How much is enough

Posted by gofly - 30 Aug 2011 08:13

I read or saw somewhere where Clay said that you can actually roll an edge by over stropping or using too much pressure.

I got to thinking (could be dangerous) maybe you could strop at 1 degree less than the knife was sharpened at and prevent dulling of the edge. Any thoughts about this. Maybe the guys that already have there WE units could comment on this.

About how many strokes with the strop does it take to polish the edge?

Thanks

Lucky

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Re: How much is enough

Posted by edhead35 - 04 Dec 2011 19:57

I would describe it like a hiss of a snake. When the strops are wet with diamond paste, you dont get much stropping because the strops are kind of "ice skating" on the blade. Let the paste soak in for a good while, work it in real good, and for the first few knives, after a few strokes, clean the paste that leaks off the strop off of the blade, until the strops leave no more paste on the blade. NOW you will be getting results, as the diamond paste impregnated in the leather is sliding on the metal, abrading it, and not the leather sliding on a protective layer of paste. You should see no paste on the bevel.

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Re: How much is enough

Posted by DonLlewellyn - 04 Dec 2011 20:03

Ed is right on, as usual!

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