



A new way to sharpen skates?

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Skate sharpening machine manufacturer Blackstone is introducing a new way of sharpening skates called the Flat Bottom V. The company says the new cut provides a flat bottom to the skate blade for more glide, but has more distinct edges for the bite needed for turning and stopping. Blackstone introduced the technique into NHL locker rooms in November, and in that short time six different teams have converted to the Flat Bottom V. Those teams are: the San Jose Sharks, St. Louis Blues, Florida Panthers, Nashville Predators, Columbus Blue Jackets, and Toronto Maple Leafs. And the company's market share is up to 25 percent in North America. Check out more information at <http://www.blackstonesport.com>.

