Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican

Posted by wickededge - 21 Feb 2013 15:35

We're close to finalizing the design of a new, Pelican-style, carrying case for the sharpener. It's designed to fit the Pro-Pack II with a few extra accessories. The Pro-Pack I and the Basic Kit will also fit. We're trying to make a decision about whether to go with the option of wheels and a telescopic handle. Between all the components of the Pro-Pack II and the case itself, weight should be around 30 lbs. I'm curious what people think about this option. It will add a decent chunk to the cost to include the wheels and handles. Is this a feature that you guys think you'd want? I'm also trying to gauge interest in such a case overall. How many would want such a case?

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican

Posted by Mikedoh - 21 Feb 2013 21:56

I vote no wheels.

As far as cost, would like to see the minimum margin you can do without killing yourself. Hopefully under $99.99, but then again, it is what it is.

Don't want to sacrifice quality, but am hoping since we have "partaken of the kool-aid" that a lesser profit margin works . . . . But also realize that there is ~no market for a case other than us addicts . . . . Sigh.

As far as cost, my feeling is to let Jiminy Cricket be your guide, and it is what it is.

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican

Posted by mark76 - 22 Feb 2013 08:23

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- Will the case be able to store the WEPS with the vise attached to the base?

- How many additional stones/strops and other stuff (sharpie, loupe, handle, stropping compounds, ...) can be stored?

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican

Posted by Sauce - 22 Feb 2013 09:27

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wickededge wrote:

Sauce wrote:

I think the case is a great idea. My vote would be for no wheels or telescoping handle. Just a standard carry case handle would be great. What would the price range be for either option?

Thanks,

Sauce

Thanks for the feedback Sauce. I'm not sure yet what we can get done on pricing - they're not cheap but the quality is awesome. Do you have a sense of what you feel like a reasonable price is? The company we're working with is trying to make it happen for us and they're much more reasonable than Pelican, but the cases are still expensive.

Price range aroung $100 maybe, probably wouldn't go much higher. Large enough to hold the base with vise installed and all the extras we use with it(loupe, cube, marker, roll of tape,extra stones etc..) would be nice.

Sauce

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican

Posted by wickededge - 22 Feb 2013 10:11

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican

Posted by SleeplessJunkie - 22 Feb 2013 12:16

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Sounds to me like it will be worth every penny of whatever price you come up with!

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican

Posted by pinkfloyd74 - 22 Feb 2013 17:10

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I vote no wheels, no telescoping handle. It would be nice to have a case that sharpener and all accessories, stones would fit into for storage and transport. Price? You get what you pay for! With something that is custom made its going to be a little pricey, but worth it for what it will hopefully do.

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican

Posted by FredHermann - 22 Feb 2013 21:28

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Yes, under $5.00 and can you make it weightless and unbreakable out of polished unobtanium too?

I think many of the answers can be found in the case's final use. Many of us would use it as storage, but some to carry around. In the old days...I had a job for a year as a copier tech, we all had 30lb briefcases full of tools, so that's not an unheard of goal, though I don't think they weigh that much, even with granite base. (they might)

What we always ran into was either the handle broke from the weight, or the base split from setting it down too hard.

So I'd say no wheels, and price...no idea.

cbwx34 wrote:

For me part of it's size as well as weight... if it's not too big, I'd say no wheels. I had a case a few years back you could carry a laptop, small printer, and some books (back when these things were big & heavy)... thing had wheels but it was small enough that rolling it was a bigger PITA then carrying it.

Plus I suspect some will use it more for storage than transportation?

One thing that would be nice... you could pull out your base and set it on top of the case to sharpen?

Oh, and no more than $5.00

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican

Posted by CharlesTurner - 25 Feb 2013 14:50

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I don't think that the wheels and handle are necessary especially if it adds to the cost. I have been waiting patiently for some time for my Pro Pack II and want something to pack it away in. I have looked for other options but I would rather get something that is suited just for the WEPS. With the money that has been invested so far I really want this thing to be protected, even if I am taking it with me somewhere. Do you have any idea how long until the deal is finalized?

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican

Posted by DAUG - 25 Feb 2013 15:48

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I vote no wheels, since it shouldn't weigh more than ~25 lbs fully accessorize. Otherwise I question why carry the damn thing to a travel site if it's over that amount in the first place. I've traveled with mine on road trips and it works just fine being carried in a canvas tool bag, but my next travel plans call for a trip overseas and that's where a lockable pelican case would really work for me in that instance.

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican

Posted by wickededge - 25 Feb 2013 15:55

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Great feedback guys, thank you. I should have some samples in tomorrow to check out. If all's well, we'll press forward as quickly as we can.

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