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THE "THINS" AND OUTS OF SERVICING A DOUBLE TOOTH THINNER

By Josh Freund

Double tooth thinning shears have gained a lot of popularity amongst hairstylists within the last few years. Some of the reasons hairstylists have gravitated to these types of shears are because of their ability to cut through hair with ease, with little to no pulling or binding of the hair. Another plus for hairstylists is that they remove minimal hair while blending, leaving a slight to no line of demarcation in the hair while performing the cut.



V-notch teeth



Offset shark teeth

In general, the double thinner is configured with two different tooth blade styles. On one side, the resting blade will have traditional V-notch teeth, and the newer styles of double thinners will have offset shark teeth. The V-notch teeth will typically leave a slight line in the hair, versus the offset shark teeth that will leave no visible line in the hair. Making the offset shark tooth more desirable to the stylist who does not want to create a line while blending/cutting the hair. The opposing blade, which is usually the thumb blade won't have any V-notches or offset shark teeth but will generally have a fully convexed tooth blade. The lower quality versions will typically have a beveled tooth blade without any notches.

In regards to sharpening the double thinner, it is important to look under magnification at each tooth to check for damage and

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any residual burr formation that may be still hung-up on the teeth. Any defects in the teeth can compromise the performance of the shear thus compromising the cut. Also before taking a shear apart to service it, open and close the teeth blades slowly to make sure the teeth are perfectly centered and overlapping as they cross over each other. If the teeth are not crossing over each other properly they will cause failure in the cut or pulling of the hair. This is usually due to an ill-fitted screw assembly. One way you can remedy this is by rotating the male post one side at a time and then put the internal clicker plate back in the hole to find the one side that does allow for the teeth to properly line up on the closure. I have found that double thinners can be very tricky to sharpen if you don't understand the functionality of these types of shears. Keep in mind that the retail price points of these shears range from \$120-\$1,500. So, to avoid ruining the cutting action of these shears it is important to know the best ways to service them. In my in-depth DVD "How to Sharpen a 30 Tooth Double Thinner", I showcase all of my proven techniques where I sharpened a non-functioning 30 tooth double thinner that came from the factory faulty, and I restored it back to better than new condition. This DVD will help you to avoid any pitfalls while servicing these types of shears.

Knowing how to properly sharpen specialty shears gives your customers confidence in your abilities to service their shears of different types. Staying on the "cutting edge" of our industry and new shear innovations will keep your customers calling you back for more work! To learn more about servicing double tooth thinners, a trailer of my DVD can be found on my website at www.kutaboveperfection.com, or contact Josh Freund of Kut Above Perfection at (708) 254-4209.

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