

# The Handi Hone

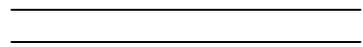


For less than \$100 you can sharpen your own blades and never have them professionally sharpened again.....RIGHT? You just found out it that isn't true, did you send it back? Here is what actually happens to blades when using it incorrectly.

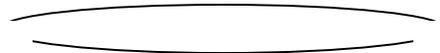
Clipper blades are hollow ground. This means both the top blade and the bottom blade have an arch to them. This arch enables the teeth of the blade to cut like a scissor would by slicing through the hair not chopping or ripping it apart.



When you use the "Handi Hone" incorrectly, you grind this arch away and make the top and bottom blades FLAT. When cutting hair the blades will snag the first pass through and are useless. The diamond pad of the "Handi-Hone" takes a lot of metal away real quick. You've just taken up to 1/3 of the life of this blade away. Most sharpeners don't fix blades damaged by a Handi-Hone because it could gouge the honing wheel by running these FLAT blades across it..



To fix this problem of snagging, the blade has to get that arch back in the top and bottom blades. A sharpener has to grind the hollow back into the blade halves so they form that arch again. This takes a lot of metal off again, maybe another 1/3 of the blade life.



In conclusion, I have two Handi Hones myself and use them to contour plastic parts for my model railroad. I have also tried to sharpen blades with it and have failed worse than you have. I don't know anyone who has ever succeeded in sharpening a blade on a Handi Hone that was functional afterwards (Except a factory rep, and not for very long on cocker hair). Everybody tries a Handi Hone sometime in their life. What do I mean by a functional blade? A blade that you cant tell if it was sharpened on a "Handi-Hone" or a professional sharpener. This blade should cut hair every day for at least two months with good blade care techniques.