

PLEASE READ BEFORE USE AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for using Kyocera Advanced Ceramics in your kitchen. Please ensure that your knife is cleaned before it's first use. A Kyocera knife will bring you many years of enjoyment if you consistently follow these easy steps:

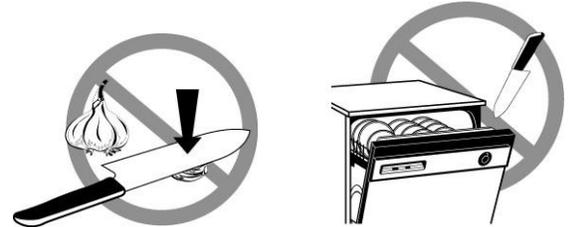
CARE & USE:

- Ideal for straight cuts of fruits, vegetables and boneless meats.
- Always use with a wood or plastic cutting board.
- Kyocera knives w/ plastic handle are dishwasher safe, top rack only and avoid contact w/ metal utensils. (Hand wash is highly recommended)
- To remove stubborn discolorations, wash the blade (avoiding the handle) in a mild solution of baking soda and water.
- Store in knife block, sheath or cutlery tray.



AVOID:

- Avoid cutting foods with heavy rinds such as squash, pumpkin, pineapples and hard melons, nuts, roots, block cheese and frozen foods.
- Avoid carving, prying and boning. These applications involve twisting and flexing, which require a more flexible material than ceramic.
- Dropping on hard surfaces including in the sink
- Hitting against china or flatware
- Putting the blade in open flame (ceramic conducts heat)
- Scraping hard surfaces
- Turning the blade on its side to smash garlic or other items
- Avoid cutting on marble, glass, plates or tile
- Applying force to the side of the blade



STORAGE:

- Store in a knife block / sheath / tray or on a dish drain
- Use care when storing and removing the knife from a knife block to avoid tip damage
- Storing any knife upright (sharp edge up) or sideways in a knife block reduces wear to the knife edge

WEAR:

All knives dull over time. A soft metal blade (stainless steel) "rolls" as it becomes dull. Harder metals (such as high carbon steels, titanium, or carbide) hold their edge longer, but dull differently. As the material hardens, it becomes less forgiving and tends to slightly chip instead of roll. Advanced ceramic blades are simply the next and final step on this hardness scale as it is harder than any metal.

Ceramic starts out sharper--and stays sharper--longer. In time, you may notice micro abrasions or nicks on the blade's edge. This is the normal process by which any hard material blade will dull. The existence of microchips does not necessarily mean the knife is dull. You will find that it performs well for quite some time. When the knife becomes too dull to use, Kyocera's sharpening process will "flatten out" the edge of the blade (removing all chips) and then reestablish a new sharp edge. Larger chips and broken tips can often be corrected by sharpening as well.

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