

## Product Instructions

### **SHARPNESS TESTER USE INSTRUCTIONS**

**CAUTION:** Always use extreme care when handling edged tools and never test sharpness on any part of your body. Please read all instructions before use.

1. Place the tester at a 45° angle on a flat, sturdy surface. (See Fig. 1)
2. Hold the blade vertical and gently rest the cutting edge on the round rod. (See Fig. 2) Using only the weight of the cutting tool, a sharp edge will bite into the rod and not move. A dull edge will slide down the rod.
3. Continue checking full length of cutting edge by picking the blade up and setting it down at ¼" intervals. **DO NOT PULL THE BLADE ACROSS THE ROD TO CHECK SHARPNESS.**

**Testing blades with a grind on just one side of the blade:** (such as chisels, planes, scissors, tanto knives, etc.)

Use the same instructions above just make sure the side of the blade with the grind is facing away from the round rod. (See Fig. 3)

#### **Testing fish hooks and pointed tools:**

1. Gently rest the point of the hook on the round rod and lightly drag it across the surface of the rod. (See Fig. 4) If the point of the hook bites the rod, it is sharp. If it slides down the rod, it is dull.

**NOTE:** Periodically, the round rod should be rotated to maintain a smooth surface during testing.

- See more at: <http://www.smithsproducts.com/product/50352-knife-care-kit/#sthash.g96QHr71.dpuf>