1200 / 1600 Ceramic stones disappeared from site?

Posted by Mechron - 16 Aug 2012 08:07

I was ready to place an order today but I wanted to include the ceramic 1200 / 1600 stones, and I have found that they have disappeared from the products page:

http://www.wickededgeusa.com/index.php?option=com_virtuemart&Itemid=84

Are they going to be back, or is this permanent?

Just kind of confused as to what's going on.

==========

Re: 1200 / 1600 Ceramic stones disappeared from site?

Posted by PhilipPasteur - 12 Nov 2012 10:25

Kyle Kaplan

kyle AT wickededgeusa DOT com

==========

Re: 1200 / 1600 Ceramic stones disappeared from site?

Posted by Billabong - 12 Nov 2012 10:37

Thanks Phil.

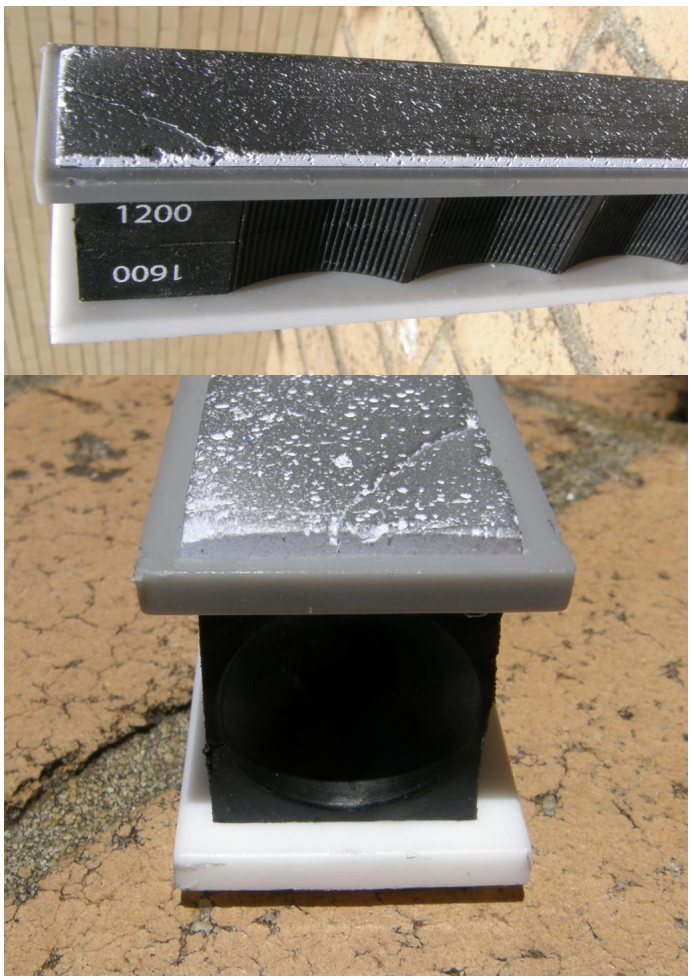
==========

Re: 1200 / 1600 Ceramic stones disappeared from site?

Posted by Billabong - 12 Nov 2012 23:52

I will just point Kyle to this thread?

What do you think has happened here Clay?



==========

Re: 1200 / 1600 Ceramic stones disappeared from site?

Posted by wickededge - 13 Nov 2012 00:00

It's too hard to speculate but I'll try anyway.
I'm guessing that there was a micro-fracture that we never knew about and it finally cracked with pressure. I haven't seen very many of those before, maybe only one or two out of all the ones we've sold.

==========

Re: 1200 / 1600 Ceramic stones disappeared from site?

Posted by Billabong - 23 Nov 2012 00:49

I have some more "crumbling" going on now.

Kyle asked for my shipping address, but I was wondering if he has posted or sends a tracking number?

Cheers!

==========

Re: 1200 / 1600 Ceramic stones disappeared from site?

Posted by AndrewBlaida - 18 Dec 2012 21:09

_____

wickededge wrote:

This is a good question, one that a lot of people ask and that we've gone back and forth with the manufacturer about. These stones are very different than what most people expect yet they are extremely effective. The coarse blue stones take time to break in. They have what is called a "kiln layer" that needs to be removed. The easiest way is to just use them and let the powder come off. Once you get them broken in, you'll be pleasantly surprised how well they clean up the edge after the diamond stones.

Mechron wrote:

I went ahead with my order from Wicked Edge and also placed an order for the 1200 / 1600 stones from here
, where they are available now.

I received them today, and I have to wonder about the 1200 side. The 1600 side looks correct, but the 1200 side is porous. I also rubbed the blunt side of a cheap pair of scissors across the 1200 stone, and (as TonyPettersen mentions above) it actually removed a little of the stone. I'm confused how such a stone will be able to cut steel in micro increments for sharpening as it seems to actually be softer than cheap steel? (By comparison I've had the Spyderco Sharpmaker for some time and those stones aren't like this.)

As you can tell I'm a novice when it comes to professional sharpening so I'm not sure if I have a bad stone or if I just have a lack of knowledge.

Interested to hear any input! ☺

He's right about the 1200 grit ceramic stone... it does better than the 1600, and will put a very nice mirror on the blade if done correctly.

==========