## **Dominic Bianco: A Fresh Start**

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If you want the sharpest tool in the shed, then you call up Dominic Bianco. A veteran of the business since 1972, this precision instrument maker is getting a fresh start



Dominic Bianco

with his own podiatry tools from the newly formed Bianco Instruments. From everyday nail clippers to oneof-a-kind surgical tools, Bianco Instruments is committed to superior craftsmanship and service.

"Everything has a method of working, a reason why it works that way and works the best that way. If you don't know the little tricks to get it there, then you'll never figure it out," says Dominic, one of the last of a disappearing breed

of precision cutlery and instrument makers. In a world of mass-machined goods, a hand-finished product like a

Bianco Instrument tool feels like a rarity. But this level of hand finishing and precision is more than just an admirable goal, it's a family tradition.

At only nine years old, young Dominic started joining his father in the sharpening shop in Brooklyn. "I couldn't even reach the wheel. He had to stand me on a box to reach," Dominic remembers. His first

project? A simple hammer. "It took me four or five months and that was my first project and eventually I made an incredible, beautiful hammer. Believe it or not, that tool is still in use today."

Dominic's legacy with the Brooklyn shop spanned decades until 2018 when he moved to Washington DC for his wife's new career opportunity. Even out on his own, Bianco was still sought after by various companies for his legendary hand-finishing skills. But larger companies meant a demand for faster production. Months of hurried crafting and sharpening went by before he began to question his new direction.

To gain clarity, he took time off from his craft to honestly think about what he was making and why. What did podiatrists really need in a daily use or even specialty precision tool? His answer: a quality instrument at a fair price with unparalleled servicing and sharpening. Enter Bianco Instruments—committed to quality and refusing to compromise on the legacy of the craft.

"I really enjoy doing it. It's what I know best. I know a lot of things, but when you know the ins and outs of that business, it's pretty hard to want to do anything else," Dominic says. But it isn't enough to match his past standards-Bianco sur-



passes them with more than just ordinary instruments. This is a new breed of instrumentation with superior hardness which brings out superior sharpness. And it's all done by one man's hands.

"Being one guy, there's less room for error. I'm making things better because I'm more focused," savs

> Dominic. Just as a production line car can never match a handmade one in quality and performance, nothing beats the perfection achieved at Bianco Instruments. Only personalized attention to every tool can accomplish the perfect balance of hardness, flexibility, sharpness, and durability needed in a daily-use podiatry instrument. "It took some time, a lot of pa-



Dominic in the original Brooklyn shop.

tience, and many meetings, but I got the impossible accomplished," Dominic agrees proudly.

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