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 wickededge - 25 Feb 2013 18:55

Some pics of the samples that came in today:

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican

Posted by wickededge - 25 Feb 2013 18:59

The combined weight of the components and case is just over 30 lbs. The samples they sent came with wheels and telescoping handle which seems great and will work really well for my own use, but I travel a fair amount with my sharpener, so I'm not a great judge of people's storage/transport needs. We may end up going with two models so that those who travel more frequently and/or professional mobile sharpeners can have a nice option.

The case itself is pretty bombproof - waterproof, shock resistant, has pressure relief valve etc...

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican

Posted by Geocyclist - 25 Feb 2013 19:24

Wow!

That looks great, especially for a sample. The finish of the logo looks amazing.

Don't know how the balance is. If the base weights one side too much (for the handle to drag down one side in your hand), I would suggest putting the base in the middle and splitting the stones, misc. storage 50/50 on either side.

If you can squeeze in any more stone holes that would be great. I would like more stone holes and less misc. storage. The only item I have that would really fit in is the angle cube (required) and loupe. My other stuff is quite large, full role of painters tape, large bottle alcohol, water squirt bottle, flashlight, roll of paper towels, etc. I realize I could down size some of this, less paper towels, smaller bottles etc. But I think after the WE the stones are 2nd most deserving of a good home.

I would still love a stones only case. Same size as this box, just thinner, just thick enough to lay stones flat plus padding on each side. I would use this kit everyday and get rid of the plano boxes. I won't pickup or move the WE too often (I leave it out on the table), but I would use a box daily to hold the stones.

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican

Posted by SleeplessJunkie - 25 Feb 2013 19:30

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A thing of beauty *drools*

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican

Posted by DAUG - 25 Feb 2013 19:47

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Wow, Clay, that's impressive.....30 lbs huh? That's a lot of stuff, but then again it's for your business. I'd be curious to see your lighter example for sure....and hopefully with no wheels.

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican

Posted by cbwx34 - 25 Feb 2013 19:50

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Is that 30 lbs with the heaviest base?

Geocyclist has some good points... it looks like you could have a cutout in front of the syringes (is that the ruler?) that would hold the ruler, then maybe a square above it that would hold the angle cube (w/o the case)? This would create a space on the right for 2 or 3 more slots for stones/strops. (I'm not sure what that slot in the middle far right is for.)

But even as is... looks pretty sweet!

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican
Posted by wickededge - 25 Feb 2013 20:01

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The PP2 comes with the QuartzStone base, so it's a little bit heavier. In that photo, I have the 50/80, 100/200, 400/600/ 800/1000, 1200/1600, Micro-Fines, 5.0/3.5 and 1.0/0.5 strops, a bunch of pastes, the ruler, the angle cube and a mini-microscope. The ruler is in that little slot in front.

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican
Posted by JamesBare - 26 Feb 2013 02:57

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Looks great, makes me wish I had waited a little while longer before I got my own case. I do think the base should be centered to make carrying it easier, balance it out better. Unless the weight of everything else can balance out the weight of the base.

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican
Posted by JamesBell - 26 Feb 2013 08:43

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Nice Start Clay, If the case has wheels, as your sample does, the the base at the bottom would be best. The lower the weight the better on wheels. I agree with others it would be better in the middle if I had to pick it up by the handle. Sound like you covered the full set of slots for stones, would like to see a few more open slots, for expansion. The packing in the case, does not look like a soft foam, is it more the molder hard material and could it be modified by the owner or would we be making a big mess to touch it?

thanks

James

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Re: Wicked Edge Hard Carrying Case - Think Pelican
Posted by cbwx34 - 26 Feb 2013 10:33

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If we're still in "brainstorming" mode... I have a case that has a piece that covers the top foam, so that items could be placed up there, then the cover snaps into place over it. Could free up a bit

more room.

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