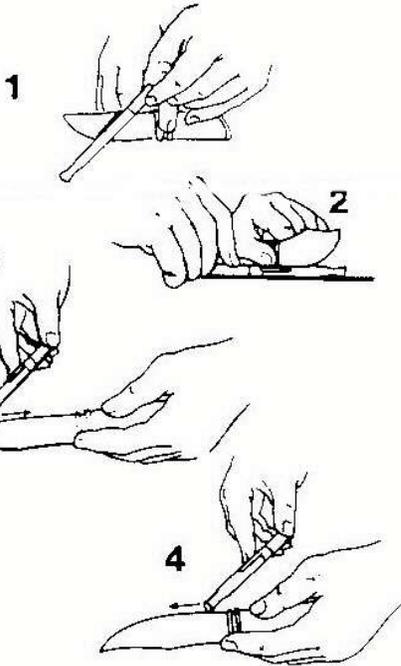


The EDGE TESTER

The Edge Tester is designed to enable the average person to accurately determine the value of any edge. The sportsman and people that use knives professionally will find this test very accurate.

INSTRUCTIONS TO TEST KNIVES



STEP 1. With the Edge Tester in a 45° position, hold the knife blade vertical and gently rest the blade on the surface of the Tester. Using only the weight of the knife, the edge should 'bite' into the Edge Tester. A dull knife will not 'bite', but will slide down the Tester. Checking at ½" intervals, if the full length of the blade 'bites', give the edge 50 points.

STEP 2. Now with the Edge Tester in a horizontal position, using only the weight of the knife, draw the entire edge across the surface of the Tester. If you feel any rough spots, the test is over. If the edge feels perfectly smooth, add 10 points.

STEP 3. Now lightly draw the tip of the Edge Tester along the entire length of the edge at about 45°. If you feel any nicks or imperfections, the test is over. If it feels perfectly smooth, add 15 points.

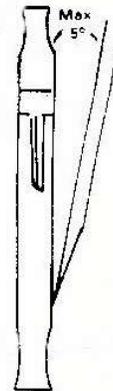
STEP 4. Now, with the tester in the same position as Step 3, start at the heel of the edge and PUSH the tester along the blade very lightly and very slowly. If you feel any nicks, the test is over. If the edge feels perfectly smooth, add 25 points. Congratulations, you have obtained a perfect edge!

(To get the idea of a perfect edge, perform this test on a new razor blade.)

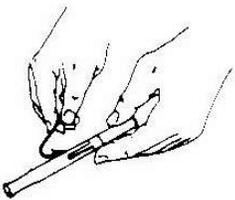
TO TEST SINGLE BEVEL BLADES

(Such as wood chisels, plane blades, jointer blades, ice augers, chain saws, scissors, drill bits, etc.)

The only difference in testing single bevel blades is in Step 1. with the beveled side of the blade AWAY from the Edge Tester, the edge should 'bite' into the tester at a very shallow angle of no more than 5°. Now proceed with Steps 2, 3, and 4 above.



TESTING FISH HOOKS



To test the sharpness of a fish hook, simply drag the hook across the surface of the Edge Tester in the same manner that it would be drawn through the mouth of a fish. If the hook does not 'bite' into the Edge Tester, chances are that it will not 'bite' into the hard, bony surface of the fish mouth, and therefore the hook should be resharpened.

CAUTION

Always use extreme care when sharpening or handling edged tools. Use very slow and gentle movements.