Blade getting covered with diamond paste
Posted by BUCKrub91 - 16 Mar 2013 22:39

When I strop im getting diamond paste all over my blade is this normal? the strops dont feel like they are over loaded with paste and i put as much on as the instructions said (1 inch line then smeared around with clean finger)

Seems like the edge would get much sharper if this wasnt happening..

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Re: Blade getting covered with diamond paste
Posted by Mikedoh - 17 Mar 2013 01:23

You have too much paste on there. I'd CAREFULLY scrape a lot of it off the strop and save in in a pill bottle or something.

Despite the directions, one inch is too much. A dab spread between the two paddles would be a better amount.

My strops are leather, and my compounds are paste, so I'm not able to answer much about balsa and sprays. But in general, it may be best to start with smaller amounts and add more if needed. You don't want paste on your blade as that is basically wasting it.There is a section on stropping that may be a worthwhile read for you.

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Re: Blade getting covered with diamond paste
Posted by cbwx34 - 17 Mar 2013 09:24

I'd just try working it in a little more... maybe a quick spritz of alcohol to help. (Work from fine to coarse, so if you accidentally cross-contaminate a strop a little... it won't affect it.)

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Re: Blade getting covered with diamond paste
Posted by BUCKrub91 - 17 Mar 2013 14:34

I used a tip I saw in another thread for working the paste in better.. I took the two strops and rubbed them together to work the paste in.. seemed to solve my problems now they are working great

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Re: Blade getting covered with diamond paste
Posted by BUCKrub91 - 17 Mar 2013 14:35

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I clean the edge with alcohol between strops to avoid cross contaminating.. seems to work well for me

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Re: Blade getting covered with diamond paste
Posted by cbwx34 - 17 Mar 2013 14:41

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I was confusing... i meant work from fine to coarse if you try working the paste into the leather (especially if you do it with your fingers), so you don't get coarse paste on the fine strops.

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Re: Blade getting covered with diamond paste
Posted by Geocyclist - 17 Mar 2013 22:24

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Seems like first time after loading them you getting a little slop on the blade. After one use it gets better. I just start with a tiny bit and work it in with my finger, I keep adding little drops as needed to get full coverage.

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Re: Blade getting covered with diamond paste
Posted by wickededge - 18 Mar 2013 13:06

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Re: Blade getting covered with diamond paste
Posted by BUCKrub91 - 18 Mar 2013 16:55

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Posted by wickededge - 18 Mar 2013 17:00

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I use it with all my strops. I don't use much, just a fine mist from a spray bottle, not enough to really soak into the leather, cloth or wood, just enough to sit on the surface and thin the paste.

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