

RATINGS

GOOD: ★★★

FAIR: ★★

POOR: ★

RATING ELECTRIC KNIFE SHARPENERS

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**Chef'sChoice Model 130**

PRICE: \$139

SHARPENING MATERIAL: Diamond, with three slots, coarse, fine, and non-motorized butcher steel

TEST CRITERIA

STROKES TO SHARPEN: 6
 PERFORMANCE: ★★★
 NOTCH REMOVAL: 21 strokes
 EASE OF USE: ★★★

TESTERS' COMMENTS

This quiet model is the Rolls-Royce of sharpeners. Spring-loaded blade guides make sharpening foolproof. One slot works like a sharpening steel but removes all guesswork from the usual steeling motion.

RECOMMENDED**Chef'sChoice Model 120**

PRICE: \$129.95

SHARPENING MATERIAL: Diamond, with three slots, coarse, medium, and fine

STROKES TO SHARPEN: 15
 PERFORMANCE: ★★★
 NOTCH REMOVAL: 28 strokes
 EASE OF USE: ★★★

Very easy to operate; spring-loaded blade guides make sharpening foolproof. Knife seems to "fall" somewhat jarringly into first slot.

RECOMMENDED WITH RESERVATIONS**Chef'sChoice Model 110**

PRICE: \$79.95

SHARPENING MATERIAL: Diamond, with three slots, coarse for pre-sharpening, medium, and fine

STROKES TO SHARPEN: 34
 PERFORMANCE: ★★★
 NOTCH REMOVAL: 19 strokes
 EASE OF USE: ★★

Does the job at a reasonable price, although somewhat noisily. Instructions are a bit confusing and magnetic guides could control blade angle more easily. Grinding elements are set in from edge of machine and miss the heel on knives.

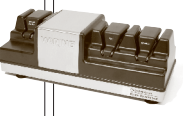
**Presto EverSharp 8800**

PRICE: \$39.95

SHARPENING MATERIAL: "Sapphirite" (aluminum oxide, a ceramic), with two slots, coarse and fine

STROKES TO SHARPEN: 6
 PERFORMANCE: ★★
 NOTCH REMOVAL: 22 strokes
 EASE OF USE: ★

Very loud, and stalled when testers applied any pressure. Appeared to scuff blades.

NOT RECOMMENDED**Waring PRO KS80**

PRICE: \$99.95

SHARPENING MATERIAL: Alumina (a ceramic), with three slots of coarse, fine, and strop/polish

STROKES TO SHARPEN: 9
 PERFORMANCE: ★★
 NOTCH REMOVAL: 137 strokes
 EASE OF USE: ★★

Grinding wheels on this large, quiet machine are set in too far from end of slot, so user can't hone entire blade edge. Knife dropped onto wheel, causing "scoop" to develop near heel end.

**Kershaw Electric Knife Sharpener**

PRICE: \$59.95

SHARPENING MATERIAL: Ceramic, single slot with sharpening cartridge containing coarse and fine stones

STROKES TO SHARPEN: 7
 PERFORMANCE: ★
 NOTCH REMOVAL: 143 strokes
 EASE OF USE: ★

Loud, "nerve-wracking" metallic noise. Grinding action sharpened at tip and heel of knife but not in middle, eventually ruining our knife. Crucial operation instructions found only on DVD. Can only operate two minutes at a time.