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Nirey Electric Knife Sharpener

THE Nirey KE-198 is a simple machine designed for home use and is eminently suitable for the recreational fisherman or home cook. This is not to say that this quality machine is flimsy; it is a solid, beautifully designed and well executed tool that will give years of trouble free service. In fact, the Total Knife Care warehouse has one in situ and it has sharpened over 1600 knives, giving the equivalent of 30 years of home use, without missing a beat. This machine is designed for casual use and is a sealed unit which, in all probability, will never wear out and based on their experience, I doubt any recreational user will be doing this any time soon.

The KE-198 is very simple to operate, having four angled slots in a stainless steel guard on the top of the unit. You plug it in, flick the on/off rocker switch and two ultra-hard aluminium oxide coarse and fine grinding wheels spin at 1100 RPM at a grind angle of about 15 degrees. These wheels are pressure controlled, so the operator simply draws the blade towards them at a steady rate from heel of blade to tip, working one side and the other alternately on the coarse wheel until the blade feels sharp. You then move the blade over to the fine wheel and repeat the operation as before, this time however, imparting a finer, finishing edge on the blade at a bevel angle of 15 degrees each side.

This is a seriously competent and awesomely quick sharpener



that will initiate and maintain a great working edge on your knives, no matter how hard the steel or how abused in the past. You could expect to spend all of three to five minutes bringing a really bad blade up to a durable shaving edge. In my opinion it is an absolute bargain for under \$160 including freight. The unit is guaranteed for two years of domestic use.

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