# Diamond paste

Posted by BartonLaMont - 14 Jan 2013 15:33

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Just wondering how often to reload my 5 & 3.5 micron strops with diamond paste? Wasn't sure if there was a sound or feel while your using them or if it's just a result from your stroping that you look for.

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# Re: Diamond paste

Posted by PhilipPasteur - 21 Jan 2013 09:55

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In any case, I have not found the place on the WEPS site where I read a few years back to use an inch long strip. Regardless, I now can say, from experience, that this is way too much. Though I did try it, I did not like the results, at all.

My intent now is to put enough pasts on for a ***THIN*** coat applied in a reasonably uniform manner. Whatever that takes. I typically start with less, maybe a
*dollup*

or two, and add as I go to get the results that I want. In the interest of getting a uniform coating, I have over applied paste and scraped to get the even coat that I want. This might be considered a waste, but it gets me where I want to be. I have a piece of cardboard with the scrapings on it. It works OK for a quick touch up of the edge in the "field".

Leo,

Maybe you didn't see my post after Curtis'. I did say that 20% is likely too much. That will teach me to try to put any difinitive numbers out there... by guestimating from memory. So we can say that the consensus is that using 20% of the tube in one application would be excessive.

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# Re: Diamond paste

Posted by leomitch - 21 Jan 2013 10:09

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I saw it, but I wanted to be sure that, especially new people understood, that such large amounts are not necessary,so I wanted to clarify. 'Might be excessive' and 'likely too much'...definitely too much and wasteful.

First-timers read what we old hands say as gospel so I wanted to be clear of the approximate amount of paste to use. Even 10% is more than is necessary on a strop the size found on the WEPS.

regards

Leo

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# Re: Diamond paste

Posted by PhilipPasteur - 21 Jan 2013 10:15

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Got it...

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# Re: Diamond paste

Posted by cbwx34 - 21 Jan 2013 10:38

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**PhilipPasteur wrote:**

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I know, so this will make you laugh. I was going to use dollop (it's not dollup), and knowing it was you, I looked it up first (which is why I know the spelling).

When I saw one definition was *"an indefinite, often large quantity of something"*, I figured... better not use that with Phil!

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# Re: Diamond paste

Posted by PhilipPasteur - 21 Jan 2013 11:10

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Hmmmm.. I guess I should try to learn to use the spell checker...if there is one.

Well, how about a dab (A small amount: a dab of jelly), or maybe smidgeon (A very small quantity or portion; a bit or mite)...

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## Re: Diamond paste

Posted by ElizabethGrifffin - 01 Mar 2013 08:16

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## Re: Diamond paste

Posted by cbwx34 - 01 Mar 2013 08:27

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Welcome to the forum!

I've been using a quick spritz of alcohol on the strops , has been working well, and keeps the paste on the strop, especially a fresh application. Something you might want to consider trying.

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## Re: Diamond paste

Posted by PhilipPasteur - 01 Mar 2013 08:35

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AHA!! I wasn't hallucinating after all. I know that I saw that one inch... which is likely about 20% of the tube...somewhere.

And yes... **GLENN**, I did the same as you ... and wished that I had not.

Maybe we can talk Clay into changing the included directions a bit...

Phil

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## Re: Diamond paste
Posted by ElizabethGrifffin - 01 Mar 2013 12:39

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BTW, this is my wife's account she opened when she bought me the field and sport for my 30th last month. Sorry for the mix up.

Glenn

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## Re: Diamond paste
Posted by PhilipPasteur - 01 Mar 2013 13:39

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All fixed (see above)

Hello Glenn...and welcome!

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