Depth Key Question
Posted by Jimbo1 - 28 Aug 2011 21:07

I have a Pro Package on order and was looking at the online instructions which raised a question. When setting up the knife they state the back of the knife should rest on the two pins. Then, while watching the Youtube video of Clay sharpening a Spyderco Paramilitary 2 it clearly shows in the close up the back of the blade is at angled in relation to the Depth Key holes contrary to the online instructions.

Am I correct in assuming for regular knives like kithen knives where the cutting edge is close to being parallel with back of the blade that the back of the knife should rest on the pins? But for knives like Spyderos the blade should be set up with the cutting edge close to parallel to the base plate regardless if the back of the back of the blade rests on the pins or not?

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Re: Depth Key Question
Posted by dschur - 01 Sep 2011 06:48

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Re: Depth Key Question
Posted by wickededge - 02 Sep 2011 10:40

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Posted by CAWalter - 02 Sep 2011 11:57

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That hasn't been a problem for me at all. The 3M VHB, 1" wide and .045" thick cut an 1/8" long or so and going across the jaw at the top comes off quite easily. It will most often come off on the blade and then just roll an edge and come right off in one piece. I put the ones that haven't stuck to themselves on the base and reuse. When this material compresses it gets out of the way at a point, but is also firm in the void areas. tightening so the jaws are parallel assures the jaw tips are equal. A variety of resilient materials will work as well.

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Re: Depth Key Question

Posted by DennisHibar - 27 Jan 2012 05:55

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wickededge wrote:

As of this morning, the webmaster is starting to create a Knife Wiki for that purpose. The idea is that users can log in and add their knives so it's constantly growing.

Any update on this? It's a great idea for new WE users. I would imagine that seasoned users get to the point where they can set up knives by eye. Anyway, if plans for the Knife Wiki fall through, I would be more than willing to collect, compile, update and post such a settings DB (probably best in pdf format sorted by knife make/model. Thoughts?

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Re: Depth Key Question

Posted by Deputy115 - 17 Feb 2012 15:06

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I've found that by using a small piece of upholstery leather works great. Cut a small rectangular strip of the leather, place the blade into the "pocket" of the rough side of the lether and place knife in the clamp. The "finished" or glossy side of the leather along with the blade held between the "rough" sides provides a strong hold when clamped. You can also double the thickness of the leather for FFG. Works like a charm for me so far and the blade is protected from any scrapes.

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