

USER MANUAL



Item #181KS3STGSS

3 Stage Electric Knife Sharpener SS









Safety Precautions

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed including the following:

- Check to make sure your home or business voltage conforms to the rated voltage of the appliance.
- Always place the appliance on a table or sturdy surface.
- Store the appliance out of reach of children to avoid any potential accidents.
- Store the appliance in a dry space away from any humidity.
- Clean the appliance after each use.

Warnings

- **DO NOT** sharpen any blades that do not fit within the appliance in order to avoid damage to the appliance and/or blade.
- **DO NOT** attempt to sharpen knives coated in food, fat, cooking oils, or residues. Knives must be clean and dry prior to sharpening.
- DO NOT leave the appliance running unattended.
- **DO NOT** place the appliance in water or any other liquid.
- DO NOT use harsh cleaners or scrubbing pads when cleaning the surface of the appliance.
- DO NOT allow the power cord to hang over any hot surfaces.
- **DO NOT** use the appliance if the power cord or any part has been damaged. Damages should be fixed by a technician in order to avoid potential accidents.
- DO NOT use the appliance for anything outside of its intended purpose. Doing so will void the warranty.
- The Garde 2 Stage knife sharpener is NOT recommended for use with serrated knives.
- **DO NOT** use any lubricants with this appliance.

Getting to Know Your Garde XL 3 Stage Knife Sharpener

The Garde XL 3 stage knife sharpener is perfectly designed to sharpen a variety of knives with straight and serrated edges. The 3 stage sharpening system begins with a coarse sharpening stage, equipped with 100% diamond abrasive discs to create the ideal bevel and burr. After only a few strokes, your knife is ready for the second stage of sharpening. In Stage 2, a higher grit of 100% diamond abrasives creates a finer micro-bevel and burr and prepares your knife for the final polishing/stropping stage. In Stage 3, flexible resin sharpening disks straighten and polish your knife's blade, fine-tuning the bevel and burr created in the coarse and fine grinding stages. Combined, the 3 stages result in an extremely sharp edge that is ready to withstand the rigors of your busy kitchen.



Operation

*Important note, serrated knives are not recommended to be sharpened using Stage 1 or 2 on this appliance, as the sharpening discs may damage the blade. Refer to the Operation – Sharpening Serrated Knives for proper sharpening procedure.

- **1.** Place the appliance on a table or sturdy surface.
- Start the appliance by turning the ON/OFF switch to the "On" position.
 NOTE: Be sure to operate the appliance from the front such that you are facing the side labeled with the stages.
- 3. Place the end of the knife in either one of the blade modules of the first stage, labeled "Coarse". Slowly pull the blade down and through the Stage 1 blade guides. Then place your blade on the opposite side of the Stage 1 blade module and slowly pull the blade down and through.
 - Note: Blade strokes should take between 3-5 seconds for a standard 5" blade.
 - **Note:** Avoid excessive downward pressure on the sharpening discs. Only mild pressure is needed for knife to contact sharpening discs.
- 4. Alternate sides in Stage 1 until you have completed 2-3 pairs of alternating pulls, or until you can feel a burr present.
- 5. Place the end of the knife in either one of the blade modules in the second stage, labeled "Fine". Slowly pull the blade down and through the Stage 2 blade guides. Then place your blade on the opposite side of the Stage 2 blade module and slowly pull down and through.
- **6.** Alternate sides in Stage 2 until you have completed 2-3 pairs of alternating pulls.
- 7. Place the end of the knife in either one of the blade modules in the third stage, labeled "Polish". Slowly pull the blade down and through the Stage 3 blade guides. Then place your blade on the opposite side of the Stage 3 blade module and slowly pull down and through.
- **8.** Alternate sides in Stage 3 until you have completed 3-4 pairs of alternating pulls, or until you can no longer feel the burr present.
- **9.** Test the sharpness of the knife by slicing a ripe tomato or piece of paper.
- **10.** If the knife is not sharpened to your satisfaction, repeat steps 7-8.

Operation - Sharpening Serrated Knives

- 1. Place the end of the serrated knife in either one of the blade modules in the third stage, labeled "Polish". Slowly pull the blade down and through the Stage 3 blade guides. Then place your blade on the opposite side of the Stage 3 blade module and slowly pull down and through.
- 2. Alternate sides in Stage 3 until you have completed 3-4 pairs of alternating pulls.
- **3.** Repeat steps 1-2 as necessary to achieve desired sharpness.

Resharpening Straight Knives

- 1. Straight Knives can be resharpened 3-5 times using Stage 3 before knives will need to be sharpened in Stage 1 and/or Stage 2.
 - **NOTE:** Resharpening straight knives beginning at Stage 1 may only be necessary for severely worn or dull blades.
- **2.** For resharpening beginning in stage 3, refer to steps 1-2 and 7-8 under "Operation".
- **3.** For resharpening beginning in stage 2, refer to steps 1-2 and 5-8 under "Operation".

Cleaning and Maintenance

Refrain from using water or harsh detergents when cleaning your knife sharpener. To remove any debris from the exterior, a damp cloth with mild detergent such as dish soap is recommended. As needed, the swarf collection compartment can be emptied to remove any metal dust that has accumulated.