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AGREEMENT AND ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Steven A. McCowen, doing business as StevLo Industries, LLC (hereinafter "Inventor"), of Iola, State of Wisconsin, has invented a certain invention, relating to a device for sharpening knives (known as the "Slide-Sharp"), for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States is being made, and which is shown and described in Exhibit A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, GB If Corporation, an Oregon corporation doing business as Columbia River Knife and Tool Company (hereinafter "CRKT"), having a place of business at 9720 S.W. Hillman Court, Suite 805, Wilsonville, Oregon 97070, desires to acquire an interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Inventor, hereby sells, assigns and transfers to CRKT, all rights, title and interest in and to said invention, patent application and patent rights throughout the world, including foreign patent priority rights, the right to file and prosecute International Applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, and the right to file and prosecute applications under the European Patent Convention; said invention, application and letters patent in this or any foreign country, and all divisions, continuations, reissues, re-examinations, and extensions thereof, to be held and enjoyed by CRKT, for its own use and benefit, and for its successors and assigns to the full end of the term for which letters patent may be granted in this or any foreign country, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Inventor had this assignment and sale not been made, and covenants that he has the full right so to do, and agrees to communicate to CRKT, or



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- 4. Inventor and CRKT hereby grant the law firm of Klarquist Sparkman, LLP, the power to insert on this Agreement and Assignment any further information that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with all applicable legal requirements, including the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, for submitting and recording this document.

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Suides (B), 1 Spring (C), 2 Sharpening components; 1 Cap (A), 2 Sharpening The Slide-Sharp kit consists of seven Rods (D) and 1 Base (E).

Slide-Sharp Components

for fine sharpening and a Grey Rod that second steeper angled guide for hardier is for course sharpening. Additionally there are two Sharpening Guides; one Sharpening Rods; a White Rod that is edges, such as pocket knives, and a slight angled guide for fine cutting There are two different grades of rools, such as choppers.



Slide-Sharp Sharpening

Sharpening Rod - see Figures 3 and 4. The back and down until the entire blade edge he Sharpening Rod, then draw the knife has been stroked across the length of the Sharpening Guide until the edge rests on blade is then transferred to the opposite most easily accomplished; while holding the Cap with one hand simply insert the blade in one of the angled slots of the slot in the Sharpening Basic sharpening with Slide-Sharp is

Figure 3 entire edge has been stroked across the process is continued until the knife has obtained the desired sharpness. At the pressure is relieved from the blade, the length of the Sharpening Rod. This end of each stroke, when downward Sharpening Rod until the Guide and the knife and down across the is again drawn back

for the next sharpening original position and ready Sharpening Guide back to its spring will serve to return the stroke,

If desired a "locomotion" style sharpening may be

Slide-Sharp Assembly

grade of Rod desired for sharpening (either fine or course) insert the Rod (D) into the hole of simple 4 stage process. Step 1 - after selecting the Assembling Slide-Sharp can be accomplished in a

the Base (E). Taking the Spring (C) Step 2 Rod until it rests on the Base (E). In Guide (B) is selected and fitted slides the spring over the Sharpening Step 3 the desired Sharpening

Sharpening Rod (D) until the Sharpening Guide Finally in Step 4, rests on Spring (C). over the top of the

Slide-Sharp is attached to the Rod (D) and Sharpening top of the ready to

Cap (A) is

Correct final sharpen.

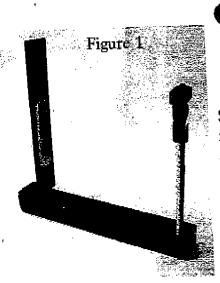
assembly is illustrated

in Step 5.

Figure 2

finished sharpening the bulk of the blade, the tip may be the top of the Sharpening Rod and the blade is extended method the blade is drawn back and down until just the provides for a very quick and easy sharpening of many tip remains in the guide. At this time hand pressure is lightened so to allow the spring to lift the blade up to utilized where each edge of the blade is sharpened in forward and made ready for the next stroke. When sharpened separately in short strokes. This method stages and during the sharpening the blade is not removed from the Sharpening Guide. Using this varieties of knife or other cutting tool.

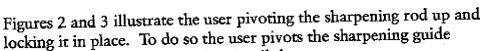
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Slide-Sharp Operating Instructions

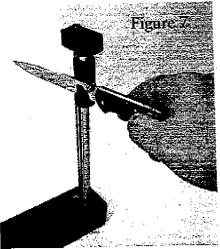
Slide-Sharp Version 2 is a complete redesign from the first model. There are 3 different sharpeners on this model and all are integral to the convenient carry/storage case. There is nothing to assemble and preparing the Slide-Sharp for use is both simple and easy. Figure 1 shows Slide-Sharp open, locked and ready for use.

Figure.

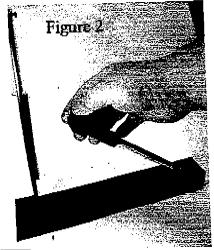


assembly to a 90 degree position (until the stop pin prohibits further motion) and then pushes down firmly. The sharpening guide assembly will drop approximately 3/8 of an inch and should lock firmly in place. When finished sharpening the user simply pulls up until the sharpening guide assembly snaps free (this action is limited by the stop pin) and then pivots the guide back down into the closed position. The inside of the lid carries a flat sharpening stone for use in quickly touching up blade tips or sharpening other flat edges for which the sharpening guide may not be appropriate. The back of the sharpening guide carries a small round stone

suitable for sharpening serrated edges. Extra sharpening guides are stored in a small compartment at one end of the case (Figure 6). To sharpen a



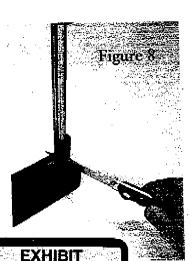
knife the user locks the sharpening guide assembly in place, chooses the desired sharpening guide, places it inside the sliding guide and applies pressure until the sharpening guide "snaps" into place around the sharpening rod (see Figures 4 & 5). The blade is then placed in one of the angled slots of the sharpening guide and, while holding the case, is drawn towards the user until a full stroke of the blade edge is completed (see Figures 7 & 8). The blade is then transferred to the opposite angled slot to sharpen the opposite side of the edge. This process is continued until the knife has obtained the desired sharpness.





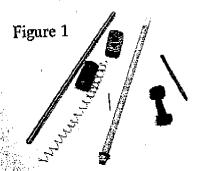






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• Stide-Sharp Guide Rod & Sharpening Guide Assembly



The second prototype of Slide-Sharp demonstrates several unique features revolving around the sharpening rod assembly. This assembly consists of quite a number of parts, as shown in Figures 1 and 2. There is the ceramic sharpening rod, the stainless steel support rod, the sliding guide, an o-ring, a serration sharpener, the tension spring, the pivot mount, a locking pin, three sharpening guides, the top block and a screw to hold it in place. The purpose of this document is to detail this unique assembly and to explain how it all fits together and works.

Figure 4

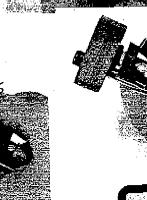
Figure 2

Figure 3

The entire guide, once assembled, provides the user with a safe, simple and effective method with which to sharpen knives. Figure 3 illustrates the assembly together missing only the sharpening guides; which are shown in Figure 2. Each sharpening guide is designed to be snapped in place inside the sliding guide and around the sharpening rod. The sharpening guide is self-locking to the sharpening rod - illustrated in Figure 7. The process of fitting a sharpening guide to the slide assembly is illustrated in Figures 4, 5 and 6. Specifically the user simply chooses the desired sharpening guide, places it inside the sliding guide and applies pressure until the sharpening guide "snaps" into place around the sharpening rod. There are made available three sharpening rods with pre-set angles of 17, 21 and 25 degrees respectively. All of the guides are made from wear resistant, low friction materials.

The support rod has several interesting features; it is hollow and threaded at the top to accept a screw which holds the top block firmly in place. The bottom contains a closed slot which allows passage of the locking pin through the support rod - as shown in Figure 8. This retains the sharpening guide assembly in the bottom block during the closing of Slide-

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Figure 8

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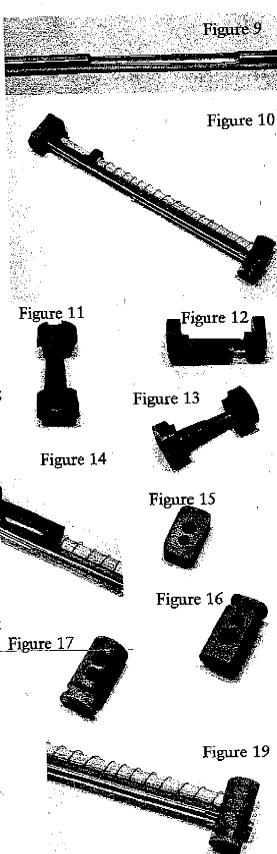
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Finally, the back of the support rod contains within a milled section a small round stone designed to sharpen serrated knife edges (Figures 9 and 10). The support rod provides both strength and acts as a guide to maintain the proper position of the sliding and sharpening guides.

Further viewing of Figure 10 we come to the tension spring. This spring is designed to return the sharpening guide (as well as the sliding guide) to the top of the assembly following each stroke of the blade. Looking closely at the sliding guide in Figures 11, 12, 13 and 14 there are three points of primary interest. The guide is cut to closely bracket each sharpening guide. This bracketing assists in maintaining and controlling the position of the sharpening guide. In order to restrict undesirable rotation of the sharpening guide the sliding guide is fitted loosely to the support rod. This communication occurs within a square groove milled in the back of the sliding guide. This groove retains the sliding guide in a single position thus eliminating all but a small amount of rotation. Finally the sides of the sliding guide have been milled at an angle which will allow clear passage of the knife edge through to the sharpening guide and on to the sharpening rod.

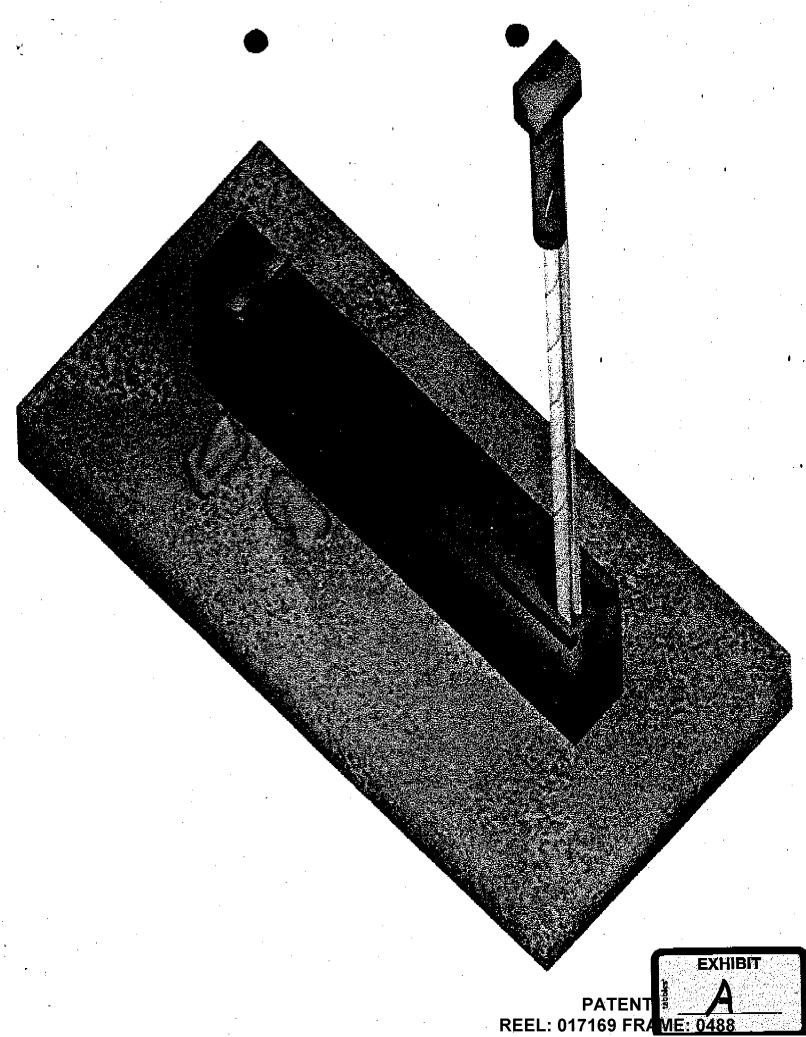
Supporting the assembly at the top is the top block (Figure 15) screwed into the support rod. Bottom support is supplied by the pivot block (Figures 16, 17, 18 and 19). The pivot block is held into the case with two screws which thread into square nuts recessed into the pivot block (Figure 18). The pivot block also supports the locking pin Figure 17 (Figure 19) which stops the assembly from pulling entirely apart during closing. The locking pin also serves as a stop to aid in orienting the assembly at 90 degrees prior to seating it

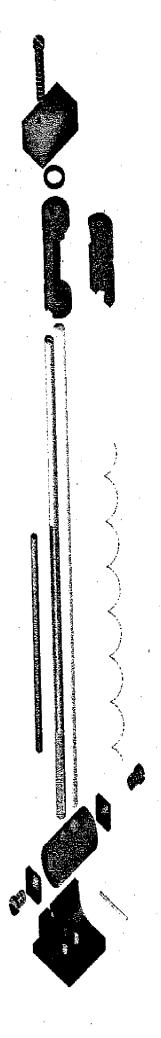
Figure 18 into the locking block.



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