

Kelton Hollower Reviews

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I've been using the Kelton Hollowers for many years. I like that they are one piece with no moving parts or glued in tips. They don't clog and they allow access into hollow vessels through small openings. They're easy to sharpen, stay sharp a long time and can be used for rapid wood removal or smooth finishing cuts. The quality of these tools is unsurpassed. I've tried many different hollowing tools over the years and have found the Keltons to be some of the best tools available and they last many years.

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I must admit that I borrowed a set of these hollowing tools before actually buying my own set and was moved to purchase my own.

When I did decide to purchase my own set the Tools arrive with a molded covering on the cutting edges and well packed, I opted for the middle sized set because I figured maybe the large would be too much for everyday stuff and the small too light.

Having used them a fair bit now for small and medium hollowing I have found them to be almost the best thing since slice bread.

- 1. The edge keeping qualities are great. NEVER put them near a grindstone, just flatten the burr across the top with a diamond stone and then a few rubs up the side to the top with the same stone and you have a great edge.*
- 2. The cut with these things is very smooth and because of the size of the tips I found them easy to control.*
- 3. The three different shapes are very useful and the undercut capabilities are good.*
- 4. The handle is possibly a bit too chunky and a little heavy to hold for a great length of time but it does add balance.*
- 5. The only downside to the handle extension is that when attached the grub screws protrude way too much but that's a small price to pay.*

Over all I found these hollowing tools are very good and robust, unlike many tools I've bought I certainly have no reservation in recommending these to anyone and in fact I know of three people who based on that have gone out and purchased them, all of them have said they were worth the money.

Editors Note: The Kelton Hollowers are sold un-handled but can be used in any handle sized to accept the round shafts, including your own turned wooden handles. However, we recommend the Kelton ER colleted handles.

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The Kelton hollowers have been my favorite hollowing tools for years. They are the essence of simplicity, easy to keep sharp and are capable of everything from hogging out waste to taking very fine finishing cuts. Their design allows me to hollow through very small openings. They are available in many sizes and 3 profiles: straight, soft curve and tight curve. There is not much that I can't reach with these three configurations! I find that the steel in these tools holds an edge for an exceptionally long time. When the burr does need to be refreshed, all it takes is a couple of quick swipes with a Hard Arkansas or Ceramic stone (no grinder please!) and I am back to hollowing.