

MT21C MOUSETRAP® STEEL INSTRUCTIONS

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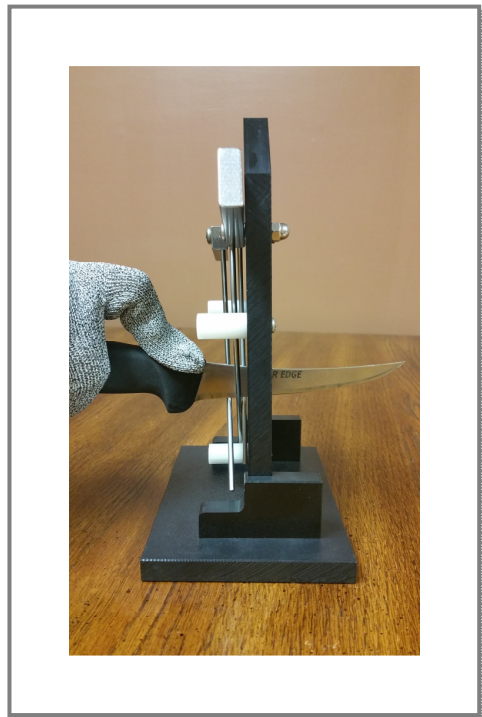
Step 1

CAUTION: THE MOUSETRAP® STEEL MUST BE PLACED IN BASE BEFORE STEELING PROCEDURES ARE USED. DO NOT STRIKE WINGS WITH KNIFE AS THIS WILL NICK YOUR BLADE.

With the knife blade fully inserted into the slot bring the knife down to the slot bottom until the steeling rods stop moving as shown.

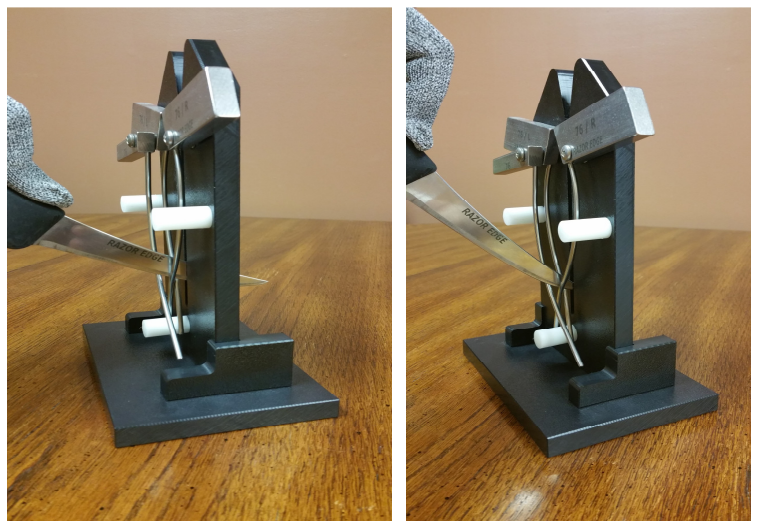


With the knife in a horizontal position, and while applying and maintaining light blade pressure against the steeling rods, draw the blade out of the slot.



If the knife blade has a curve follow the contour of the blade to ensure the entire length of the blade, from handle to tip, will be properly steeled.

NOTE: Step #1 can be repeated 2 or 3 times before proceeding to Step #2, especially if the blade has been heavily used.

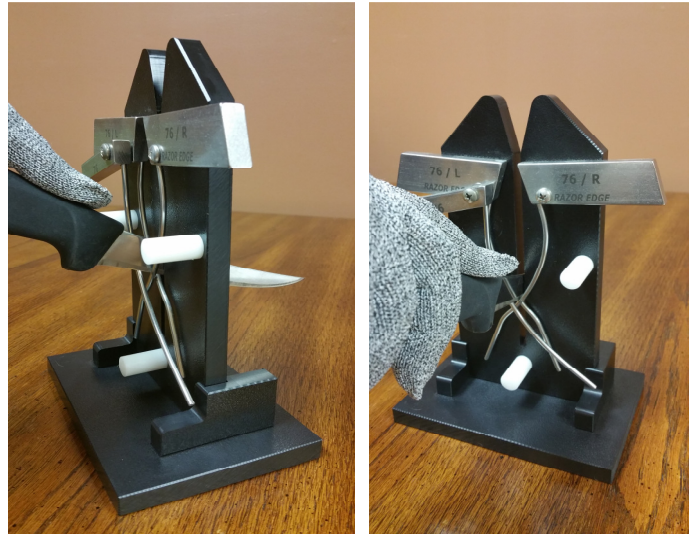


Step 2

After completing Step #1, finish the steeling process by inserting the knife blade fully into the slot with the tip of the blade at a slight downward angle.



This time, bring the knife halfway down into the slot until the counterweights are approximately horizontal to one another.



With the tip of the blade in a downward angle, draw the knife out of the slot maintaining the counterweights in a horizontal position for the entire length of the blade – from handle through tip. Picture F shows steeling of curved and tip portion of blade. Repeat this step 2-3 times.

NOTE: Drawing the blade through the slot with the blade at a downward angle ensures optimal pressure between the steeling rods and the cutting edge of the knife. It also ensures the tip and curved portion of the blade remain in contact with the steeling rods.



If you eventually find that neither Step 1 nor Step 2 restores or maintains a sharp edge then you will need to sharpen your knife. Remember, the purpose of the Mousetrap® Steel, as with any steel, is to maintain your edge between sharpening. The Mousetrap® Steel reduces the sharpening frequency, but does not take its place. The sharpening process is a necessary step to a consistently sharp edge. The Mousetrap® Steel can be used with or without Razor Edge Systems' sharpening products, but if you take your knife edges seriously and want a superior edge, you will want to use our other sharpening products in conjunction with the Mousetrap® Steel.

CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS: The Mousetrap® Steel can be placed in a dishwasher or mild detergent, then dry completely. Do not soak in bleach as the counterweight wings may rust.

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