

# **Press release**

# The secret behind Kyocera's blades

## Three reasons why ceramic knives should be part of every modern kitchen.

**Kyoto/London, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Over 20 million sold knives worldwide – the Japanese fine ceramics specialist Kyocera established the superior alternative to conventional steel-blade knives. Not only professional chefs appreciate ceramic blades, nowadays they can be found in home kitchens more and more often. What makes the Kyocera Knives so popular? It is the mix between the sharpness, durability, and the incomparable cutting performance.

#### What is the secret behind Kyocera blades?

#### 1. Decades of experienced Japanese handicraft

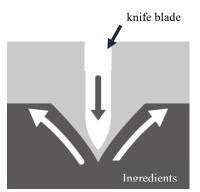
Kyocera has been developing high-tech ceramics for over 40 years and has created a material with tremendous hardness combined with high fracture resistance – not to be compared with the conventional material known from tableware or pottery. The blades are hardened in a particular process with a force of about one ton per square centimeter. Each knife is carefully polished by hand on a diamond-coated grinding wheel, resulting in exceptional wear resistance and superior sharpness.



The handiwork and years of expertise are worth the effort, as each blade is designed slightly differently, so adjustments must be made with a sense of proportion and the instincts of a skilled craftsman. Unlike conventional blades, Kyocera ceramic knives hardly ever lose their sharpness and cutting precision over the years.

#### 2. It's a matter of shape

Kyocera's special blade shape makes it possible to cut a wide variety of foods with the utmost precision and ease: The blade's edge is round, and shell shaped. Due to this shape, the material is significantly more resistant to chipping which also means that the sharpness is maintained for a longer time. In addition, the shape helps to slide incomparably smoothly through the product to be cut, which simplifies the preparation of food.





#### 3. Quality is the highest premise

Before the knives are transferred around the globe, they all have to undergo a quality inspection: The blades cut into a stack of papers. If the blade gets stuck, skips a spot or does not make a clean cut, the test is failed and the knife is removed from sale. Only if the knife approves this test without any problems, the high settled quality standards are fulfilled.

Another advantage is the amazing ease of cleaning. The corrosion-free blade does not absorb odors and can therefore be cleaned up quickly without much effort. Furthermore, the knives are also dishwasher safe.

You can find more information about Kyocera knives under this link: https://europe.kyocera.com/products/kitchen\_products/prd/ceramic\_knives/

# For more information on Kyocera: www.kyocera.de

### About Kyocera

Headquartered in Kyoto, Japan, KYOCERA Corporation is one of the world's leading manufacturers of fine ceramic components for the technology industry. The strategically important divisions in the KYOCERA Group, which is comprised of 307 subsidiaries (as of March 31, 2021), are information and communications technologies, products that increase the quality of life, and environmentally friendly products. The technology group is also one of the most experienced producers of smart energy systems worldwide, with more than 45 years of know-how in the industry. The company is ranked #603 on Forbes magazine's 2021 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies.

With a global workforce of over 78,000 employees, Kyocera posted sales revenue of approximately €11,74 billion in the fiscal year 2020/2021. The products marketed by the company in Europe include printers, digital copying systems, semiconductor-, fine ceramic-, automotive- and electronic components as well as printing devices and ceramic kitchen products. The KYOCERA Group has two independent companies in the United Kingdom: KYOCERA Fineceramics Ltd. and KYOCERA Document Solutions Ltd.

The company also takes an active interest in cultural affairs. The Kyoto Prize, a prominent international award, is presented each year by the Inamori Foundation — established by Kyocera founder Dr. Kazuo Inamori — to individuals worldwide who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of humankind (approximately  $\xi$ 763,000\* per prize category).

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