

Title (en)

Ergonomic handle for utensils and cutlery

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Ergonomischer Griff für Geräte und Essbestecke

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Manche ergonomique pour ustensiles et couverts de table

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Abstract (en)

The present invention describes an ergonomic handle for utensils and cutlery where the web spaces between the thumb and index finger, the palmer surface of the upper middle finger and the inter-digital area of the index finger contact the surfaces of the handle in a grip. In a first embodiment of the present invention (Figure 1), conventional and existing handle of cutlery may be fitted with at least two retractable wedges (4, 5: 8, 9). Each of the wedges are hinged on the side of the handle and openable in opposite directions such that the user may grip the cutlery on one wedge (4, 8) with the web spaces between the thumb and index finger as well as on the other wedge (5, 9) with the palmer surface of the upper middle finger. The user may rest the inter-digital area of his index finger on the upper edge of the handle. In a second embodiment of the present invention, the handle (10) comprises a tapering head portion (15), and an intermediary portion (13) and a tail portion (14) where the head portion has a concave rest portion (15) for accommodating the inter-digital area of the index finger, the intermediary portion having a concave hook area (17) at the lower front for accommodating the palmer surface of the upper middle finger, and the tail portion having a concave hook area (18) at the lower rear for accommo-dating the web spaces between the thumb and index finger such that the user may grip the cutlery ergonomically. <MATH>

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