

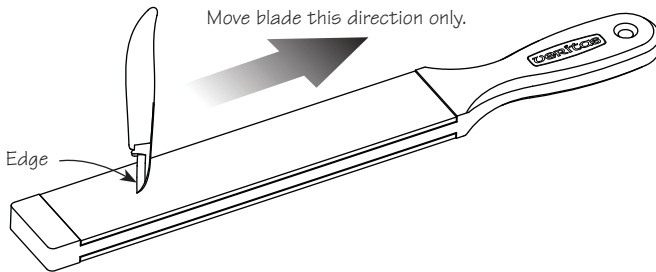
A rigid-backed hand strop is ideal for final edge preparation of blades and for quick touch-ups. The hard back minimizes rounding of the bevel.

Assembly

Your strop is delivered with the leather unattached so that you may install it with the skin side or suede side out (or one of each) to suit your needs. Simply peel the backing tape off the double-sided tape on the paddle and stick the leather in place.

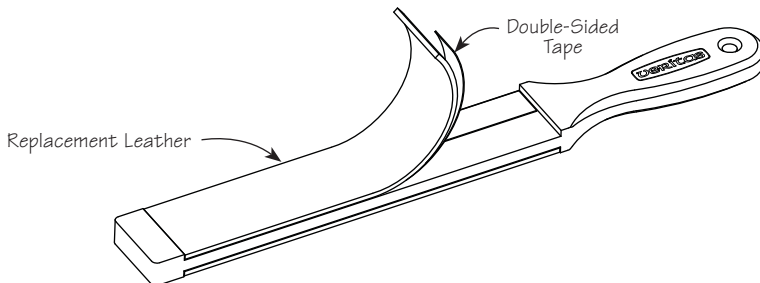
Tips for Using a Hand Strop

- Charge one side of the leather with a thin layer of (chromium oxide) honing compound. You can apply a different compound on the other side, or keep it uncharged, since leather has a natural fine abrasive.
- The compound will need to be recharged as it breaks down or wears away. Always apply compound over the remaining compound on the hand strop. The build-up gives a better honing action.
- Always use a trailing stroke on a strop; a leading stroke will cause the blade to slice the leather.



Replacing the Leather

When the leather needs to be replaced, peel both the used leather and the double-sided tape off the paddle. Re-apply double-sided tape between the new piece of leather and the paddle.



Replacement 1³/₄" × 9" leather pads can be made using a piece of leather 1/₈" thick or less (7 oz or less) to ensure the stropping surface is recessed. A recessed surface will reduce the accumulation of debris when set down.

Accessories

05M08.01 Veritas® Honing Compound