

Original King Cutter Set

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CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR BÖKER RAZORS

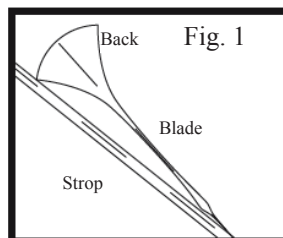
Congratulations on purchasing your Böker razor! We recommend that you follow a few tips on how to care for and clean your classic razor to help you get the most out of it for a long time to come:

Cleaning

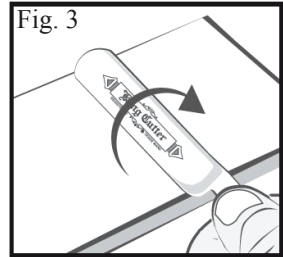
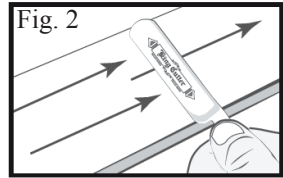
Rinse the razor carefully under warm running water, clean with a damp cloth, if necessary, and then dry it with a soft cloth immediately after every use. Excessive exposure to shaving foam or lather may cause staining and – in extreme cases – corrosion. Please always wipe the razor and rub it dry from the back of the blade towards the edge to prevent injury. A thin coat of oil that is as acid-free and as viscous as possible should then be applied to the blade to prevent corrosion. Camellia oil (Order No. 04BO175) has proven to be excellent for this purpose.

Sharpening / stropping

Blade sharpness is primarily maintained by regular ‘stropping’ on high-quality hanging or paddle strops. Stropping requires a little practice, but is easy to learn. The precisely matched ratio of the very thick blade back to the extremely fine cutting edge ensures that the cutting edge automatically assumes the correct angle when the back of the blade and its edge are placed against the strop (see Fig. 1).



Place the back of the blade against the strop first and then carefully rest the edge against it. Now, pull the razor gently along the entire length of the strop towards the back (away from the cutting edge). Move the blade in a slightly diagonal direction across the strop. The back of the blade and the cutting edge must remain in constant contact with the strop (see Fig. 2). It is very important to reverse the blade over its back as soon as you reach the end of the strop. The razor may not be reversed over the cutting edge in any circumstances. This would round the cutting edge again, i.e. make it blunt (see Fig. 3).



The blade should be stropped **BEFORE** and not **AFTER** shaving. The burr slowly raises itself up again as a result of the forces that occur during shaving. The blade should be stropped on a second strop to which a special red abrasive paste has been applied (Order No. 09BO301) if the blade's sharpness deteriorates over time in spite of regular stropping.

We wish you continued enjoyment with your Böker razor.

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THE SHAVE WITH A FORGED BLADE

I. Preparing the skin and facial hair

Skin and facial hair must be carefully prepared before shaving. Such preparation protects both skin and blade at the same time. It is best to shave after a hot shower or to place a compress with hot water on your face for a few minutes.

You can then moisten the skin with warm water. Shaving oil may be applied to the skin before applying the water if you wish. Then apply the densely whisked lather using a brush. The soap should be allowed to take effect for at least two minutes.

II. Preparing the blade

While the lather is softening the facial hair, there is sufficient time to strop the razor on a hanging or paddle strop as described in 'Stropping & Care' (see P. 45).

III. Shaving with the grain

It may now be necessary to lather the skin again with a freshly moistened brush. Keep the lather moist throughout the entire shave. Fold the blade handle back to expose the blade to the extent that it is almost at right angles to the handle. Clamp

the handle between the middle and ring fingers to make it face away from the back of the hand. Now move the edge of the blade across the skin in the direction of growth – with the grain – while applying a little pressure.

The angle should be between 20° and 45° and depends on feeling and experience. Beginners should first shave the parts of the cheek that are easier to do and shave the remaining areas of the face using the method of shaving they're familiar with. Shaving with the razor may gradually be extended to the other parts of the face as skill improves with practice.

CAUTION! The elbow sticks out and should not be the centre of your attention. A painful cut is often the result when you bump into something with this part of the body.

IV. Shaving against the grain

You can shave against the grain after first shaving with it for a deeper and consequently closer shave if you wish and depending on how sensitive your skin is. Moisten and lather the skin again to do so.

V. Skin and blade after-care

First rinse the skin with cold, clear water after shaving. This closes the skin pores and any minor injuries. Then dry and oil the blade as described in 'Stropping & Care'. Aftershave or face cream may be used after shaving depending on preference.

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