

Two of the leading double-edge safety razors have a lot in common. First, they are both well made with respected manufacturing and quality control processes by fine European companies. Both are widely available from many shaving retailers and stockists. Finally, they are both reasonably priced so that they are attractive to new and experienced wet shavers alike. However, there are many differences between the Edwin Jagger DE89L and the Merkur 34C Heavy Duty, from the overall design style of the razors to the dimensions and assembly. This article offers a side-by-side look at these high-quality and popular safety razors.

Edwin Jagger DE89L

Merkur 34C Heavy Duty

The DE89L is elegant with meticulously smooth surfaces. It is appealing to men because of its classy an

Appearance



The 34C boasts an industrial look reflective of most of the traditional Merkur styles. It is appealing to me

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Overall length: 95 mm
Cutting head width: 42 mm
Cutting head depth: 25 mm
Handle diameter: 12.5 mm
Knob diameter: 12.5 mm
Weight: 2.2 oz (62g)

Dimensions



Overall length: 84 mm
Cutting head width: 41 mm
Cutting head depth: 25 mm
Handle diameter: 12 mm
Knob diameter: 15 mm
Weight: 2.72 oz (77g)

This recently designed DE89L cutting head fits together very precisely with an even blade gap on both s

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Cutting Heads



The 34C is well-made, symmetrical, and solid. The cutting head fits together well and has an even blade

The DE89L has flawless chrome plating, which is smooth and nicely polished to a mirror-like finish. The

Plating



The plating on the 34C is durable and applied uniformly. With the industrial design, there are faint machi

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The DE89L is a typical three-piece razor with a cutting head comprising two pieces that unscrews from the handle.

Assembly



The 34C is a typical two-piece razor where the bottom plate of the cutting head is permanently affixed to the handle.

The DE89L is a medium aggressive razor that works well with sharper blades, including Feather. A wet

Performance



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The 34C is an medium aggressive razor that exposes a respectable amount of blade edge. It works well

The DE89L is a popular safety razor because of the obvious quality in manufacturing and design. The re

Reputation



The 34C is a proven design that has been the standard to which other razors are compared. It has rema

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