be difficult and time consuming to sharpen this kind of blade of REX121 Crucible steel.

What angle or edge geometry do you think would be best for this blade Clay?

Leo

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Re: The Farid K2 Rex 121 Folder has just arrived !
Posted by wickededge - 22 Feb 2013 17:10

Here are a few pictures of the blade as it's come along:

After the 1600# Ceramics

Stropped down to 0.5um on cow leather

I'll get some better photos snapped with my big camera later, for now I snapped some quickly with my phone.

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Re: The Farid K2 Rex 121 Folder has just arrived !
Posted by wickededge - 22 Feb 2013 17:18

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I'd heard from someone else that REX121 and diamonds work well together - seems to be the case. I'm not sure about the optimal angle, it's something that you'll have to test a little. I suspect that the 0.5um finish is probably too fine and that you'll probably want a slightly coarser micro-bevel, but won't really know until you start using it. I left at 20 degrees per side for now which seems reasonable. If you find

that it holds up well, it might be fun to take it a little lower though I think this knife is designed for hard work, so maybe just leave it a little more obtuse...

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Re: The Farid K2 Rex 121 Folder has just arrived !
Posted by JamesBell - 22 Feb 2013 18:01

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Clay, Do you think the hardness. 68 / 70 RC. Is a factor in why the diamonds work so well?

The new edge look incredible!

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Re: The Farid K2 Rex 121 Folder has just arrived !
Posted by wickededge - 22 Feb 2013 18:06

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JamesBell wrote:

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That's a tough question - I've worked with a lot of other super hard steels like the friction forged D2 from Diamond Blade Knives which also get into the 60s for hardness, some of the Hitachi steels, ZDP-189... they all feel and respond differently with the diamond plates, probably to do with wear resistance. I guess that the REX121 is hard and fairly tough but not extremely abrasion resistant.

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Re: The Farid K2 Rex 121 Folder has just arrived !
Posted by wickededge - 22 Feb 2013 18:31

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A couple more photos:

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Re: The Farid K2 Rex 121 Folder has just arrived !
Posted by leomitch - 22 Feb 2013 18:37

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People who are interested in this knife might like to jump over to the Blade Forum and search 'The Farid K2 Rex 121 Folder' to see a review by an owner. To show the reliability of this edge for holding its sharpness, he hacked through 5/8 inch manila rope 412 times until his hand and wrist were numb and

the blade still neatly sliced through a thin page of telephone book paper. The review is interesting. He made a 15 degree per side convex edge and is very happy with that. A good read.

Leo

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Re: The Farid K2 Rex 121 Folder has just arrived !

Posted by glenewertz - 23 Feb 2013 15:45

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Hello Leo,

That is one interesting knife!

Wish I had the budget to afford it.

I wonder what REX 121 would be like in a Gyuto.

I saw in another forum you may sell a Fallkniven PXL.

How would you rate the 3G steel?

Isn't it great how far the Wicked Edge has come?

Seems like yesterday but it's been 2 years since you, I and a maybe a couple others were singing the praises of the WE at Knife Forums and we had only the original basic kit!

Kindest Regards,

Glen

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